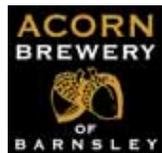
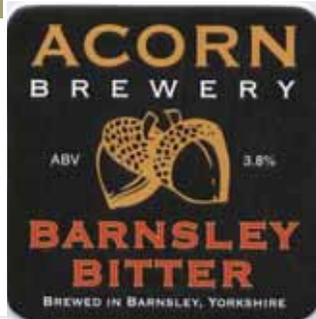
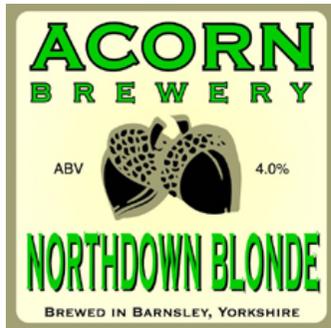


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# THE BAR FREE

Barnsley Ale Report

April May 2008

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## Four Penny Tax Increase Will Do Nothing To Curb Binge Drinking

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has hit out at the Chancellor's decision to increase beer duty by 4 pence a pint in the Budget, together with annual increases of 2% above inflation for the next four years. The consumer group claims that the increase will lead to at least 20 pence on a pint over the bar, fuelling pub closures and increasing unregulated drinking as more choose to drink at home or on the streets. This is the first time ever that beer tax has increased by 4 pence - a rise of 13%!

CAMRA recently announced that 57 pubs are lost permanently every month as the price differential between pubs and supermarkets widens. Pubs provide a regulated environment for people to enjoy alcohol socially and responsibly.

Mike Benner, Chief Executive of CAMRA said, "The Chancellor has failed to recognise that well-run community pubs are the solution to Britain's binge drinking problems. This budget will do nothing to stop binge drinking, but it will lead to pub closures on a huge scale, widen the gap between supermarket and pub prices and encourage smuggling and cross-border shopping. It's a great big nail whacked ruthlessly into the coffin of the British pub."



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# SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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### Wednesday 2nd April

Wombwell Survey (3 of 3). Meet at the Sir Georges Arms at 7.45 pm. Catch the 222 at 7.15 pm, then it's a 15 min walk or catch the 7.26pm train. See the website for details.



### Saturday 5th April

The first of two visits to the Wetherspoon International Beer Festival. Our first outing is to the Horseshoe, Wombwell. Meet up at around 7pm for a sampling session of ales.

### Wednesday 9th April

The second of our visits to the Wetherspoon International Beer Festival. This sampling session will be at the Joseph Bramah, Market Hill, Barnsley. Meet up at around 8pm for a sampling session of ales.

### Saturday 12th April

Beer by tram, a day out in Nottingham using the tram to get to some of Nottingham's great real ale pubs. Depart Barnsley by train on the 10.01 am service. Returning into Barnsley 9pm (Notts at 7.37pm) Contact Nigel for best train fares.

### Tuesday 29th April

Branch meeting and social at the Milton Arms, Elsecar. Catch the 66 at 7.25pm or the 7.26pm train. Start 8pm

### Saturday 3rd May

National Mild Day. Meet up in the Gatehouse at 12 noon, then a day out touring Barnsley's area pubs that have put on a Mild for May.

### Wednesday 7th May

Hoyland and Hoyland Common surveys social. Meet at the Furnace Inn, Hoyland at 7.45pm.

### Tuesday 20th May

The BAR distribution social. Meet at the Gatehouse, Eldon Street, Barnsley at 8pm

### Saturday 24th May

Day out in Manchester by train. Off to visit pubs in our favourite Northern Quarter. We Depart Barnsley on the 10.26am train to Meadowhall for the 11pm train to Manchester. £13.60 return

### Tuesday 27th May

Branch meeting and social at the Pack Horse, Royston. A mild will be available to celebrate Mild month of May.

Timetable changes take place six times a year, so I am presuming there are changes afoot, so although I hope the timetable information provided here is correct, you really should check before heading out.

Call Traveline on 01709 515151 before heading out.

*Margaret Croft*



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# Gold For The BAR

Back in 2001 a position came up in the branch for editor of the CAMRA Newsletter, I thought about the position for about a minute or two and accepted the role. Since then "The BAR" has become one of the most popular free newsletters found in and around Barnsley.

