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## Probably The Worst Decision In The World

The Campaign for Real Ale has attacked the decision by Carlsberg UK to close the iconic Tetley Brewery in Leeds by 2011. CAMRA has criticised Carlsberg UK for failing to promote the famous Tetley beers at a time when consumer interest in real ales is growing.

Bob Stukins, CAMRA Vice Chairman and Director of Brewery Campaigning said, "It is unclear where Carlsberg UK intends to brew the famous Tetley beers which remain household names in the UK. Brewed outside their Leeds heartland I fear they would lack the provenance which today's discerning consumers expect. While we recognise the enormous challenges facing the brewing industry at present, I think this is a short-sighted decision. Recent statistics clearly show that real ale is performing better than other beer styles in a declining market. There is an opportunity to respond to this, invest in the Tetley brands and bring them back to glory."

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**CAMRA Local** - 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
- 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
- Tavern** - Wombwell
- Waggon and Horses** - Langsett
- Wortley Arms** - Wortley

### How can you help?

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

**LESS THAN 20 MILES  
BREWERY TO BAR**

Is your pint short? Then ask for a top up. Still short? See page 21

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## SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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### Wednesday 3rd December

Survey crawl of Penistone, starting at the Britannia, Sheffield Road, Springvale Penistone at 7.45pm. Catch the 7.09pm train or the 7.22pm 21 bus. From here we head into Penistone town centre and finish at the Bridge. Last train back 10.49pm. Last buses back 10.12 and 10.47

### Saturday 13th December

Yorkshire Regional meeting in Keighley. 12 Noon. Contact Nigel for more info, contact details page 23

### Tuesday 16th December

Early and important news only branch meeting at the George and Dragon, Summer Lane. Starting at 7.30pm followed by a Christmas crawl in town - the "Donate Your Change" pub crawl, all for the Barnsley Samaritans.

### Monday 29th December

Brewery trip to Theakstons, Masham. Sheffield CAMRA are asking if anyone is interested in joining their bus to the brewery. If you are, please contact Nigel for more information, contact details on previous page.

### Saturday 10th January

Eastern outpost survey social, we will visit about 10 pubs with time for a half in each, soft drinks are advisable in more than one pub. Depart the Joseph Bramah at 5.15pm. Drop offs afterwards. (CAMRA members only)

### Tuesday 13th January

Winter Pub of the Season presentation to the Huntsman, Thurlstone. Presentation 9pm, full details are on page 3, including travel times.

### Saturday 17th January

Not the Christmas Party. This year at the Dove Inn, Doncaster Road. Cost is £7 per ticket. This includes 2 halves of real ale and buffet. Quiz and games, raffles. Meet from 7.30pm

### Tuesday 20th January

The Bar distribution social, pick up copies of the February March edition from the George and Dragon, Summer Lane, Barnsley from 8pm.

### Thursday 22nd January

Brewery visit to Wentworth Brewery. There will be a charge of £10 to cover food and drinks. I'm given to understand that Wentworth Brewery will kindly donate this money to our charity the Barnsley Samaritans. So catch 227 bus at 6.35pm, or the 66 bus at 5.10pm and change for the 227 at Elsecar at 6.10pm - Bar 6.30pm till 9.30pm ish - This is open to all, not just CAMRA members.

### Saturday 24th January

National Winter Ales Beer Festival, New Century Hall, Manchester. Catch the 9.40am train from Barnsley. £14 return from Barnsley (£14.70 from Sheffield?)

### Tuesday 27th January

Branch meeting and social at the Chestnut Tree. Barugh Green. Claycliffe Rd. We are upstairs in the small dining area. Meeting starts at 8pm. Buses are the 92a at 7.15pm or the 95a at 7.45pm. Buses back are the 9.23pm or 10.23pm 95a.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

### Tuesday 17th February

**Barnsley CAMRA AGM** meeting only. To be held at Market Hotel, Elsecar. 8pm start

### Tuesday 24th February

Branch Meeting to be held at the Railway, Station Road, Wombwell. 8pm start.

Bus times will probably change a couple of weeks before Christmas and Train times change on 14th December. 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 Craft*



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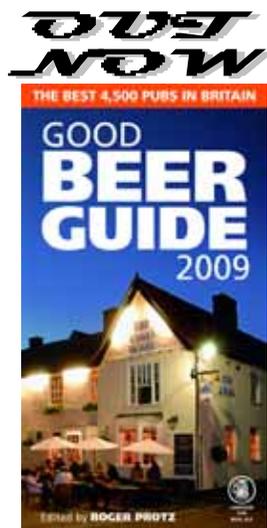
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# Pub Of The Season Winter 2008/2009 The Huntsman - Thurlstone

Last time we wrote about the Huntsman being an award winner, we mentioned that history has a habit of repeating itself as it had won both 2004 and 2005 Spring Pub of the Season. Well guess what? It's just done it again. Yes, this time it's followed up Winter 2007/2008 award with this season's.

