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Research in 2007 showed that a shocking 56 pubs close every month in the UK. Community Pubs Week has been designed to encourage more people to visit their community pub and gives licensees the opportunity to organise and promote a variety of pub events during the week of action.

For more information and a list of events in Barnsley go to page 24

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# SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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## Monday 4th February

Good Beer Guide Voting Meeting, 8pm at the Horseshoe, Wombwell. Catch the 227 at 7.35 pm

## Wednesday 6th February

Wombwell Survey (1 of 3). Meet at the Low Valley Arms at 7.45 pm. Catch the 219 at 7.15 pm to Darfield WMC. It's a 10 min walk off the service. See the website for details.



## 16th - 23rd February Community Pubs Week 2007

## Monday 18th February

Pubs Week Pub Tour. A Leisurely stroll around Dodworth and Pogramoor's Community Pubs. We meet at the Thornley Arms at 8pm. Catch the 7.35pm 14 bus

## Thursday 21st February

Acorn Brewery Trip. Meet at Brewery 7pm - You must book with Margaret first. Catch the 229 at 6.40 pm or the 226 at 7pm

## Friday 22nd February

Pub of the Season Presentation to the Gatehouse, Barnsley. Award presented 9pm. See p3 for full information

## Tuesday 26th February

AGM and Branch meeting at the Joseph Bramah, Market Hill, Barnsley. AGM starts (upstairs) at 8pm followed by branch meeting at 8.45pm - The room is reserved from 7pm

## Saturday 1st March

Trip to Bradford Beer Festival in Saltaire followed by a visit to Fanny's Ale and Cider House. Depart Barnsley on the 10.35 am train.

## Wednesday 5th March

Wombwell Survey (2 of 3). Meet at the Alma at 7.45pm Catch the 222 at 7.20 pm See the website for details.

## Saturday 8th March

Yorkshire Regional Meeting at the Factory Workers Club, Guseley. Meeting starts 12 noon. Catch the 10.35am train from Barnsley or the 9.46am train from Thurnscoe.

## Saturday 15th March

A tour of the Rhubarb farms and forcing sheds at Ashfield Farm, Carlton, Rothwell Nr Wakefield. Early start, we catch the 8.20am 444 Arriva bus from Barnsley Interchange. This arrives at 9.45am with the tour starting at 10am. Then a social in Wakefield later in the day. Don't miss this one - We only have 10 places. Contact Margaret asap.

## Tuesday 18th March

The BAR Distribution and Newsletter Social at the Gatehouse, Barnsley from 8pm.

## Tuesday 25th March

Branch Meeting and Social at the Crown and Anchor, Barugh. Catch the 95A bus at 7.45pm, meeting starts at 8.15pm. Return to Barnsley on the 10.23pm service.

Timetable changes were made after we went to print and not all the information was available from the SYPTE website, 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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**Oakwood** - Rotherham - 16th to 19th Feb - p16  
**Bradford** - Victoria Hall - Saltaire 28th Feb to 1 March  
**Leeds** - Pudsey - Civic Hall - 13th to 15th March  
**Hull** - Hull College's Homcastle Building on George Street. 27th to 29th March.  
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# Spring Pub of the Season The Gatehouse - Barnsley

This year's Spring Pub of the Season goes to a town centre stalwart. The Gatehouse on Eldon Street, Barnsley.

It's opposite the recently refurbished Parkway cinema and right next door to the new multimillion pound bus station. The Gatehouse is quite possibly the pioneer of the recent town centre revival of real ale outlets and is also according to the judges the best. The pub got outstanding marks from the Barnsley CAMRA volunteer judges with top marks on the real ales quality, service and choice. "Over the judging period the five real ales were always in great condition" was the comment from one judge.

The Gatehouse is an open plan pub. It has a modern interior with wooden floors, wood paneling and tasteful décor, not to mention the cozy sofas. The Gatehouse has a large screen TV that shows most of the major sports. The pub also offers very good value food. Meals are available 12 -2.30 and 5 - 7 Monday's to Friday's and 12 -2.30 on Saturday's. Karaoke night is held here on Thursdays, while beer festivals are held throughout the year. Indeed the next beer festival will be held during CAMRA's community pubs week in February. The festival will run from Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th of February. The four day event will showcase 15 cask ales.