It's only with the support of advertisers that the newsletter has been available time and time again, without this support the "The BAR" and its articles, which include Football and Food, Travel and Walks, Festivals and Pub Crawls wouldn't be printed. So thanks to you all, old and new...

I as editor am also indebted to those people who send in articles for publication, these are always welcome as usually even four or five days after the deadline, I have to pull something together to fill the pages, it still baffles me that I can pull a story or subject relating to beer from nothing...

Anyway, so why am I writing about The BAR, well over the last year all the CAMRA newsletters from all over Yorkshire and the North East have been in a competition, this competition is ongoing, so as you read this edition it is being judged for 2008, any way back to 2007.

The judges have voted "The BAR" Gold in the competition for Yorkshire and the North East Newsletter of the Year, alongside York CAMRA's publication Ouse Boozer which is in association with Scarborough CAMRA. This is not the first award picked up for The BAR newsletter, back in 2002 the newsletter was presented with the Alewords Highly Commended Award. Alewords provides journalism and public relations for beer and pub businesses. So they know a good newsletter when they read one. Just to mention that Ouse Boozer picked up Overall Winner at the same awards.

So What now? Both newsletters go forward to the national competition which will be announced at the Members Weekend and AGM in Cardiff from April 18 - 20. P22 I will be standing down as editor in 2009, so if any branch member would like to take on this rewarding position please contact me. P26

Left - Eric Gilbert (Chair), Mick Moss (Yorkshire RD) presenting the award to Nigel Croft (Editor), Back - Phil Gregg (Pubs officer and contributor).

*Nigel Croft*



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# Celebrate Mild In May



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CAMRA promotes Mild throughout May and celebrates National Mild Day on Saturday 3 May 2008.

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Barnsley CAMRA is again having a Mild Crawl on National Mild Day. We start at the Gatehouse, Barnsley and will be visiting all areas of Barnsley where a pub is likely to be offering this style of beer.

On Tuesday 27th May our branch meeting will be at the Pack Horse, Royston where a Mild will be on offer.

For more information on suggested events, press release templates and advice on helping you promote your event, visit the dedicated CAMRA Mild web-pages at [www.camra.org.uk/mild](http://www.camra.org.uk/mild)

**Remember - Mild isn't weak, it's just not bitter...**

## Barnsley Beer Prices Survey

A recent survey carried out by the Barnsley branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) shows that Real Ale is still good value for money compared to other draught products in Barnsley's pubs.

A survey held from 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January showed that the average price of a pint of Real Ale was £2.25. The cheapest Real Ale was £1.26 and the most expensive was £2.70. The survey of 28 pubs from all across the borough did not include any promotional prices.

Smooth and Extra cold keg products were on average cheaper by 5p a pint, but the alcohol by volume (abv) was lower, the cheapest

being £1.49 and the most expensive being £2.50. The full results are as follows.

Product	Ave Price	Lowest Price	Highest Price
Real Ale (All strengths)	£2.25	£1.26	£2.70
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Keg Cider Beer (All Strengths)	£2.48	£2.00	£2.75
Keg Stouts	£2.58	£1.68	£2.95

## Pub, Club

The **Royal Albert** at Blacker Hill has removed the real ale from sale. Also there is no real ale available at the **Monkey**, Thurgoland.

Both the Wetherspoons pubs **Horseshoe**, Wombwell and the **Joseph Bramah** are holding a beer festival which ends on the 14th April. P27

The **Railway** at Royston is closed and boarded up.

The **Old Crown** at Penistone now has two cask ales Tetley's and Black Sheep and has a new landlord.

The **Olde Bridge Inn** Monk Bretton is undergoing an extensive refurbishment.

Refurbishment of the **Station Inn** (Ex - Goldmine), Darfield is almost complete.

The new pub at Dodworth is called the **Dodworth Valley** and is a Toby Carvery.

The **George and Dragon**, Barnsley now has

a larger cask ale portfolio and on recent visits the beer has been in excellent condition.