This repeat award-winning pub, and Good Beer Guide stalwart, makes its success more consistent especially in the real ale department – always the overriding feature of course. The Huntsman's three permanent beers, Black Sheep Best Bitter, Tetley Cask and Taylor Landlord, are all great beers in their own right. However the other three guest ales mainly from microbreweries make an evening out an even more enjoyable experience – working one's way through them!

You can sit and enjoy any of these fine ales in a number of cosy corners or up against the glowing real fires at either end of this welcoming stone country inn. We've Dave and Gwynny Fields to thank for all this success as over the years they've built up their loyal customer base – not an easy achievement in the current climate of the trade.

Congratulations to all at the Huntsman for making and keeping a cracking good pub and supporting real ale choice. Please join in Gwynny and Dave's success at our presentation evening on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009**, where the award will be made at around 9pm.

Bus number 20 leaves Bamsley at 6.52pm and the 20A leaves at 7.52pm, they both drop outside the Huntsman. Return times back to Barnsley are 9.34pm (20A) and 10.34pm.

*Lynette and Laurence Mace*

Barnsley CAMRA would like to mention the two runners-up for the Winter Award:- The Waggon and Horses at Langsett and the Milton Arms at Elsecar. Both came very close – so better luck next time in any future seasons. Keep up the good work!



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# CHAMPIONS TABLE

## BARNLSLEY 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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Below is a list of phrases, facts about beer and other topics and at the end, Barnsley pub names. All you have to do is decipher the message. I will give you one of the answers.  
Question 1 - B is in T E O T B ... Not easy? Easy? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.  
It only costs £1.50 to enter the whole 100 Questions version and all the proceeds go to the Barnsley Samaritans. See below for ways to enter. Closing date for your entry is the 20th February 2009 - **You Must Be 18 or Over To Enter and Resident in the UK.**

- 1 - B Is In T E O T B
- 2 - B E G M There's A G W
- 3 - B To H L A L Than N T H L At A
- 4 - B F In A S P
- 5 - A 4 Y O C asks O 400 Q A D
- 11 - Bread A F B S D
- 12 - India H the M P O In The W
- 13 - A C Is As S A I W L
- 14 - C E To F The B Off A B M
- 15 - It T One T K O
- 21 - B Up T W T
- 22 - 1,000,900,000 S Is 32 Y
- 23 - C Off Y N To S Y F
- 24 - D C Your C B T Are H
- 25 - E B C The W
- 31 - The Welwitschia P Can L O 1,000 Y
- 32 - W Y S I W Y G
- 33 - W T M There's B
- 34 - Y Are W Y E
- 35 - You C Get B O Of A S
- 41 - I G To The F Of O S
- 42 - I The P C ?
- 43 - The B Bush Is A C The B
- 44 - I You C S The H, G O Of T K
- 45 - In China, S 20th is "L Y Teeth D"
- 51 - The F L Was In A In 290 B.C.

- 52 - Kick T B
- 53 - T Are 19 D V of Guinness
- 54 - K Of F
- 55 - The L H D K W The R H I D
- 61 - T P Is M T T S
- 62 - 28 M P Of B Are C E Day I T UK
- 63 - N The T S M
- 64 - Beer I A W Produce M From N I
- 65 - Tegestologist's C B M
- 71 - The P Of T P Is In T E
- 72 - B Is The S M P Drink I T W, C Behind T
- 73 - Read B T L
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- 75 - A R By A O N W S As S
- 81 - T 1 S S For M, A G L For M
- 82 - E I 8848 M H
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- 84 - U The A A P
- 85 - W O T Is The B Red T

## Barnsley Pub Names

- 91 - G And D
- 92 - O M T
- 93 - C And A
- 94 - M O T B M
- 95 - O H Inn

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](http://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**