The pub offers the drinker a range of five real ales. The permanent house beer is Acorn Brewery Barnsley Bitter and the other four guest beers are usually sourced from small independent micro breweries.



On hearing the news that he'd won the award licensee Robert Rudge was delighted. "I've put in along with Pub People and Enterprise Inns a lot of hard work over the last two years to transform what was a rundown pub. It's always nice to get recognition for your work. I love to showcase new cask ales and new breweries!"

So if you're in town and fancy a pint of quality real ale give the Gatehouse a visit or pop along to our presentation night on **Friday 22nd February**.

I promise you'll not be disappointed.

*Phil Gregg*  
Pubs and Clubs Officer

## Winter - Presentation

On Tuesday 15th January people braved the weather and went out to the Huntsman at Thurstone. This was to congratulate Gwynny and Dave Fields and their staff for offering great real ales in a wonderful pub. Six real ales were on offer on the night, one being from the new White Rose brewery in Sheffield. Pictured is Jemma (the land-daughter) receiving the award from Barnsley CAMRA chair Eric.



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  - Tim and Anna**  
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# Community Pubs Week 16 - 23 February 2008



It's a frightening reality that at least 56 pubs are closing in Britain each month and early indications of new research being carried out by CAMRA suggest that this figure could actually be significantly higher. Worse still, the majority of these pubs are not high street chain bars or theme pubs, but community pubs, recognised by most people these days, as important community amenities. The local pub, after all, is often the heart of the community.

CAMRA has successfully run National Pubs Week for four years in an attempt to convince more people to visit more pubs more of the time. CAMRA members across the country have worked hard to promote pub-going in response to the growth in home drinking.

## Events in Barnsley

**Monday 18th February** - Pubs Week Pub Tour. A Leisurely stroll around Dodworth and Pogmoor's Community Pubs. We meet at the Thornley Arms at 8pm. Catch the 7.35pm 14 bus

**Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd** - Real Ale Festival at the Gatehouse, Eldon Street, Barnsley. Free Entry

Despite low supermarket prices, nothing can match the British pub for its service and atmosphere.

In light of the increased threats to community pubs CAMRA is changing the focus of its week of action to help raise the profile and importance of pubs in the community and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to use community pubs more.

Community Pubs Week complements a range of CAMRA-led initiatives including the Community Pubs Foundation, launched in 2005 to support campaigns to save local public houses by offering assistance to community groups, as well as a whole range of local campaigns by CAMRA to save and promote community pubs.

Community Pubs Week celebrates and promotes all community pubs - not just village locals, but urban gems too.

**Friday 22nd February** - Presentation evening of Pub of the Season. The Gatehouse, Barnsley. Presentation made at 9pm.

For more information and a list of events throughout the Yorkshire and the UK then visit [www.camra.org.uk/cpw](http://www.camra.org.uk/cpw)

# Pub, Club

The **Crown and Anchor** at Barugh reports that his real ale is becoming very popular, and drinkers of smooth beers have been slowly changing to real ale. English traditional home made meals are served here at lunchtimes daily, the Sunday lunches are extremely popular and should be booked in advance. The Indian restaurant at the rear of the pub is open evenings only, and offers a take away service. The **Chestnut Tree** at Redbrook has had a refurbishment and offers Green King IPA and Old Speckled Hen.

The **Courthouse** in Barnsley has Stones Gold, and two Theakstons beer but is hoping for a more local beer soon.

The **Pulse** in Barnsley is the latest of the town centre pubs to offer real ales. Full review p19 The **Goldmine** at Darfield is to change back to its old name "**Station Inn**," letter from the new owner p22

The **Thurnscoe Hotel**, Thurnscoe is on the

market, a wonderful opportunity for Wetherspoons don't you think?

**Thawleys** in Wombwell has re-opened after the floods in June last year which caused huge amounts of damage to homes, pubs and businesses alike.

The **Railway** at Wombwell has applied for planning permission to be changed to flats, Barnsley CAMRA is opposing the plans.

The **Pheasant** at Dodworth has been demolished to make way for houses.

The **Pheasant** at Ardsley is now offering Acorn Barnsley Bitter and is said to be very popular.

**The Cherry Tree** at High Hoyland (a place with no bus service) has added Deuchars IPA to its range of real ales.

The **Gatehouse** in Barnsley will be holding a beer festival from Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd of February to celebrate Community Pubs Week. See p 14 & 24.