**Thornley Arms**, Dodworth has John's Cask, Theakstons Bitter and one Guest.

The **Cock Inn**, Birdwell now only has two handpumps Tetley's and Black Sheep other two have been replaced by John's smooth and keg Stones.

The **Last Orders** at Wombwell is now owned by Cains brewery, Liverpool. It's currently keg only however did have bottled beers and Liverpool lager! After contacting the brewery they seem to be all for adding cask ales to the range.

It is rumored that **KG's** in Wombwell has cask ales available, this will be checked out on our next survey.

**Norman Inn** Monk Bretton has removed all their hand pumps (Is it too much hard work?)

Got any pub news? Then please contact me, my contact details are on p26

*Phil Gregg*

## & Brewery News

### H.B. Clarks - Wakefield

April sees the next in the series of Zodiac beers with Horn of Plenty, a golden ale with a stylish blend of English and American hops at 4.2% abv, followed in May with Red Rag Mild, following on with Clarks backing of milds in May this beer style is a mild, and described as a delightful combination of well roasted barley with a smooth chocolate finish.

### Acorn Brewery of Barnsley

The Barnsley branch would like to thank Acorn for a recent tour of their new brewery, as well as the sampling room and bar...

Mount Hood IPA has been the best selling in the 5% abv IPAs so far, and Cluster IPA for March looks like it could match in sales. The US hopped IPAs are selling well, and when I asked Dave Hughes, what's for 2010? he said European hops, and 2011? Others we haven't used yet... Other new beers have been Madness 4.4%, some football themed

Tangerine Dreamer 3.7% and Bloomfield 4.5% (Blackpool FC). New beers for April May are Barnsley Glory 4.5%, the return of St Georges

Best 4.6% Chinook IPA 5% (April) then Palisade IPA 5% (May) as well as the return of Darkness 4.2% a dark mild.

If you want a chance to try all the Acorn beers then you're in luck, for one week commencing 28th April Acorn beers will be showcasing at the Joseph Bramah, Barnsley. Five Acorn beers will be available at any one time.

### Oakwell Brewery - Barnsley

Firstly may I thank the head brewer Jonathan Stancill for a recent tour of the brewery, I unfortunately was unable to make the tour but those who did had a great time, I look forward to another chance in the near future. A budding author was on the tour and an article can be found on page 14. To add to this, the brewery is doing very well and beer sales in the January February new year lull have not dropped. Also the Market, Elsecar has opted for Oakwell's Old Tom 3.4% abv to be the house mild for the foreseeable future.

**Don't forget to try all the milds all these breweries will produce for Mild month of May...**

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### WHAT IS REAL ALE?

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### BARNSELY CAMRA?

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# Barnsley, Is It A Safe Place To Drink?

As part of a follow-up to the introduction of the new licensing laws in 2003, now seemed a good time to ask South Yorkshire Police about the impact it has had on Barnsley, and in particular to the violent crime in the town.

Inspector Mark Spooner from the Central Safer Neighbourhood Team contacted me with his reasons to what had in fact helped the introduction work. Below is a comprehensive list of information that shows that in Barnsley these measures introduced along with the new Act of 2003 have helped make the Town Centre one of the safest towns to have a drink - probably in the North of England

As part of the follow-up to over the last couple of years, Barnsley has seen a steady reduction in the amount of violent crime taking place in the borough, and that reduction has continued into this financial year (2008).

In December 2007 Barnsley saw a 38% reduction in violent crime compared with the same month in 2006. That is even more remarkable when you consider that violent crime in Barnsley is low anyway compared with Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield. But this reduction has not occurred by chance - it has been brought about by an awful lot of hard work and dedication by the Police, the Local Authority and the other partners we work with, for example the Primary Care Trust (PCT). Over the last few months the following initiatives have helped bring violent crime down:



The introduction of a Triage or Medical Help Point in Peel Square on busy nights over the Christmas period. The Help Point was staffed by Police and Ambulance officers together with a qualified Doctor from Pri mecare. On the last Friday before Christmas, traditionally the busiest night of the year, the Help Point saw 34 patients, many who had fallen or been in a scuffle or were just drunk. Had it not been for the Triage Point many of those would have dialled 999 and taken up valuable ambulance time and clogged A&E. The Help Point also ensured that there was no disorder in Peel Square or the surrounding areas.