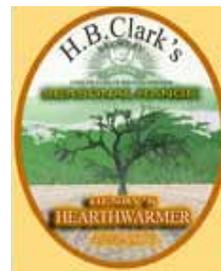
# Pub, Club

The latest Wetherspoons opened in Barnsley at the end of September, the **Silkstone Inn** on Market St was the 700th pub for the company. The pub offers a good range of real ales including LocAles.  
The **Gatehouse** in Barnsley is offering Acorn Barnsley Bitter and six changing real ales. Dawn the manager is keen to know what people like and will happily try and get it, though you have to come and help drink it.  
The **Rising Sun**, Barnsley has removed its real ale and handpump. The hanging baskets outside the pub don't really make a good alternative to the loss of the real ale though. Also removing its real ale is the **Royal Albert**, Blacker Hill. The licensee here has been trying on and off to keep the real ale on but has now opted to remove it. This pub was once owned and run by Wentworth Brewery.  
**Tankersley Manor Hotel** has the handpumps

but never, seemingly, the beer, this does put the bar at this grand hotel to shame. This was commented on to me by people staying there.  
**The Ash** at Wombwell is offering a regular changing guest beer.  
The **Foxhouse Inn** out at Hepworth has a good selection of real ales, with Magnet, Theakstons Best Bitter and a couple of changing guest beers.  
New outlet for cask ale in Wombwell, **The Railway**, Station Road, Wombwell is offering Acorn Barnsley Bitter as its permanent cask ale and if this takes off may be offering a changing guest beer. Rob wanted a LocAle brew for the pub, he certainly got one, less than a mile from brewery to bar, now that is LOCALE.  
The **Old Moor Tavern** at Broomhill is offering a regular changing guest beer along side its John Smiths Cask.

*Nigel Craft*

# & Brewery News



## H.B. Clark's - Wakefield

A wonderful red beer with bags of malt flavour and fruit is the new December beer from Clarks. All A Quiver at 4.4% abv is the Sagittarius brew. And the Capricorn beer for

January is Billy The Kid 4% abv, a pale golden coloured beer with a complex hop aroma. The new Winter Seasonal beer is Henry's Hearthwarmer 4.2% abv which is described as a clean, sharp tasting bitter with a lasting hoppiness and a malty aroma.

## Acorn Brewery - Wombwell

A new beer CRACKERJACK 4.7%, pale golden bitter brewed with Scorachi hops. This was available in November, and was one of the hopheads. CRYSTAL MAZE at 4.5% should still be with us if you're an early reader of the BAR. It's a rich amber coloured malty bitter with hints of toffee. Christmas Beers will

see SNOWSTORM at 4% which will be a pale hoppy bitter, and also 6TH NOEL 5.3% Rich ruby red malty fruity ale. GORLOVKA is out in the pubs on draught, and good news is it is now available bottle conditioned from the brewery shop. BARNSELY BITTER will be available in bottles from 15th December. More real ale is also available for any Christmas or New Year Parties you planning. 5 Litre mini casks of Barnsley Bitter, Barnsley Gold, Old Moor Porter, Yorkshire Pride and Gorlovka available cask conditioned.  
The new brewery shop is now up and running and as we go to print the on-line brewery shop was being put into place, so call round or visit [www.acorn-brewery.co.uk](http://www.acorn-brewery.co.uk)  
The last of the American IPA's is NUGGET IPA 5% this IPA has a resinous hoppy aroma. The new 2009 range of IPA's are from European countries and start in January with SLOVINSKI 5%, February BREWERS GOLD 5%, March PERLE 5% and April BOBEK 5%. If these are as good as they sound I think we're in for some more great IPA's.

*Nigel Craft*

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This new benefit will only run for 12 months and is a thank you from JD Wetherspoon to all our members and prospective members for their support in the past.

Members will have approximately a year to claim all of their vouchers, with the last person who benefits from this scheme joining or renewing their membership on **Saturday 31 October 2009**.

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.

For more information on all of CAMRA's membership benefits please visit [www.camra.org.uk/joinus](http://www.camra.org.uk/joinus) and for full terms and conditions of the JD Wetherspoon vouchers please visit [www.camra.org.uk/jdwouchers](http://www.camra.org.uk/jdwouchers)

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## Hannah At The Hob

BY Hannah Lucas

I have been looking at beer-bottle labels and have discovered some strange ingredients being used to enhance the flavour of "ordinary" beer. Examples include muscat wine, fruit and also lentils. Then there are those beers with up-front flavours such as Saltire Brewery's Hazelnut and Coffee Porter (4.6%) This really works and is made with German malt and hops, fresh ground coffee and hazelnut flavours. I am going to continue the theme of flavours and bitterness in beer and look at the hop whose flower puts the bitter in bitter.