Also the **New Barrack Tavern**, 601 Penistone Road, Sheffield will be having a beer festival from 29th February to the 2nd March with about 25 real ales available.

# & Brewery News

## Acorn Brewery - Barnsley

We welcome John Haig to the brewery as Brewery Manager is John was the brewery's accountant. We also welcome Aston who is the drayman and brewery hand. New Beers in January were Amarillo IPA 5% the first in the series using USA hops; Kashmir 4.7% a ruby coloured malty beer. February sees Mount Hood IPA 5% another USA hop IPA and Bloomfield 4.5%. In March is the next USA hop IPA Cluster IPA 5%. The branch are planning a brewery tour to Acorn on Thursday 21st February. If you want to reserve your place at the brewery (limited numbers) then please contact Margaret asap, contact details can be found on p26 - CAMRA members and their guests only. Join CAMRA p25

## Kelham Island - Sheffield

Final negotiations for the new site are taking place. It is hoped that work on the new brewery site will start in autumn, the move to a larger site is long overdue as beer for export orders are having to be brewed at other breweries due to lack of capacity.

## H.B. Clark - Wakefield

A collection of 12 new beers based on the 12 signs of the zodiac will be available on a monthly basis starting in February. Aquarius (the water bearer) - You've Urned It at 4.4% abv is a pale hoppy beer with citrus and fruit tastes, then in March it's Pisces - (the fish) Take the Bate at 3.8% abv, this has a malty fruity and hop balance throughout the drink. Available till the end of February is Henry's Hearthwarmer at 4.2% abv, a hoppy and bitter drink with a malty aroma. Then from March to May it's the award winning Traditional Bitter at 3.8% abv. This beer was awarded Champion Beer Of Britain at the CAMRA Great British Beer Festival in 1982 and is still to this day a superb drink. Amber in colour, it has a pleasant, smooth, fruit palate and a long lasting malty finish. Classic Blonde 3.9% abv, No Angel 4.0% abv, Westgate Gold 4.2% abv and Rams Revenge at 4.5% abv are available all year round.



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*Nigel Croft*

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# Letter From The Station Master

My name is Roger Smith, I have just seen the reference to the Goldmine at Darfield on the Barnsley Camra website. My son Kris and I are in the final stages of acquiring the old Goldmine, we had hoped the deal would have been finalised by October, this would have allowed the planned 6/7 week re-fit/refurb to have been carried out in time for a Christmas launch, unfortunately delays obtaining a premises license and other legal hang ups have taken a couple of months longer than expected and as such we won't be open until early in the new year.

When the Goldmine closed, it was totally stripped of all fixtures and trading fittings so the interior needs everything, from floor renovation and full re-decoration, through to new fixed and mobile seating tables etc. A full bar area overhaul will be carried out and new beer lifting equipment installed. We wish to remove the Spanish Tapas Bar theme and return it to a traditional pub.

When complete there will be 7 to 10 rotating cask ales sourced both locally and from independent brewers from all over the UK, these will be supported by a range of continental beers and lagers (bottled and draught). We also intend to stock premium



ciders and an extensive range of single malts.

The pub is to revert back to its original name The Station Inn. After the main trading areas have been re-opened work will continue behind the scenes to re-fit the kitchen area after which we will be able to offer food and accommodate various functions.

### UPDATE

Just a quick update on The Station Inn, Darfield, the deal has finally gone through (Monday 14th Jan), we should be receiving the keys in the next couple of days after which the re-fit can begin. Once we have completed the website layout (www.thestationinn.org) we intend to post updates of the progress on there, the contact email is enjoy@thestationinn.org

Kind regards Roger and Kris Smith



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### BARNSELY CAMRA?

CAMRA was formed in the early 1970's to campaign and fight for real ale and drinkers rights. The nature of the campaign has changed and diversified over the years but there are still battles to fight. CAMRA isn't a small group of enthusiasts but a nationwide army numbering 90,000 (260 in Barnsley) and growing – a bigger membership than most political parties, trades unions etc. We're big enough and active enough to be heard. Why not join us in the fight for a better deal for drinkers.

### WHAT IS REAL ALE?

It's a name for draught (or bottled) beer brewed from traditional ingredients, matured by secondary fermentation in the container from which it is dispensed, and served without the use of extraneous carbon dioxide; also called 'cask-conditioned'.