The temporary closure of Wellington Street between

8pm and 3am on Friday and Saturday nights. This has made a big difference to Wellington Street. The fact that pedestrians can now use the full width of Wellington Street has meant that there is less knocking into people and less threat of injury from traffic. All the people we have spoken to, including door staff, say that it just 'feels better'.

We have introduced a 'Traffic Light System' where each bar or venue is awarded points if an assault or an incident occurs at their licensed premises. The more points they get the closer they move to amber and red. As they become amber the police visit and recommend certain measures and if those



measures are not implemented then the evidence can be presented to the Licensing Authority. In Barnsley we have moved from a situation where there were two red premises and a number of amber to one where there are only two amber, and they are both moving towards green. There are obviously other bits and bobs including licensing visits to identify underage drinkers, the use of a passive drugs dog to sniff out anyone with cocaine or heroin or cannabis in their pockets and various other initiatives.

But in answer to the question about has the increased licensing hours caused more or less disorder I would say it has n't made much difference in Barnsley. I think the picture may be different in less urban communities where residents have to listen to people turning out of a pub at 4am but in general I don't think disorder has increased. Two reasons I think - firstly people only have a set amount of money for a night out – whether that's a two hour or a five hour night out, so they don't drink that much more. Secondly not many places are open past midnight anyway in Barnsley - licensees still have to pay staff wages and if the place isn't well frequented then they will lose money.

Thanks go to Inspector Mark Spooner for providing information and comments

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## Hannah At The Hob

BY Hannah Lucas

Spring is in the air and I am thinking about summer. I am looking at herbs which are used to flavour some beers and to look at ways of cooking with them. Again a very British product, a Yorkshire speciality and a summer crop.

### Liquorice

There is a tradition of using herbs to flavour ale especially plants like hops and nettles but also lavender, heather, spruce shoots in Black Beer and liquorice. Liquorice came to Britain from Egypt and was cultivated by monks in Pontefract. Monks being monks, it was also added to alcoholic drinks but for medicinal purposes!!! Liquorice is still used to treat digestive disorders and the root fibers have recently been adopted by some gastric surgeons working in London and Sheffield. The fibers are made into thread and used for internal stitches.



Liquorice roots grow to a great length ( 2m ) and need the deep loamy soil found around Pontefract, the liquorice capital of Britain. The sap is extracted from the crushed root and is nature's sweetest substance, 50x sweeter than cane sugar.

Pontefract annual Liquorice Festival is from 6 - 13 July 2008 and includes re-enactments in the Norman castle, tours, music, parades and stalls selling liquorice goodies. The castle is an impressive venue

and was one of the largest castles in Britain until it was ruined in the English Civil War. Visit this website for more information [www.pontefractliquoricefestival.co.uk/](http://www.pontefractliquoricefestival.co.uk/)

The local cheese monger Cryer and Stott make a cheese that is soaked in liquorice and sweetened with Ilkley Moor honey, *Mr Holme's Pomfrit*. Good with beer and crusty bread. [www.cryerandstott.co.uk](http://www.cryerandstott.co.uk)

Cromwell's Tea room serves a liquorice sauce over ice-cream and there is always Thornton's liquorice toffee. Recipes on [www.pontefractliquorice.co.uk/LiquoriceRecipes.php](http://www.pontefractliquorice.co.uk/LiquoriceRecipes.php)

Several pubs serve liquorice beer which was originally made by Tomlinson's of Pontefract then the Fernandes Brewery, Wakefield. [www.fernandes-brewery.govyd.com](http://www.fernandes-brewery.govyd.com)

Liquorice is also used commercially as an emulsifier to create foam in drinks. It has also been used for centuries to flavour tobacco. Liquorice is added to beer as a flavour enhancer but it is also used in a larger quantities. Carlsberg produce a winter Pilsner type beer *Tuborg Julebryg* which includes English liquorice. They recommend drinking it with smoked meats and cheeses. A manufactured product from a big brewer [www.carlsberggroup.com/brands/Pages/TuborgJulebryg.aspx](http://www.carlsberggroup.com/brands/Pages/TuborgJulebryg.aspx)