### Hop flowers

Hops are not only about taste, they also give that distinctive beer aroma and act as a preservative. Some of you may remember the smell around Ecclesall Road, Sheffield when Wards was brewing up. In the brewing process dried hop flowers are added to the copper and boiled with the malted barley to extract the bitter oils. Some brewers prefer to use the more convenient hop pellets which are made from powdered and compressed hop flowers but some view these as inferior. The liquid goes on to be fermented and casked/ bottled. Some brewers seek to enhance the bitter flavour by adding dried but not boiled hops to the cask just before sealing it ready for delivery. This process known as dry hopping. As the beer conditions in the cellar it develops a wonderful, fresh but strong aroma.

Hop growing areas, such as Kent, used to use the plant for many purposes. The flowers were added to sherry to make a bitter flavouring similar to Angostura Bitters. The aroma is sleep inducing so the flowers and leaves were used in herbal teas, hop beer (similar to ginger beer) and in pillows. Now we all know why a night out makes us so sleepy!

The long stems were a useful for securing plants in a way similar to garden string. Indoors, hop plants were fixed to fireplaces to act as natural air fresheners with the task of removing smoke

and cooking smells. Perhaps hops could be brought back into the pub to absorb the smell of chips, vinegar, sweat and cheap body sprays.

A traditional Kent dish is Hopscotch. I thought this was a hopping game involving pebbles and squares that was brought to England by the

Romans. They used the game as a leg strengthening exercise for foot soldiers. The French version involves a spiral and is called Escargot. The game is cheap and easy to organise and so was apparently popular with Jamaican slaves. It seems hard to believe that they had the time and energy to play games. Back to food, the people of Kent used the small top leaves in many ways including in salads. Modern versions being those that use bitter leaves like cress, watercress and rocket. The tiny shoots were also served in hot butter similar to our broccoli, samphire and asparagus dishes.

### Hopscotch

- 2 large handfuls young hop tops washed (or young spinach)
- 2 large handfuls dandelion leaves washed (or young spinach)
- 8oz smoked streaky bacon or smoked cheese but not Austrian type
- 8 oz sliced mushrooms
- 1 small onion finely chopped
- 1oz butter
- salt & pepper
- Nutmeg
- 2 tsp lemon juice

Sweat the onion in the butter until golden Add leaves & cover on low heat for 5 mins until wilted, add salt, pepper, nutmeg and lemon juice Keep warm Grill/fry mushrooms and bacon/cheese. Serve on top of the warm leaves.



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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 2nd January 2009.**

The winner will be the first correct answer drawn from the entries. Draw to be made 3rd January 2009. One entry per person only. Good Luck!

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# Its Beer ..... but not as we know it

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It seems quite common in France to have a blonde beer with a dash of

fruit cordial or liqueur in it, even in brew pubs. Cap d'Ona have gone a stage further by adding a sweet wine to their blonde beer to produce **Au Muscat** at 6.0% ABV. Muscat grapes are a staple in this area and pudding wines such as the excellent Muscat de Rivesaltes have a deserved reputation. Adding 8% volume of a sweet muscat to a blonde beer is a bold move and the result was cloudy with a malt and fruit nose. Less lagerish than the Blonde Rossa beer but slightly sour tasting like a Belgian beer such as those from Rodenbach. Not to my taste but definitely unusual. Finally onto the last bottle, this time **Especial** at 6% ABV and another unusual concoction. Having just had the Au Muscat I wasn't particularly looking forward to another beer with a wine infusion, this time Baryul, another of the region's native sweet red wine aperitifs. A darker beer with surprisingly little nose including an absence of fruit. On the palate it drank like a premium bitter with a hint of honey, a very slight fruity note and something else I couldn't identify. Another very drinkable beer and a very pleasant surprise.

So at least I managed to get some good beers in what had promised to be a fizzy region. Despite the professed heritage of the Goudale, the Cap d'Ona brews offered much more and it's really encouraging that the small brewery revolution has reached so far south.