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## BARNSELY The Barnsley's CAMRA Charity for the last year was Barnsley Tykes Disability Football Club.



Over the last year the Barnsley branch along with the Tykes players and committee have helped raise over £1600. We held a Race Night at the Shaw Lane Sports Club, this was very well attended and a great night was had by everyone, even those who didn't win on the races.

We had a two part sponsored walk from the Wentworth Arms at Penistone to the Ring O' Bells in Silkstone and called off at the Waggon and Horses and Travelers at Oxspring and the Station Inn at Silkstone Common, thanks go to all the pubs for the good beer en route.

We have also managed a couple of quiz nights helping other charities as well as the Tykes. At the Joseph Bramah in Barnsley a quiz night helped raise money for Clive Sargent Wetherspoons adopted Childrens charity. While at the Gatehouse, Barnsley money was raised with another quiz evening for PDSA Rob's adopted Pets Charity. On both these evenings the moneys were split 50/50 with the Tykes.



Barnsley Beer Festival has always been a giving festival and last year the festival visitors once again bought raffle tickets and donated unused beer tokens which raised over £300. Barnsley CAMRA have truly enjoyed the fundraising events in the last 12 months and look forward to helping the Tykes again in the near future.

Do you know of a local charity that could do with some extra support with fundraising? Then contact one of our committee members p26

Left  
Barnsley CAMRA presenting  
a cheque for £1,620.00 to  
the Tykes Disabilities Football Club *Nigel Croft*

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Left Robert Rudge Landlord of the Gatehouse and Dave Hughes of Acorn Brewery

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# Survey of Brierley, Shafton and Cudworth July 2007

On Wednesday 4th July 2007 members of Barnsley CAMRA again ventured out on a pub crawl, sorry survey. This time it was to the North East of the branch area. The brief resume of the survey includes individual and group thoughts. As several months have elapsed circumstances may have changed, and in some cases have.

### The Three Horseshoes - Brierley

At the time of our visit the cask ales available were John Smith's Cask and Greene King IPA. The beer was found to be in good condition and the pub scored highly on its atmosphere and decor style. The Three Horseshoes has a semi open plan style layout with small drinking areas. Food is served throughout the pub as well as in the separate dining area. The outside has two beer gardens with plenty of seating and a designated smoking area. Read more on the Three Horseshoes in the BAR Fly on page 15

### The Fox & Hounds - Shafton

The pub was deserted and was sadly Keg only. The group commented on the tired decor and the fact that most of the tables and chairs were chained to the floor.

### The Great Dane - Shafton

From the outside the pub looks very nice with a large car park area. On entering we came into the Lounge and found the single hand pump, this was found to be out of use. The lounge area was pleasant but looking a little used. We proceeded into the games room area where the majority of the clientele were. The room had a small bar and Pool table. The pub had a good clientele mix. We remarked how more could be made of the pub's facilities. The only sign of possible sanity was the Theakston's Old Peculiar on sale but sadly by the bottle.

### Dard's - Cudworth

The pub was very well presented with modern decor. The pub offers good value food. Sadly this once real ale pub is now keg only. The clientele mix sadly let the pub down with one customer constantly on the phone swearing for everyone to hear. Something the staff should have acted upon. Other people left and we had a shortened stay.

### The Victoria - Cudworth.

The good point on our visit of this pub was the John's Smith's Cask on offer which was found to be in good condition. Sadly this is where the good part ends. The pub interior was over tired. Members comments reflected this with comments such as 'Mole eaten furnishings', 'the sticky threadbare carpet is legendary and worthy of inclusion into the national inventory'. One member asked if the pub had been flooded with the recent bad weather! It was noted that the pub is due to undergo a refurbishment shortly. (The refurbishment had now been done so our comments are history).

### The Star - Cudworth

Members gave this pub rave reviews. At the time of our visit the John Smiths Cask was found to be in excellent condition. The pub decor is very nice and clean and has a good clientele mix. (The pub since the survey has been extended and refurbished).

### The Pinfold - Cudworth

This Sam Smiths pub was sadly Keg only. The Pub had a pleasant interior and large car park. The lounge is complimented by a large function room at the rear. Comments were good on value for money and good value food which is also available. Members remarked that with other pubs in the area offering Cask ale what a shame it was that the Pinfold didn't do the same.