The Front Street Brewery, in Norfolk, produce a liquorice beer called Swoopy's Song which is made with both liquorice sap and bark. It looks like a great country pub with a range of good beers and is listed in the 2008 Good Beer Guide under The Chequers, Binham, Norfolk. [www.binhamchequers.co.uk](http://www.binhamchequers.co.uk)

I visited the Auvergne area of France last year and found some strange bottled beers. At first I thought it was a local tradition but I then began to think that this was a novelty for tourists or was part of rural diversification. Artisans Brasseurs produce a range of bottled real ales including one made from malted barley, hops and local puy lentils.

When absinthe was banned in France in 1915, the major absinthe producers (Pernod Fils and Ricard) reformulated their drink into Pastis which is flavoured with star anise and liquorice so avoiding the problematic wormwood.

The trend of using strange combinations of ingredients is not confined to beer. I found a strange recipe which involves inserting a piece of liquorice into the flesh of a scallop before pan frying. This was served with a Greek salad made into a smoothie!!!

However a splash of Pastis is lovely in a summer chicken or fish dish. Add it to the pan after pan frying a chicken breast or piece of salmon or use sparingly as BBQ marinade. Also try adding a short piece of liquorice root or a splash of liquorice beer to a beef stew (at start of cooking) to enhance but not dominate the flavour.



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# Scottish & Newcastle Takeover CAMRA Claims Consumer Choice And Competition Will Be Hit

The announcement at the end of January that Scottish and Newcastle (S&N) is to be acquired and divided between Carlsberg and Heineken has been condemned by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). S&N's UK activities are set to be acquired by Heineken and CAMRA is still seeking reassurances over the future of S&N's real ale interests. Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive, said, "The relentless obsession with pushing global lager brands is a failing strategy in the UK beer market and this is fuelling consolidation and hitting profits hard. The inevitable result of consolidation is brewery closures, brand losses and less choice for Britain's consumers."

Mr. Benner added, "The deal raises many questions for real ale drinkers in the UK. What impact will this have on traditional real ales such as John Smiths and smaller regional brands such as Magnet? We will be seeking reassurances from the new owners that they will invest in their real ale brands and breweries to meet the demands of today's beer drinkers who are increasingly demanding real ale."

partnership with the Caledonian Brewing Company.

It is expected that the takeover will be

"What impact will this have on traditional real ales such as John Smiths and smaller regional brands such as Magnet? "

considered by the European Commission and CAMRA is calling for an in-depth review of competition and consumer choice in the EU beer market.

Mike Benner continued: "The lager-led approach of the global brewers has been flawed for years and consumers demand choice, quality and provenance. Fortunately the increasing number of small and independent real ale breweries in the UK are rising up to fill the void in the market where demand for local and regional beer continues to grow."

Bob Stukins, CAMRA's Director of Breweries Campaigning said, "This is a sad day for British brewing. S&N was the last remaining major brewer in British hands and the deal is unlikely to show any benefits for consumers."

S&N's main real ale brand is John Smith's cask. However it also brews Theakston's Best Bitter on behalf of T&R

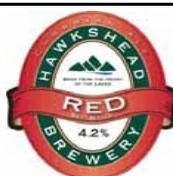


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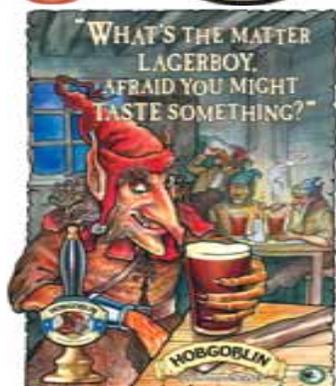
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**Tuesday 8th April: Watford**

[Reprinted from Feb/Mar BAR - due to the FA Cup game with Chelsea]  
 A brand new Away Ale venue, Watford's Spartan selection of only two entries in this year's CAMRA's Good Beer Guide makes choosing an Away Ale pub fairly easy. The **West Herts Sports and Social Club** on Park Avenue (near the Town Hall) is a former CAMRA Club of the Year, however it is 30 years since last in the Guide! A new bar has been built and the old bar now services the function room - home of the CAMRA Watford Beer Festival for 12 years. Fuller's London Pride, Young's Bitter and guest beers are the beer menu now. Darts, dominoes and cribbage are played here, whilst rolls and pies are the only food. Oversized glasses are reserved for real ale drinkers and entry is restricted to club members, card-carrying CAMRA members or customers carry in the current Good Beer Guide.