Colin Wilson

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### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Swansea

Six pubs are on the list of Swansea's Good Beer Guide entries in this new issue and today we'll visit the **Queen's Hotel**, Gloucester Place. This vibrant free house, and local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2008, is located near the Dylan Thomas Centre, City Museum, National Waterfront Museum (covering science and industry) and marina. The walls display many photographs depicting Swansea's rich maritime heritage. The pub enjoys strong local support and the home-cooked lunches are popular. Evening entertainment includes a Sunday quiz and live music on Saturday. The two guest beers on handpump are joined by Brain's Buckley's Best Bitter, Theakstons Best Bitter and Old Peculier – just like being in Yorkshire! Open Tuesday 11am to 11pm. Tel: (01792) 521531

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Wolverhampton

From the eleven entries for the GBG in Wolverhampton we've already featured two previously in Away Ale, so this time we'll pick the **Posada**, 48 Lichfield Street. Built in 1884 on the site of a pub called Noah's Ark, the distinctive frontage was added in 1907. It was visited by Lawrence of Arabia in 1934. When the interior layout of the pub was altered in 1983 it was turned into one room, but it retains its original tiles, together with a sub-urban bar back, open fireplace and snob screens. CAMRA members get a discount on real ale – don't forget your membership card! The beers include Adnam's Broadside, Caldonian Deuchar's IPA, Greene King Abbot, Wells Bombardier plus guest ales – all on handpump. Open Saturday noon to midnight. Tel: (01902) 429011.

With Laurence Mace

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Burnley

Only four Good Beer Guide pubs in the 2009 edition for Burnley and we've used two already, so again for something different on Boxing Day we'll go for the **Bridge Bier Huis** at 2 Bank Parade (behind the shopping centre). The Bridge has a large open plan bar area with an adjacent, small cosy room and a mosaic covered entrance. Up to five guest beers area available, usually from micro-breweries, with Hydes Bitter as the permanent ale. There is an emphasis on Belgian and other foreign beers, plus a large bottled beer selection. Voted CAMRA Regional Pub of the Year 2007, it is one of the venues for the Easter Burnley Blues Festival. Open Friday noon to 2am, but check ahead as it's a bank holiday fixture. Tel: (01282) 411304  
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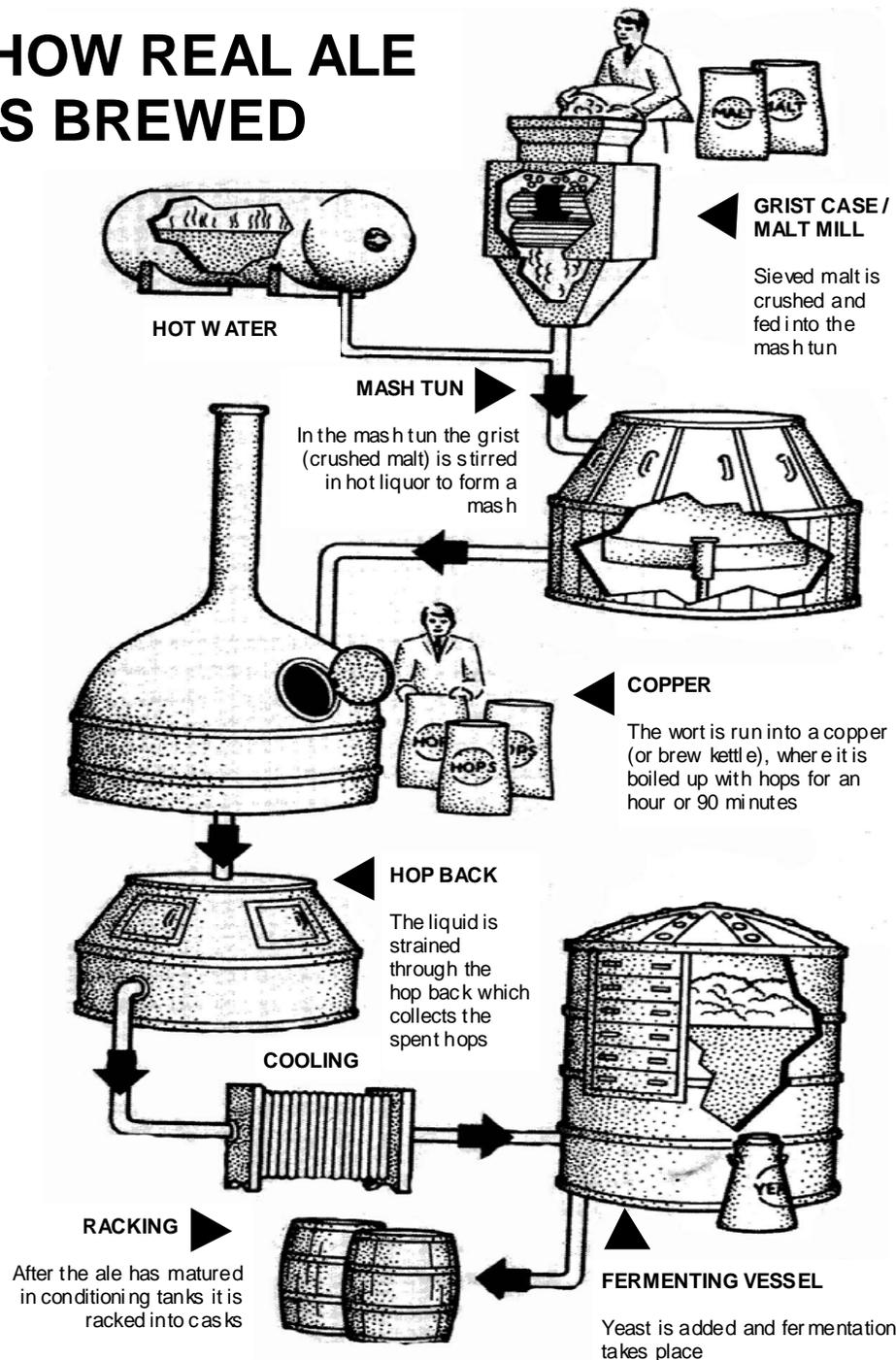
### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Norwich

