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Barnsley Ale Report

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# SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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- Wednesday 4th June**  
Survey social starting at the Station Inn, Darfield 7.45pm. Catch the 219 bus at 7.15pm.
- Saturday 7th June**  
Yorks hire Regional Meeting at the Market, Elsecar. Starts at 12.30pm, CAMRA members only. Followed by crawl of Elsecar after the meeting.
- Wednesday 11th June**  
Pub of the Year Presentation Award to the Market Hotel, Elsecar. Catch the 66 bus at 7.25pm or the train at 7.26pm. Award at around 9pm. See P7
- Friday 13th June**  
Club of the Year Presentation Award to the Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley. Presentation at around 9pm. See P11
- Wednesday 18th June**  
Pub of the Year Runner Up Presentation Award to the Dog and Partridge, Hazlehead, Flouch. Mini bus from the Gatehouse, leaves at 7.30pm (Book and Pay Now for your Seat) Contact Margaret. CAMRA £4 Non CAMRA £5 - leaves the Dog and Partridge at 10.15pm with drop-offs on direct route to town and town only. See P7
- Friday 20th June**  
Club of the Year Runner Up Presentation to Darfield Cricket Club, Darfield. Catch the 219 bus 7.15pm or the X197.25pm. Presentation at around 9pm. See P1

- Friday 11th July**  
Summer Pub of the Seas on goes to the Keel Inn, Canal St, Barnsley. The presentation will take place at approx 9pm. See P3
- Saturday 12th July**  
Visit to Spire Brewery at Chesterfield. We catch the 9.48am train from Barnsley. Then catch the 11.04am, 70 bus from The Chesterfield Hotel to Duke St Roundabout, Staveley (11.20am) for a walk to the brewery arriving at about 11.40am.
- Tuesday 22nd July**  
BAR distribution social at the Gatehouse, Barnsley. Pick up copies of the August September BAR. 8pm
- Saturday 26th July**  
Early afternoon visit to Sheffield's Valley of Beer. Leave Barnsley on 2.26pm train. Return on the 8.48pm train.
- Tuesday 29th July**  
Branch meeting and social at Station Inn Darfield. Catch the 219 bus at 7.15pm. Meeting starts at 8pm. Eight real ales on offer.

[Advance notice - Sponsored Walk 2008 - 8¼ miles - 20th September P18]

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.

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- Tuesday 24th June**  
Branch meeting and social at the Thornley Arms, Dodworth. Meeting starts at 8pm start, catch the 14 bus at 7.35pm
- Wednesday 2nd July**  
Survey social of Royston and Athersley. Start at the Cross at 7.30pm, catch the B Line Travel 52 bus at 6.50pm (Be there at 6.45pm as it has been known to leave early)
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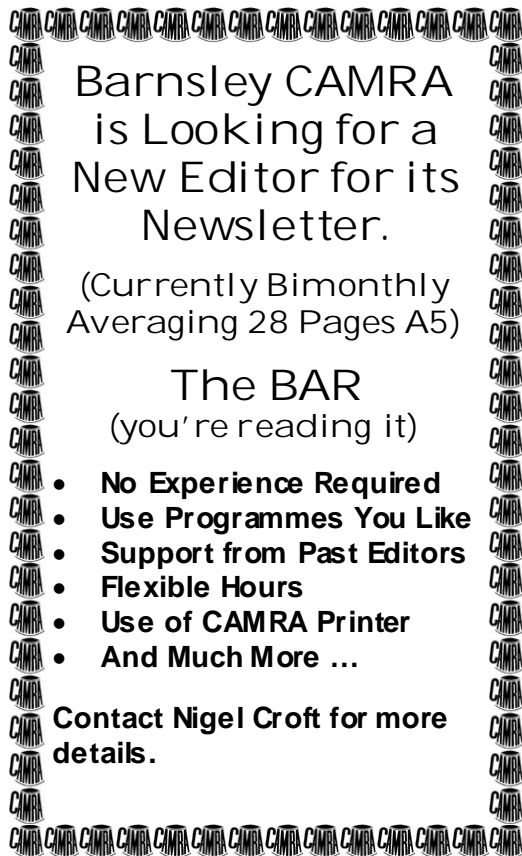
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# Pub of the Season Summer 2008

## The Keel Inn - Canal St - Barnsley

This year's summer pub of the season award goes to The Keel Inn, Canal Street, Barnsley. The Keel is situated just ten minutes walk from the Barnsley Interchange just before Asda and McDonald's on the Wakefield Road and is well remembered by real ale fans as the pub which, in 1975, served the last pint of the old Barnsley Bitter from the Oakwell Brewery which had been taken over by John Smiths.