### Sprinters Bar - Cudworth

The Sprinters bar is situated at the Dorothy Hyman sports centre. The council run pub offers John Smith's Cask. Members were pleased on all aspects. The pub has a club feel to it with a large function room and comfy lounge. The pub's fresh popcorn machine was put through its paces.

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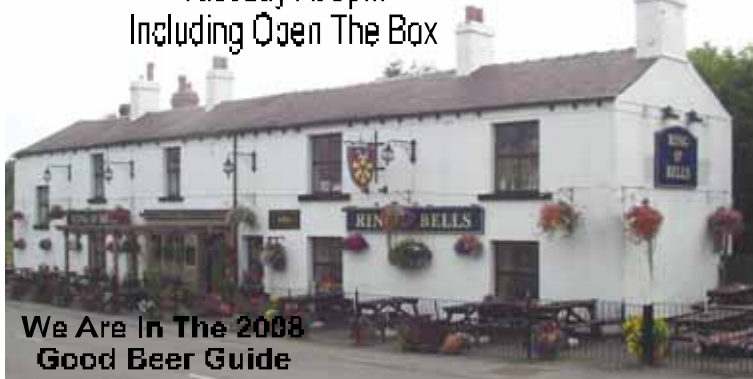
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**Away Ales** *Continued*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Crystal Palace**

Croydon area has seven choices in this year's Good Beer Guide and one is just one mile south-west from Selhurst Park - **the Lion**, 182 Pawsons Road. Although also only one mile from Croydon town centre, the Lion stands in splendid isolation opposite Queen's Road Cemetery. The pub has a resident cribbage team, and darts and pool are also played. The beers usually include two from Hepworth and three from Shepherd Neame. Food is served all day Monday to Friday and until 5pm at the weekend.  
Open: Noon to 11pm Saturdays  
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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Burnley**

Burnley's section gives four recommended pubs in this year's GBG, of which today we'll feature the **Coal Clough**, 41 Coal Clough Lane, a true end-of-terrace pub that is always busy. Dominoes and darts are played in the games room while the main bar hosts live entertainment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Massey's Traditional Bitter is brewed to an old recipe from the sadly defunct Burnley Brewery. Cain's Traditional Bitter and Worthington's Bitter are usually served alongside two guest beers generally sourced from micro-breweries. Nearest train station is Burnley Barracks.  
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was being played and danced to, not the house and techno I was expecting. The pub is just one long room with the bar on the left, the outside

smoking area is well sheltered and meets the regulations. The Pulse is well lit with decorative modern and coloured lighting and the wall colour is mainly terracotta. There are a couple of seating areas one as you come in and another at the rear. Music is the main theme here and why not? The two real ales on offer are

Tetley Cask, and a changing guest beer, on my visit it was Black Sheep Bitter both 3.8% abv. Both these beers have a special weekday afternoon price from Monday to Friday 11am till 6pm Tetley's is £1.25 a pint and the guest beer is £1.70 a pint. Evenings and weekends the price is £2.50 but ask about their membership card, this extends offers.

The pub is open from 11am till late Mondays to Fridays and till 4am on Saturdays and 7pm till 4am on Sundays. Live music, Barnsley Original Music (BOM) have three bands on each Thursday, and Non stop music seems to be played any other time, but much more subtle on afternoons.



The pulse since its new ownership has moved from a red to a green light in the councils licensing scheme and visiting the pub both when it is busy and quiet I have had no reason to question its new green light status. A welcome if not different real ale pub.

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## Away Ales *Continued*

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Blackpool

CAMRA's 2008 Good Beer Guide gives eight pubs to peruse but Away Ales has already featured three so again trying a fresh choice we'll visit the **Pump and Truncheon** on Bonny Street, opposite the police station. This large single-roomed pub with wooden floorboards and brick walls is a popular watering hole and winner of several local CAMRA awards. It always has eight ales to choose from, with Boddington's Bitter the permanent one and hosts a beer festival in June. Live entertainment is on Saturday and Sunday evenings when it is licensed to open until midnight. Victorian police photographs plus other bric-a-brac decorate the walls. An extensive food menu is on offer plus a large-screen TV for sports fans.

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### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Watford

A brand new Away Ales 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 carrying the current Good Beer Guide. Possibly this copy of the BAR...?

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## Hannah At The Hob

BY  
Hannah Lucas

I decided to forget about winter and start to think about Spring. I am going to look at foods 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 spring crop.