Spoilt for choice in this city wash with real ales, we have fifteen pubs to peruse in the 2009 Good Beer Guide, and nearly all of them do some sort of beer festival! Today we'll head to the **King's Arms** at 22 Hall Road, a busy pub just a short distance from the football ground. A former CAMRA East Anglian Pub of the Year, it is a Bateman's hostelry and hosts two beer festivals a year along with regular events for St George's Day, Burns Night and other occasions. Up to eight regular guest beers are usually available on top of the regulars: Adnam's Bitter, Bateman's XB Bitter and XXXB, Hop Back Summer Lightning and Wolf Coyote Bitter. Traditional, good-value pub food is served at lunchtime, plus Sunday roast dinner. At other times you are welcome to "bring your own" food; plates and condiments are provided. There is also a patio area to the rear. Open Saturday 11am to midnight. Tel: (01603) 766361.

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Bristol City

Another "real ale city" and similar to Norwich Bristol (central area) has 18 pubs in the new Good Beer Guide. Over the seasons we've reported on five of them for "Away Ales" so there's still plenty to pick from and today it's the **Commercial Rooms** turn, at 43-45 Corn Street. Originally opened as the Bristol Rooms in 1811, this pub became Wetherspoon's first Bristol outlet in 1995. It is a palatial building with lavish Greek revival style décor, numerous paintings and items commemorating famous local people. There is a smaller galleried room which is quieter. As well as Butcome Bitter and Gold, Courage Best Bitter, Greene King Abbot and Marston's Pedigree up to seven guest beers feature in this deserving winner of several Wetherspoons awards, including 2008 Real Ale Pub of the Year. Open Saturday 8am to 1am. Tel: (0117) 927 9681.

# HOW REAL ALE IS BREWED



# Its Beer ..... but not as we know it

I was surprised to see in the last issue of the BAR that our international beer taster Diarmuid had visited the Languedoc-Roussillon area of France. We did the same but where Diarmuid was centred on the Languedoc bit, we were a little bit nearer the Spanish border in the Roussillon bit. Things have improved markedly in recent years on the French beer front, with more and more artisan brewers offering something infinitely better than the keg tides from Kronenbourg et al. We were heading as far south as we could go this year to the south-east corner near the Spanish border and I wasn't expecting the artisan brewers to have spread to France's hottest region. However ... nothing ventured? Diarmuid identified three artisan brewers in the region but we only found one ... must try harder in future!



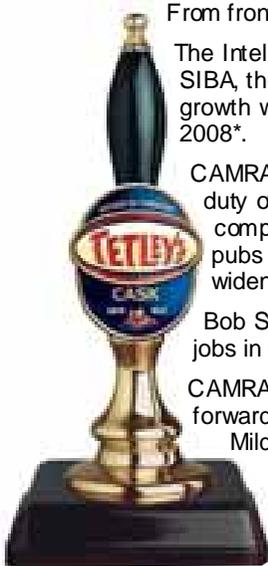
Our first call was to visit a 'cave' advertising something pronounced 'beer' but spelt 'Byrrh'. In fact it is the Pernod-Ricard works at Thuir near Perpignan where they produce Cinzano, Dubonnet, Ambassadeur and other fortified wine drinks based on the local wine 'nature', which tends towards the stronger end of the wine ABV scale. Byrrh was the original drink made at the site and the company was later bought by Pernod-Ricard. Among other things it contains quinine but despite that its drinkable. The main point of interest for me was the oak barrels used to mature these drinks.