Mine hosts, Dave and Lisa, moved to The Keel in December 2003 from the George and Dragon on Summer Lane where they had established a reputation for their real ale and soon installed two handpumps to serve beers exclusively from local micro brewers. Beers from Wentworth, Ossett, Acorn, Durham and Fernandes feature heavily but other micros beers make occasional appearances, all served in lined glasses and at reasonable prices.

The Keel is a genuine free house, being privately owned, and has been extended over the years from the original small canalside pub, and although ostensibly open plan, there is a lower level 'best' area with comfortable seating and an open fire which is partitioned off from the areas surrounding the bar. The pub has a nautical theme with photographs and artefacts, including a suit of armour, and has a mixed clientele, from those who make up the highly successful men's and woman's darts and pool teams midweek to the large posse of real ale drinkers, drinking from 5pm Friday and to the more formal atmosphere of Saturday night. Sunday afternoon features football on the large screens.



There is a function room at the back which has been the venue for the last four Barnsley Beer Festivals and accommodation is available in the adjoining motel.

The Keel is a friendly, welcoming and well ordered pub where anyone, young or old, can drink in a safe environment, and this award is a well deserved accolade to Dave and Lisa who also recently became parents for the first time, young Billy appearing on the scene in February.

Dave and Lisa will be presented with their well earned Pub of the Season award on the evening of **Friday 11th July**, please show your support by joining *Dave Lawson* us on the night.



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### BARNSELEY CAMRA AWARD WINNERS

#### 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

#### Tim and Anna

The Fitzwilliam Arms, Elsecar  
Commitment to Real Ale Award

#### The Dove Inn

Barnsley  
Autumn 2007 Pub of the Season

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# A Few To Remember

An article by the late Jack Williams, published here in 2001, told us of the price of beer going down, well just in case the current Chancellor reads this we are printing it again. However, the following pub crawl has less pubs to go in these days...

In 1959 I was in the Army and I remember the price of a pint of beer going DOWN by 2d. The then Chancellor, Heathcoat Amery did this in his 1959 budget. The national Public Bar average prices per pint that year was 1/1d.

Once when I was home on leave from the Army I called in at 'THE TRAFALGAR' pub up New Street. On the notice board was a story that went something like this...

One fine day in 1959 I caught a NUMBER 7 bus up to Shambles Street. There I saw 'THREE TRAVELLERS' who had just obtained their 'STORES', talking to 'LORD NELSON' who had been for a meal at 'THE ROYAL HOTEL' before he visited the 'TEMPLE OF THE MUSES' to pay his respects to 'KING GEORGE'. This he did before revisiting 'THE TRAFALGAR'. I then called in at the 'WINE SHADES' for a pint of Barnsley Brewery Bitter, 1/4d to listen to Tommy Fisher and his Misfits, ee-bah-gum, those were the days. In 1959 the Wine Shades was being watched over by 'THREE CRANES' sitting in a 'ROYAL OAK' tree guarding some CROSS KEYS' and a 'WIRE TRELLIS' that they found behind the 'WELLINGTON' in the 'MARKET PLACE'. I then called in at the 'DUKE OF YORK' for a pint of Tenant's Bitter and to listen to big Bon Roper on the piano and the fabulous Betina singing. Just as I was finishing my pint, a man from the 'CORPORATION' was complaining that there wasn't enough 'INDUSTRY' going on in the 'GLOBE'. He was talking as if he had been drinking heavily in the 'MANOR CASTLE' so I drank up and had a walk on Wellington Street. There I saw William 'SHAKESPEAR' riding on an 'ELEPHANT' that was adorned with a 'ROSE AND THISTLE' and some 'RING O'BELLS'. After this I made my way to Sheffield Road where 'CLARENCE' had been enquiring if he could hire a 'PLOUGH' for some 'GARDENER' friends who wanted to grow a 'VINE' to give to the 'MARQUIS OF GRANDY' whom once resided at the 'GRIFFEN'. Up Sheffield Road a 'SPOTTED LEOPARD' that belonged to an 'OLD WARRIOR' was chasing a 'MANX' cat. Inside the Warrior the fantastic Melody Maniacs were entertaining the 'DUKE OF LEEDS' who was playing host to 'QUEEN VICTORIA'. She was waiting outside the 'RISING SUN' for her 'COACH AND HORSES' to take her to see the 'MORNING STAR'. This was shining on the 'WHITE BEAR' that lived near a grape 'VINE'. After I had seen the Morning Star I knew it was time to be going home. On the way I called and bought some fish n' chips (1/3d). All in all a good night out for 10/- 7 pints on average of 1/3d per pint and supper.