### Rhubarb

There is a tradition of using certain foods to flavour beer especially products like honey and fruit. Think of the honey beers produced by brewers such as Fuller's *Organic Honey Dew*, Young's *Waggle Dance* and Wentworth's *Bumble Beer*. There are also the Belgium monastic fruit beers, modern examples include Timmermans *peach lambic* and *blackcurrant lambic*. I have just tried Badger Brewery's *Golden Glory* which has a subtle addition of peach blossom extract. Sounds unnatural but gave a nice hint of peach without being as heavily fruity as some of the Belgium fruit beers.

The area around Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield is known as the rhubarb triangle because it is the main area for commercial rhubarb cultivation in the U.K. The beds and the forcing sheds can be seen near the M1/M62 intersection. Rhubarb originated in the cold areas of central Europe/Asia near Turkey and the Ukraine and has been used as a herbal remedy for centuries. The availability of coal as a fuel and availability of soil improvers such as soot, horse manure and waste fibre from the wool mills caused the industry to thrive in this area. Yorkshire Rhubarb refers to the pale pink forced stems and it has protected status as a designated regional food.

The annual Rhubarb Festival is in Wakefield on 8 & 9 March 2008. Events include farm tours, themed meals and a Farmers Market selling rhubarb pies, jams and cheese as well as plants.  
[www.wakefield.gov.uk/CultureAndLeisure/Tourism/VisitWakefield/RhubarbFestival/default.htm](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/CultureAndLeisure/Tourism/VisitWakefield/RhubarbFestival/default.htm)

The cheesemonger Cryer and Stott have shops in Wakefield, Pontefract and Castledon and they make a ewe's milk cheese that also contains rhubarb, *Ruby Gold*. [www.cryerandstott.co.uk](http://www.cryerandstott.co.uk)  
In previous years the Fernandes Brewery Tap has sold rhubarb beer which goes well with the cheese and crusty bread.

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Rhubarb is not an easy product to add to beer because both the cooked and the raw stems are

acidic. The leaves are always avoided because they contain oxalic acid. This was popular with the Victorians as a type of spot dry cleaner.

Several brewers work with rhubarb including Greene King *Ruddes County Rhubarb*. Has anyone tried it?

Beer with rhubarb goes really well with strong tasting foods such as grilled mackerel, grilled duck breast or smoked cheese dishes. This rhubarb sauce also works well with these strong oily foods. It also goes well with others but to save over fishing and air miles I am sticking with British mackerel.

### Rhubarb Sauce

Serves 2

2 stalks of rhubarb, cut into 2cm pieces, forced or from the garden

1 tbs sugar

1-2 tbs lemon juice

chopped red chilli or pinch chilli powder or 1 tsp hot sour chilli sauce

Adjust the sugar, lemon and chilli to taste.

Mix all the ingredients in a pan. Cook the rhubarb over a very gentle heat and watch for burning. Add a little water if it starts to catch. Serve hot or cold with the cooked fish/meat/cheese (I have replaced the chilli with English mustard and it is good with ham or cheese)

### Easy Rhubarb Pudding

Serves 4

Oven 200C or gas 6 - Greased gratin dish  
4 thick/medium slices of bread, no crust, in triangles, well buttered on one side  
500g rhubarb cut into 2cm pieces  
270g frozen raspberries  
pinch cinnamon and sugar to taste

Soften the rhubarb in a pan or microwave. Add raspberries and sugar to taste. Warm through then spoon into the dish. Arrange bread on top, butter side down.

Bake 20 - 25 mins – watch that the bread does not burn. Sprinkle on some extra sugar mixed with the cinnamon. Return to oven until the sugar is melted and brown, about 5 minutes

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## CHAMPION AWAY ALES

Following a busy Christmas period in the league and a win over Blackpool in the FA Cup it's time to focus on our next seven(!) away games for this issue of the BAR. After this there's only two away matches to the end of the season so it will be imperative for Barnsley FC to maintain their league position (13<sup>th</sup> as I write) and try to push towards a play-off place by May. I think any team can beat any other in this division this season. CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2008, as ever, will provide good company for the following seven away fixtures:-