100,000 and 200,000 litre barrels were there in ranks and then we got to a beast containing 420,500 litres of Ambassadeur! Built in 1934 it was the biggest wooden cask in the world until the Germans made a bigger one. Not to be outdone the French made an even bigger beast containing 1,100,000 litres. With a base diameter of 12 metres and a height of 10 metres it weighs 110 tons empty and 1100 tons when full – stupendous but we'd still find no proper beer. The local supermarket yielded a bottle with a champagne stopper called **La Goudale** from Les Brasseurs de Gayout of Douai in northern France. Described as a biere blonde a l'ancienne it contained malted spring barley and buckwheat, Houblon de Flandres hops and a top fermenting yeast. In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, according to the label, good beers were called "goudales" and their brewers "goudaliers". It's a bright, straw coloured beer with no particular nose and a pleasant lager taste. All a bit touristy but what it does have is an alcohol kick as it's a 7.2% ABV beer and it did seem to get better as I progressed through the large bottle.

Then the surprise – we came across a leaflet for a small artisan brewery called Cap d'Ona, the Brasserie Artisanale des Alberes in Argeles-sur-Mer to the south of Perpignan. A Catalan brewery with the Catalan flag on all of the labels. By chance we found most of their seaside brews in bottles in a touristy gift shop and a tasting was possible. First up was their **Biere Blanche** des Garrigues a wheat beer at 4.5% ABV which was a good representative of the style. Slightly cloudy with a citrus tang and a hint of rosemary its full bodied and quite refreshing. Next up was the **Blonde Rossa** at 5.5% ABV which is an easy drinking lager including local honey with a good flavour and seemed to be bottle conditioned. We understand there is an organic version of this beer also. Next to try was the darker **Torrada** at 6.5% ABV which was again a bit cloudy with a fruity aroma with a hint of elderflower and malt and fruit on the palate without being sweet. A very easy drinking beer for that strength and it reminded me more than a bit of Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild. No bad thing. By this stage it wasn't just the beer that was a bit cloudy and my judgement was probably going the same way. Two to go.

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# Probably The Worst Decision In The World



From front page

The Intelligent Choice report published in September by CAMRA, Cask Marque, SIBA, the IFBB and Why Handpull shows that real ale sales are moving towards growth while the overall beer market has declined by 8% in the year to May 2008\*.

CAMRA is calling on the Government to overturn its decision to increase beer duty over the next four years to give struggling breweries a chance to compete. The group claims that high beer tax is driving beer drinkers out of pubs and into their armchairs as the price gap between the on and off-trade widens.

Bob Stukins said, "The Government has a responsibility to act to save British jobs in brewing and pubs and an urgent review of beer tax is required."

CAMRA is seeking a meeting with Carlsberg UK bosses to discuss a way forward for the brewery. The brewery still produces Tetley's Dark Mild, Tetley's Mild, Best Bitter and the famous Tetley Bitter.

Mr Stukins added, "We have a two year window of opportunity before the brewery gates are set to close for the last time. We will be supporting anyone who has a plan to keep the mash tuns running in this historic brewery and we'll be looking at every possible option to save the brewery. Jobs and this iconic Yorkshire Brewery should not close due to the development potential of this city site"

Eric Gilbert, Barnsley branch chairman has accused them of making a "short sighted" decision after announcing plans to close the 186-year-old brewery in 2011, one of Britain's biggest producers of traditional cask ale.

Nigel Croft, branch secretary added "Figures from SIBA (Society of Independent Breweries Association) show sales of real ales were up 8% for the first half of this year, so they should rethink their decision. And how ironic, that real ale has featured in two primetime television programmes recently – Yorkshire's Best Pint, and Risky Business (with Neil Morrissey and Richard Fox) – while the BBC is soon to air James May and Oz Clarke's Big Beer Adventure."

\*Report available from [www.caskalereport.com](http://www.caskalereport.com)

# TETLEY AND THE GALLAND SYSTEM OF MALTING

Many of the early records of Joshua Tetley and Son are lodged in the West Yorkshire County Archives in Leeds. They include the private letter books of Charles Francis Tetley, grandson of the founder, who joined the brewery in 1873 and was Chairman of the firm from 1902 until his death in 1934. Barrie Pepper has been examining the books and this article is based on his researches.