*The late Jack Williams*

Anyone willing to produce an up-to-date version for publication can contact Nigel Croft, his contact details can be found on P 26



In the 1997 General Election the Labour Party promised that it would protect consumers from short beer measures. Eleven years on the Government has yet to keep its promise. Please sign up to the National Full Pints Petition to call on the Government to keep to its word and end short beer measures.

Now that the average price of a pint in the Barnsley area is close to £2.50,

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- If you are not satisfied with the top up, contact trading standards - Details on P 20

# Pub, Club

The **Station Inn** at Darfield is now open with eight real ales available (no keg beer.) Roger and Kris hope to offer food shortly. See ad P2.

The **Old Hall** Great Houghton is again under new management, no real ales though. Brad (formerly Elephant and Castle, Hemingfield) is now at the **Junction**, Broomhill. The pub is offering two real ales John Smiths Cask and Theakstons Black Bull both in excellent condition. The **Meadows** across the roundabout continue to have Taylor Landlord.

The **Horseshoe** at Wombwell is to hold a mini local ale festival from 23rd to 29th June. Tasting sessions with the brewers is also planned. The Horseshoe, as far as I am aware is the only pub in Barnsley that offers two draught real ciders, the majority of the time. The **Coach and Horses** on Sheffield Road Barnsley is up for sale as a freehouse. The **Queens Head** on Kings Road, Hoyland is up

for sale. The **Hermit Inn** at Higham never seems to be open. Laurel Pub Company went into administration in mid April, this closed **Yates's** on Shambles St. Just before it went into administration two new companies were formed which acquired 293 profitable venues, Yates's not being one of them. The **Fitzwilliam Arms** in Elsecar is again under new management. On a recent visit I found the two real ales in great form. The new licensee at the **Royal Albert**, Blacker Hill would like any brewery that can supply in pins to contact him. Real ales were selling but not enough to keep one on permanently.

During May CAMRA members and beer drinkers were offered a wonderful choice of milds. Thanks go to the Licensees across the Barnsley area for providing us with this rare style of beer. One or two pubs are thinking of keeping a mild on the bar more regularly if not permanently after the interest in May.

*Nigel Croft*

# & Brewery News

## H.B.Clarks - Wakefield

Offerings for the summer from Clarks start with a beer that is said to be easy to drink, and at only 3.6% abv this will make Henry's Heady Daze a popular golden session beer for summer. For June sees the continuation of the zodiac beers (Gemini) Double Vision, a 4.2% abv copper coloured ale with loads of fruity aromas, and the zodiac beer for July is Feel the Pinch (Cancer) 3.8% abv, light and hoppy with lingering fruit hints.