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Coventry

Ten pubs make up Coventry's section of this year's Good Beer Guide and today we'll feature a old favourite: the **Nursery Tavern**, 38-39 Lord Street, Chapelfields, one mile west of the city centre. A thriving community pub situated in a terraced street in the historic watch making area, this tavern has been in the same ownership for more than a decade and is a long standing entry in the Guide. It has two front rooms served by a central bar and third room at the rear which is quieter and regularly hosts traditional pub games and quizzes. Courage Best Bitter, Fuller's London Pride and John Smith's Bitter sit among the guest beers amongst which a mild is always stocked. Beer Festivals are held on the patio behind the pub in summer and winter.  
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With Laurence Mace

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Plymouth

A magnificent sixteen choices for Plymouth this year in the 2008 Good Beer Guide for what is always a long trek to see an away game – especially in a midweek fixture, again! The **Prince Maurice**, 3 Church Hill, Eggbuckland is at our times local CAMRA Pub of the Year residing twixt the church and green in what was once a village but is now a suburb of Plymouth. It still maintains a village pub atmosphere in both bars and continues to offer eight beers plus Thatcher's Cheddar Valley Cider, Adnams Broadside and Summerskills Best Bitter accompany the guest beers. The pub is named after the Royalist general, the King's nephew, who had his headquarters nearby during the Siege of Plymouth during the Civil War.  
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### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Norwich

Last season we featured the outstanding Fat Cat from amongst the fourteen GBG choices, so today we'll throw the spotlight on a very convenient pub the **Coach and Horses**, 82 Thorpe Road, only 400 metres from the railway station. This coaching inn dates back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and is now home to the Chalk Hill Brewery. The full range of its ales is on sale – Tap, CHB, Cold, Dreadnought, Flintknapper's Mild, Old Tackle – plus a number of guests. Brewery tours are available by appointment. The main bar has a large open fire and excellent home-cooked food is served lunchtime and evenings.  
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# A Cotswold Christmas

This Christmas the family and I made our annual three day break to the Cotswolds. We've been making the trip now for the last four years and are always impressed with the wealth of new places to visit and the number of quality pubs serving good beer! We always go by car as we find this the perfect way to find out those back road hidden gems. We set off on Thursday morning. The route down takes about three hours. The night before, I did a bit of research and found that the Oxfordshire CAMRA country pub of the year was actually en route (how handy!) So this was to be our first stop.

### The Rose and Crown at Chardbury

A lovely un-spoilt village pub located on a corner of the main street. Inside the pub has lots of exposed woodwork and seating, an open plan layout with three separate drinking areas. The pub offers 7 real ales from local and national breweries I had Holden's Deck The Halls 4.6 % abv and very nice too. A great start to the weekend.

In order to keep in the wife's good books I decided to take her to her favorite village in the Cotswolds, the picturesque village of Bourton on the Water. The village lies on the river Windrush, indeed the river runs straight through the heart of the town with the roads passing over the river by the way of small quaint stone bridges. The village as with a lot of the area was hit bad by the summer flooding so many of the shops and cafes were either still closed or in the process of refurbishment. After a walk around the village we decided to call at one of the many pubs.

### The Duke of Wellington Bourton on the water

A back street pub set on a side road off the main street, a local's pub with three ales available Courage Directos, Young's bitter and Wells Bombarder all in good condition.

We then made our way to our Hotel. We stayed at the Travelodge at Burford. Situated on the main A40 Oxford road on the fringe of this lovely Cotswold town it makes an ideal resting place (and also good value at £28 per night) After freshening up we made our way into town for our evening meal. Burford has a wealth of pubs to choose from but we decided upon the Cotswold Arms.

### The Cotswold Arms Burford

The pub is situated at the bottom of the hill on the high street. The pub has three real ales available, two White Horse brewery beers plus Theakston's XB. Both the food and beer were of excellent quality and we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The next day we decided to have a trip into Oxford. We made the short 20 mile trip along the A40 and managed to park outside the famous St John's College. Oxford has a wealth of good quality pubs. We visited Oxford last year and after doing some research I was keen to find The Turf Tavern.

### The Turf Tavern Oxford

This Multi award winning pub is well worth seeking out. The pub is extremely hard to find. It's located down a little alley way overlooked by the city wall. The pub has a website that gives good directions (including pictures) to the pub. The pub offers seven ales plus cider all in good condition. I had Turf Tavern Summer Ale and White Horse Saracen IPA all in excellent condition. If visiting the pub please beware of the extremely low ceiling height and low beams.