The Frenchman, N Galland, patented what was known as his Pneumatic Malting Apparatus in 1874. H S Corran in A History of Brewing says that '...this necessitated a vessel of sheet iron with a perforated false bottom that held the barley after steeping'. The grain was cooled by cold water sprayed onto stones or ice. The first firm to use the system was Robert Pery & Sons, brewers of Rathdowney in County Tipperary who set up a maltings at nearby Roscrea. Two more followed at Beeston near Nottingham and for Nimmo's of Castle Eden in County Durham.

C F Tetley paid a visit to Pery's in February 1879. On 12th March he wrote to a colleague, F Waite: 'I paid a visit to Ireland ... and was much pleased with what I saw. I was astonished to find grain in such bulk and at so moderate a temperature ... The malt we brought back was wonderfully sound and nice tasted, owing partly perhaps to the excellent drying kiln and good storage beneath. We could not get any positive information as to whether the malts on this system gave as fine ales as those made on the old. For porters it is not so important that they should drop bright quickly, but it is highly necessary for Pale Ales'.

A month later he wrote to F J Sedgwick of Sedgwick and Co brewers in Watford and after referring to his Irish visit, went on: 'We have just got over from Ireland 50 quarters of malt to try if it will make a good pale ale that will fine as quickly as Gilstrap's'. Gilstrap Earp of Newark-on-Trent was one of Tetley's main suppliers. He went on to express concern about temperatures but said that Tetley's were about to attempt some trial brews. On the same day he wrote again to Mr Waite mentioning the Galland pneumatic system.

The trials with Pery's malt started on 1st May and a comparison brew with their usual malt began on the following day. The results were outlined in another letter to Waite: '... the first brew was rather darker than our customers like, but was very bright, full tasted and pleasanter than at that age ... the second brew was of good colour and not quite so bright ... and in other respects much as usual with our beers at that age'.

He went on to express 'pleasant surprise' and said that they would be getting in a further supply. At this stage the correspondence finishes and there is no evidence that Tetley's ever used malts other than from their traditional suppliers. What is known is that Sedgwick's and Flower's of Stratford-on-Avon introduced the method.

C F Tetley's initial enthusiasm for experiments - he was only 30 at the time - was soon tempered. A year later he wrote to the Reverend R D Swallow about a possible pupil: 'Chemistry would be a very pleasant addition to his knowledge, but it is worse than useless without the ballast of good practise. To tell the truth chemists have not by any means moved us from the rule of thumb and I am sorry to say brewing is far from being an exact science'. A further example of C F Tetley's conservative view on progress came with the introduction of electricity to the city. He was offered a free trial at his home in Headingley – and refused. He did however play a major part in the municipal affairs of the city and to become Lord Mayor of Leeds, the first person to be elected to that office.

**Barrie Pepper**  
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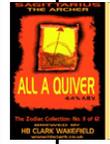
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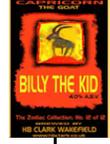
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# BAR-fly Lands At The Railway Wombwell



In an era where pubs are closing at a phenomenal rate, credit should be given to publicans who strive to make their pubs a success. In such difficult times this often leads to difficult decisions. This was the case with The Railway at Wombwell.

The Railway is a typical local community pub on the fringe of Wombwell town centre. The pub was faced with the same hurdles as pubs up and down the country. When planning permission was sought to

change the pub into bed sits Barnsley CAMRA opposed the application as we do with any pub closure. The owners then got in contact with CAMRA to inform us that their plans were not to close the pub but merely as a backup plan should the worst happen. They were also very keen for CAMRA's help and suggestions in increasing trade and the pubs profile. The owners expressed interest in putting on cask ale in the pub which obviously we welcomed. As a result the owners and licensee Rob have recently introduced Acorn Barnsley Bitter. The introduction also coincided with the launch of the LocAle scheme. The introduction of local real ale in my opinion was the perfect choice for the Railway. A pub served by the local community supporting local breweries has to be a good thing. And you can't get much more local, as Acorn brewery is only a mile down the road.

The Railway with its upside down entrance is probably the quirkiest pub in the Barnsley area. The pub once formed part of the former railway station and its stone exterior is typical of the local architecture. The pub comprises all you expect to find in a one (large) roomed local. The pub has a games area with large screen TV at the other end is a Disco booth or a more lively entertainment, and at either side there is a wealth of comfy seating. A great thing about the Railway is it has a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

So far the cask ale sales have been good and Rob is soon hoping to offer rotating local beers. On my visit I found the beer to be cool and refreshing and in great condition.

So if you're in the area doing a spot of shopping or you're a Wombwell resident, give the Railway a try and whilst drinking your pint reflect on what an asset to the area the pub is as I did on my visit.

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