## Acorn Brewery - Barnsley

In early May Acorn Barnsley Bitter and Old Moor Porter were at the New England Real Ale Exhibition, Somerville, MA. Which leads us onto the US IPA's. The latest in their range of American hopped IPAs, will be Cascade for June and Liberty for July, both at 5% abv. Summer Pale 4.1% abv is also back and will be available both via the free trade and the Siba Direct Delivery Scheme. Need a new shirt, T-shirt or hat? Acorn branded clothing is now available, in both male and female styles - contact the brewery for details. P28

## Thornbridge Brewery - Derbyshire

Major changes have been happening at the brewery of Jaipur... The brewery is increasing production and range of beers available. Installation of two new 16 barrel fermenters means more beer more choice. The team are also helping Andrea Pausler who is a PhD student from Udine University, Italy. Andrea has been working on a project with hops and how they impart aromas and bitterness to beers. Andrea has been really looking forward to working at Thornbridge and in addition to all the technical parts of his study the team have introduced him to all aspects of brewery work including cask cleaning and filling. (Hope you haven't missed out the best bits though, ED) The Annual Garden Party is set for Sun 6th July 11am- 4pm. Brewery and main house are open for tours and Thornbridge beers will be on offer. Full details are on our website at [www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk) Proceeds of the event go to charity.

*Nigel Croft*

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# Barnsley Beer Festival 2008

The dates are provisional and are released to keep you up-to-date with our organising.

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## BARNLSLEY 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.

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# Pubs Of The Year 2008 Gold - The Market - Elsecar

This year's Barnsley CAMRA Pub of the Year, for the second consecutive year goes to the Market Hotel Elsecar. The judges gave this pub rave reviews. The four real ales are always in excellent condition. This is also reflected in a recent CAMRA award for commitment to real ale.

Landlord Dave was over the moon with the news. "It's great news for me, the staff and the village. I'd like to give thanks to Ron Lodge for all his hard work. Our real ale sales at the moment are awesome especially the darker beers. We're getting visitors from across the country all coming due to our reputation for great real ale."

The pub was built in 1860 in the Earl Fitzwilliam's coal mining village of Elsecar.

## Silver - The Dog & Partridge Bord Hill, Flouch

This year's Pub of the Year Silver award goes to the Dog & Partridge at Bord Hill. This year was one of the closest we've known, which shows the high quality of pubs in the area. The Dog & Partridge is right up there with them. The pub got rave reviews from all our judges and it's easy to see why.

The local ales on offer are always in good condition and can be accompanied by great food. All this is down to the hard work of Stephen and Audrey Marsh and all the staff. On hearing the news Audrey was overjoyed. "The real ales are doing excellent and to receive recognition for our hard work is always nice."

The pub has recently got a license to perform weddings and with the hotel makes an ideal stopping place.

Barnsley CAMRA will be holding a presentation night on **Wednesday 18th June**.

**Phil Gregg - Barnsley CAMRA Pubs and Clubs Officer**

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The mining ceased years ago but the pub still goes from strength to strength. The Market is a traditional community pub that has remained untouched from modern refurbishment, which is something of a rarity these days.

The market offers the discerning drinker a choice of four real ales, one permanent (Wentworth Pale Ale) and three quick changing guest ales. Cask ales at the Market are sourced from national micros. The pub gives strong support to Yorkshire micros such as Wentworth, Acorn and Glentworth. At the market you are always sure of a warm welcome and a great pint!

Barnsley CAMRA will be making the presentation to the pub on the evening of **Wednesday 11th June**.

## Bronze - The Gatehouse Barnsley

This has been a great year for the Gatehouse, winner of CAMRA's Spring Pub of the Season and now a Bronze in the Pub of the Year award. What makes this even more remarkable is the fact that The Gatehouse is situated in the heart of the town centre, not your typical real ale pub location. All this is down to the hard work of landlord Robert Rudge and his staff. Since taking over the Gatehouse Rob has transformed the pub from a run down, tired pub into the fantastic outlet we have today. On hearing the news Rob was overjoyed. "It's great to get recognition especially with all the hard work we've put into this place. I love to showcase new beers and breweries and the feedback we get from the customers is always positive."

CAMRA held a presentation afternoon for the Gatehouse on Saturday 3rd May - See pictures from Gatehouse awards on P16.

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## Hannah At The Hob

BY  
Hannah Lucas

### Those were the days.

Like me, you are probably tired of the media comments about unhealthy eating and excessive drinking. I have in mind the recent pronouncements about the dangers of buttered toast and also cheese. I then started to think about our ancestors and the health and diet problems that they faced. Food was often in short supply, sold in short measure or adulterated.