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**Saturday 12th April: Preston**

Nine pubs fill the Preston section of this year's Good Beer Guide and unusually we'll feature the one nearest the ground. **Finney's Sports Bar**, 1 East View, Deepdale Road is a sports-themed pub near the prison with multiple TV screens showing different sporting channels. Over 70 sports shirts adorn the walls; look for the piece of Preston North End's plastic pitch! Two guest beers from small breweries are usually stocked to accompany the permanent Thwaites Original. Tables outside at the front of the pub attract summer drinkers, and karaoke is popular on Friday. No track suits are permitted on Friday or Saturday nights. On match days only Preston North End fans, CAMRA members and holders of the Good Beer Guide are admitted.  
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**Sunday 4th May: Cardiff**

Cardiff has a magnificent 14 entries in this edition of the Good Beer Guide, from these the one I've visited and enjoyed the most is **Glamorgan Council Staff Club**, 17 Westgate Street, opposite the Millennium Stadium. This historic building has been a club since 1964 and Cardiff Club of the Year on numerous occasions. It has a public bar and a number of other bars available for functions and meetings. The club is keen to promote real ale, with three guest beers regularly featuring from new breweries plus Brains Bitter on permanently. Show your CAMRA membership card or your Good Beer Guide for entry and although on match days the club is very busy with entry restricted to members only, we found no problem getting in early.  
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# CAMRA Pub Survey of Summer Lane and Pogmoor 5th September 2007

**George & Dragon**

**Cask Ales:** Black Sheep Bitter, Tetley Cask, Deuchars IPA  
 Camra members were impressed with the George and Dragon. Beer quality was good and we were made very welcome the pub was comfy although the decor was slightly dated. The pub had a good clientele mix with a good atmosphere and good value for money (oversized glasses).

**The Commercial**

**Cask Ales:** None available  
 Typical two roomed pub sadly keg only. The decor was tired looking and the clientele mixed was limited. A small bar serves both rooms. This was probably the quietest pub on Summer Lane and considering the others in the immediate area serve real ale this maybe something the licensee should look at.

**The Moulders Arms**

**Cask Ales:** Marston's Pedigree, John Smiths Cask.  
 Open plan pub which feels much larger than its actual size. Recently under new management Conrad has settled in well. Camra members were impressed with the quality of the beer. Although the new Burtonwood brewed John's Cask wasn't to everyone's taste, the quality was good. The pub had a good clientele mix, to conclude by quoting one member 'a top pub.'

**The Polish Club**

**Cask Ales:** None available.  
 Noted for its live music the Polish Club was

our next stop. The pub did have Sam Smiths but sadly keg only. The pub has tried real ale in the past but it didn't sell. Members were made to feel welcome and the staff were very friendly. Although quiet the club had a good clientele mix.

**Barnsley Hospital Club**

**Cask Ales:** None available.  
 This was the worst pub of the night. A Strictly members only club and hard to see why. No real ale, un-welcoming hospitality and a poor clientele mix. The club ought to look at other clubs in the area for ideas.

**Tom Treddlehoyle**

**Cask Ales:** Deuchars IPA, Black Sheep, Tetley's  
 This was the busiest pub of the night, and a pleasant surprise. The open plan layout with conservatory off was nice and inviting. The quiz night looked successful and the refreshment went down very nicely. The beer quality was good. Members' comments echoed this with lots commenting on it as a 'lovely pub.'

**The Travellers**

**Cask Ales:** Thwaites Bomber  
 The final pub on our survey of the area. The pub is open plan and bright with a separate restaurant room. The beer quality was good. A second cask ale was in the wings waiting to go on. The pub has plenty of outdoor space and had a good clientele mix. A great pub to end the evening.

Overall a great survey with the odd surprise thrown in. As with other similar surveys of the town suburbs real ale seems to be doing well. It would have been nice to see more micro brewery ales available but any cask is better than none.