On the way back from Oxford we called at a little village called Ramsden where we found a lovely pub in the heart of the village.

### Royal Oak Ramsden

The pub is a typical Cotswold village community pub. It was quite busy with locals and dners alike. The pub had three Cask ales all from microbreweries, of which I had Windrush Ale a typical Cotswold Ale. The pub has a good range of food available; along with the strangest crisps I've ever come across Root vegetable flavor, they were to say the least interesting! The pub is run by CAMRA members who may I add were very friendly.

After spending the late afternoon shopping and eating cakes in Burford we then spent the evening checking out some more of the areas watering holes. We again made the trip back to Bourton on the Water after reading an article in a local CAMRA magazine.

### The Famous Mousehole Inn Bourton on the Water

A Gastro pub on the fringe of the village that sadly had an emphasis on food rather than beer. Although the landlord was extremely friendly and the beer was in excellent condition we came away feeling disappointed due to the waitresses habit of pestering you into ordering food! As for the beer three local real ales were the order of the day I had a pint of Pig Brook by The North Cotswold Brewery, very nice too!

Well before we knew it Saturday was upon us and time to leave. However as we've done in the past we like to take a leisurely route back and take in some sights. This year we decided to visit Warwick. We'd drove through on a number of occasions and always remarked on how pretty it was but never stopped. We had a lovely time shopping in the old streets and as is the norm decided to take in a pub.

### The Old Fourpenny Shop Hotel Warwick

Situated just off the main High Street and shops this pub has apparently been in the Good Beer Guide for the last 16 years. The pub is located down a small side street near the racecourse. The pub had four real ales on, and I had a pint of RCH Pitchfork. Having tried RCH beers for the first time at this year's Beer Festival I was certainly impressed with this one. The pub also offered good value food.

It was then back to the road where we made our way back up north to our last stop. Whilst reading a magazine by Gloucestershire CAMRA I noticed an article about Thornbridge Jaipur winning their beer of the festival and a presentation at the Coach and Horses at Dronfield. As we were passing and as I've never been we decided to call in

### Coach and Horses Dronfield

Located next to Sheffield FC's ground the Coach and Horses is owned by the multi award winning Thornbridge Brewery. The pub showcases the Thornbridge range with five cask ales. It seemed only fit that I had a pint of the award winning Jaipur IPA and a great way to end a fantastic break.

I would like to finish by thanking my wife Annette for being my designated driver for the weekend, without her this article wouldn't have been possible.

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# BAR-fly Lands At The Three Horseshoes Brierley



The Three Horseshoes lies at the junction of Church Street and Pontefract road in the Historic Village of Brierley.

In 1835, the Barnsley to Pontefract turnpike was opened as far as Ackworth, on the right hand side of the road, heading to Hensworth stands the only remaining milestone of the road.

Following the opening of the turnpike road the first mention of the Three Horse Shoes Hotel can be found. The Inn probably opened as an inn to serve travellers along this road. The Three Horseshoes was the second Inn in Brierley alongside the Farriers Inn. Until recently the pub remained relatively unchanged. During the 1950's / 60's the pub held many garden and floral society competitions and regular outings, it also hosted many events and groups such as the village harvest festival and the Local British Legion.



The pub continued to host community events some stranger than others in 1983 the pub hosted a Black pudding eating competition (now there's an idea!) The pub had until 2001 when it had a major refurbishment. These works included altering the layout of the pub into three areas. Although the pub could now be classed as having a modern interior there are still many old features within the pub such as cast iron ranges and lots of exposed wooden beams. The pub now has designated dining area, separate dining /drinking area and designated drinking area.



The Three Horseshoes is still at the heart of the community and hosts local society meetings. The pub is now owned by the local FGL pub chain and offers a fantastic food menu. Booking is advised as the pub is always popular. As for the beer, the pub has recently increased the number of cask ale's on offer to two. John Smith's Cask and Theakston's Black Bull are always available. The small beer garden is as I say small but in summer drinkers make use of the large forecourt which has ample seating and makes a really nice drinking area. So if you're after a good pint accompanied by good food in a historical surrounding give the Three Horseshoes a try I'm sure you'll be impressed

I would like to thank Richard Watson for the historical information in this article and should you like to view further information on the history of Brierley please visit their web site at [www.brierleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.brierleyvillage.co.uk)

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