Beer used to be regarded as food for all of the family including the children. This was because it was regarded as being safer than either milk or water. It was popular with the men working in the hot and dusty conditions found in mines, factories and steel works. Many of us have heard the tales told by retired steel workers who remember young boys carrying jugs of beer from the local pub to the side entrance of the steel works.

Concerns about beer quality go back to before industrial times. Villages used the *Assizes for Bread and Beer* to regulate quality and quantity and this demonstrates the importance of these products as staples for life. Beer might be sold in short measure, be diluted with water or adulterated with sulphuric acid to reduce the quantity of hops and malt. Sour beer might be revived with ground oyster shell. The first 'Ale Conner' was appointed in London in 1377 and he was responsible for tasting beer and announcing the results whether they be good or bad. He would taste the beer and then test the strength by putting some on a bench and sitting on it. The strength was judged by the degree to which his leather breeches stuck to the bench.

Prosecutions for adulteration increased after the 1820s because industrialisation and the growth of the cities meant that brewers were not as close to the drinkers and so more likely to cheat. The *Co-operative Movement* started in 1848 as a response to concerns about adulterated food. Developments in analytical chemistry meant that detection rates increased. Detection became easier but finding the culprits was more complex. It was difficult to identify where adulteration took place and difficult to trace the origin of the ingredients. Traceability of ingredients is now a major factor in the food industry.

This was demonstrated by problems with cheese which was frequently "polluted" with mercury salts. But there was a case where the cheese, Double Gloucester, was contaminated with red lead to colour the cheese. The supplier of the red lead said that he thought he was supplying a painter and decorator not an ingredients business. Double Gloucester gets its name from the use of morning milk and the cream from the evening milk. Single Gloucester is milk from only one milking. Red cheese is now coloured with vegetable dye usually from the fruit of the tropical Annatto tree.

The association of bread and beer goes back to ancient Egypt and it is unclear which was discovered first, beer or raised bread. Unleavened or flat bread goes back to even earlier times but it is thought that the ancient Egyptians discovered raised bread after some beer yeast became accidentally mixed with wet dough. Bread, this other staple of the diet, also suffered from contamination through the use of polluted flour.

Bread, cheese and beer are old companions and still remain popular despite the efforts of the "food police". So why not treat yourself?

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- As above but with hot sweet chilli sauce.
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## CAMRA Pub Survey of Dodworth Rd and Racecommon Rd 3rd October 2007

### The Cranberry

**Cask Ales:** None available

A nice small semi open plan feel to the pub with a games area. Unfortunately the pub had no cask ale, but do have a selection of bottled beers always available some of which are bottle conditioned (Fiddlers Elbow.)

### Marlborough

**Cask Ales:** None available

The pub did not have any cask ale at the time of our visit. The Marlborough usually has John Smith's cask however on our visit, like many pubs in the borough, the beer had been sent back due to quality issues. The pub is set to see a revamp of the beer/ lager range this will unfortunately see the removal of the hand pumps.

and photographs from the brewery. It was very nice to see some of Barnsley's heritage being preserved instead of being thrown in a skip! As with other pubs on the survey, the club reported poor quality of John Smiths Cask with 14 casks being returned.

### The Shaw Inn

**Cask Ales:** Black Sheep Best Bitter,

Marston's Pedigree, John Smiths Cask  
The busiest pub of the night, the two-roomed pub had a typical local cosy feel. The pub offered three cask ales, all of which were in good form. As with other pubs the John Smiths Cask quality issue was made aware (five casks sent back to the brewery)

### Longcar Inn

**Cask Ales:** None available.

Unfortunately the pub had no cask ale and not much atmosphere. We scoured the pumps and shelves and drank a swift half of Guinness or Becks.