Phil Gregg  
 Pubs officer  
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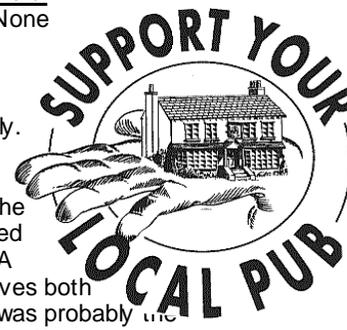
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# Oakwell Brewery Tour

I've visited breweries in Canada the USA, Ireland, Denmark, France and the Czech Republic but I never thought I would visit the nearest brewery to my own home, as visits to Oakwell just don't happen...

However a very kind invitation to Barnsley CAMRA from the head brewer Jonathan Stancill promised to change all that.

On arrival we were shown into the brew hall where the brewery's two real ales, (3.8% abv Barnsley Bitter and 3.4% abv Old Tom Mild) were waiting to be tasted. Both beers are brewed with malt milled directly above the mash tun a feature I've not seen in a brewery before. The rest of the brewery is a more conventional, with a steam powered top fermenting ale brewery with the additional twist of producing two lagers, (3.8% abv Acorn

and 5% and Oakwell) at a lower fermentation temperature and a bottom fermenting yeast strain.

The brewery was very clean and tidy with all operations carried out in one room, this included the beer tasting. The trip to the inevitable little boys room involved a 250 yard walk through an Aladdin's cave of pub interiors put into storage from the refurbishment of pubs in the 30 strong estate.

The current average output of the 102 barrels per week to these managed pubs leaves a little capacity for the free trade, and the recent inclusion of the brewery into the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) distribution scheme should see the availability of the beers in our local area pubs.

On an historical note, the present owners of the brewery purchased the land and buildings from the Courage group in 1994. Previous to this beer had been brewed on the site for 120 years. However the takeover by Courage brought production to an end in March 1976. The first brew by the present owners was Barnsley Bitter on the 7th January 1997 which was made from the traditional recipe from the Brewing Books dating back to 1947.

In the future the brewery is looking at producing a cider and bottling their beers and lagers.

Barnsley CAMRA would like to thank Jonathan for what was a truly wonderful evening and we look forward to drinking some more of the Bitter and Mild in some local pubs soon.

*Alistair Twist*

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# BAR-fly Lands At Darfield Cricket Club Darfield



Darfield Cricket club is situated on School Street Darfield just off the main A635 Barnsley to Doncaster Rd. The club has won a wealth of CAMRA awards at local and regional level. And has recently celebrated its 150th year anniversary.



The club was formed in 1857 with the original cricket ground being in a field off Vicar Lane near to the River Dearne. The club was one of the first cricket clubs in the area and in 1893 one of the founding clubs of the Barnsley and District league.

In the early 1900's the club moved to their existing home on School Street. The official opening was held on Whit Monday 31st May 1909. The opening ceremony was performed by Mexborough boxer 'Iron' Hague, and followed by two days of sport and evening concerts by the Houghton Main Prize band. The first game at the new ground was a Barnsley league match against Grimethorpe. The original Pavilion was of timber construction and was built largely at the expense of Houghton Main Colliery Co. The foreman joiner and some of the workers were allowed whenever they had spare time to construct a traditional style pavilion. In 1977 the existing club house and bar was

constructed and opened by a local umpire Dickie Bird on 8th July 1977. The club today has three senior teams and a host of junior teams. The club still thrives and during the cricket season is a hive of activity. The club hosts league matches at local and county level. It is also home to successful football and darts teams.

Darfield Cricket Club has always offered cask ale since the construction of the clubhouse in 1977. But in 2004 the club started to offer guest ales from local and national microbreweries. At present the club offers two rotating guest ales sourced from mainly local breweries. The cask ales are served in oversized lined glasses. Last year saw the club win Barnsley CAMRA's Club of the Year award for the third consecutive year. The club offers great value food, Friday night is Steak night and Sunday lunches are available.

Many thanks go to the stewardship of Glynn Noble and the support from the Committee and the club members.

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