### Shaw Lane Sports Club

**Cask Ales:** Magnet, Phoenix Wobbly Bob, Acorn Barnsley Bitter.

A lively club house with a mix of customers, all chatting and having a great time. This club offers a members' lounge and large function room that can be booked by non members for all sorts of occasions. Wobbly Bob is always available here and is a wobbly 6% abv



Above: Trades Club

### The Barnsley Trades Club

**Cask Ales:** John Smiths Cask

This typical Club had John Smiths Cask at a very reasonable £1.68 per pint! CAMRA members were made very welcome and we found what was to be the only real find of the night. Upstairs at the Trades is a lounge style room that house the original brewery bar from the former Oakwell Barnsley brewery. The room also has on display lots of memorabilia

Overall the survey was good and again it showed that real ale on the fringe of the town is selling well. Let's hope that the town centre may follow suit. John Smiths have now sorted the problem with beer now being brewed back at Tadcaster, shame they didn't let people know their plans of brewing over the Pennines.

*Phil Gregg*

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The date (TBC) will be Saturday 20th September from the Joseph Bramah to Darfield Cricket Club



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# Clubs Of The Year 2008

## Gold - Shaw Lane Sports Club Barnsley



Shaw Lane Sports Club

This year's Barnsley CAMRA Club of the Year Gold Award goes to Shaw Lane Sports Club. The club has previously won the award and this year was given fantastic results from the CAMRA judges. The manager Sharon has only been in the job since October and was shocked and delighted with the news. "It's fantastic; it's great to get some recognition for all the hard work put in by myself and all the staff. The real ales are all really selling well." The club offers three cask ales two of which are on permanent (John Smiths Magnet, brewed at Burtonwood, Cheshire and Phoenix Wobbly

Bob, a 6% abv Strong Amber Ale) and one rotating guest beer, usually from a local brewery. Good value food is on offer at the club. The club has fantastic sports facilities such as a cricket pitch, football and rugby pitches, bowling green, squash courts and even an archery club, all these sports are on offer to children, adults and the public in general.

Barnsley CAMRA will be holding a presentation night for the Shaw Lane Sports Club on **Friday 13th June**.

# Silver - Cricket Club Darfield



Darfield Cricket Club

This year's Silver Club of the Year Award goes to the Darfield Cricket Club. Under the stewardship of Glynn Noble the club continues to offer two rotating cask ales from micro breweries. And the club gained high praise from CAMRA judges in its quality during the judging. The club offers good value food on Friday evenings and Sunday lunch. During the cricket season the club hosts matches on most weekends. On hearing the news Glynn was delighted, saying "Once again it's great to get an award for myself and all the staff, this is great news!" Barnsley CAMRA will be holding a presentation night on Friday 20th June

Phil Cragg - Barnsley CAMRA Pubs and Clubs Officer

# Yorkshire Champions

Back in February, Oakwood Real Ale and Music Festival hosted the first official CAMRA Champion Beer of Yorkshire Competition. And on a sunny afternoon in May the awards were made to all the winners of all the categories. The overall winners for 2008 were:  
 Gold - Timothy Taylor - Landlord  
 Silver - Elland - 1872 Porter  
 Bronze - Acorn - Barnsley Bitter  
 Our local brewery Acorn also picked up Gold in the Bitter category with Barnsley Bitter and Silver in the Stouts and Porter category with Gorlovka.

Pictured outside Oakwood Technology College is (left) John Haig, Brewery Manager and Steve Bunting, assistant brewer with their Awards



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# Wild About Mild

Barnsley CAMRA members met up in the Gatehouse Barnsley with two members Tony and Trish Wells from Deal Dover and Sandwich CAMRA branch, they had joined us as they were making a presentation award to Acorn Brewery for Beer of the Festival at their White Cliffs Winter Ale Festival earlier in the year. This was Target IPA. The US hopped IPA range from Acorn Brewery are going down a storm.



Enjoying another mild at  
the Station Inn, Darfield

However, as it was national mild day we were drinking Captain Oats Mild from Brown Cow Brewery at the Gatehouse. Tony and Tricia were going on part of the Mild Tour with us before they had to head off to Huddersfield where they were visiting family.

Next port of call was to Penistone and the Wentworth Arms a few minutes walk from the train station. On offer here was Marston's Merry Monk, A traditional mild brewed using Maris Otter malt and the English Fuggles and Goldings hops. We dragged ourselves away for our bus to the next leg of our tour to the Ring O' Bells in Sikstone, this time we had Greene King XX Mild which was a delicate 3% dark mild with roast flavour and a hint of hops. This is where we left Tony and Tricia, but next time they are calling in on the family, they will be checking the Barnsley CAMRA socials page on the web... Once again it was back on a bus, back to Barnsley, and the town centre. First call was Wetherspoons, Joseph Bramah where there was Acorn Darkness amongst the changing beers, then the Courthouse where Theakstons Mild was the choice. We had to call back over into the Gatehouse again to make the presentation of Bronze Pub of the Year (see P16) and another try of

the Captain Oats.

Back on a bus and off to Darfield. My first visit to the Station Inn that has recently reopened after a major refurbishment and now a haven for Real Ale enthusiasts. Roger has put on eight real ales. If you're in the area you must call in. Easily reached from either Barnsley or Doncaster on 219 bus. The mild choice this time was Thwaites Nutty Black. We were now onto the last leg of our mild day tour, but we had to go back to Barnsley to make our way to Elsecar (Why do bus companies take off the popular buses that link villages?) In Elsecar it was the Market Hotel where we had Grantham Dark and decided it was our final destination.

It had been a long day but we had some really good milds. Our mild drinking will however continue whenever and wherever we see this rare style of beer.

A BIG thank you to all the landlords/landladies that put a mild on for our mild day tour.

*Margaret  
Croft*





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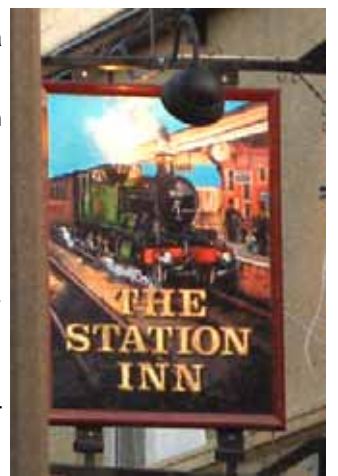
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# BAR-fly Lands At Station Inn Darfield



In an era where all new or refurbished pubs all seem to have the same Gastro theme, the reopening of a traditional local is a refreshing change. What's more refreshing as a real ale lover is a keg free traditional local with 8 rotating real ales. That's exactly what Rodger and Kris Smith have done with the Station Inn at Darfield. As the name suggests the pub lies at the side of the former railway line close to the former Darfield station. The pub closed a while ago whilst The Goldmine. This impressive pub remained derelict until it was taken over by Rodger and Kris. With lots of hard work they have brought the pub back to its former glory and created one of the best free houses in the area. Old photographs of Darfield adorn the walls, and the new cast iron fireplace gives the pub a cosy feel. The pub is a real ale paradise dispensing eight real ales all in lined glasses and no Keg beer! The beers are sourced from local and national breweries. The pub also has its own locally brewed house beer Station Master 4.8% abv. A large range of continental beers are also served in their own unique glasses. Within the next few weeks Rodger and Kris hope to start offering traditional pub food. They have recently given the beer garden a makeover and added new picnic tables. So if you crave for a great traditional pint try the Station you'll not be disappointed.



# Well Done The Gatehouse

Robert Rudge is passionate about the real ales he offers his drinkers. CAMRA judges in the Pub of the Season and Pub of the Year awards have noticed his commitment and so far this year he has picked

up two awards. The Gatehouse offers four changing real ale guest beers as well as Acorn Barnsley Bitter as the house bitter. Well done to everyone at the Gatehouse.



Above - Robert picking up his Spring Pub of the Season Award from Eric Gilbert  
Right - Eric making the Bronze Pub of the Year Award to Robert Rudge



The Bar at the Station Inn  
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# South West Fest



I was lucky enough to be asked to judge at this year's Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) south west annual beer jamboree at the famous Tuckers Maltings in Newton Abbot (home of the Teignworthy Brewery). Not only did I get to spend a day sipping free beer I also got the chance to present the gold and silver awards to last year's Barnsley Beer Festival winners: Jem Ham of Cheddar Ales for Potholer, (pictured left) which also won a best bitter bronze medal here; and Justin Hawke of Moor Brewery for Old Freddy Walker. (pictured below)

My favourite beers in the judging were South Hams Devon Pride and Teignworthy Reel Ale in the bitters, Otter Ale in best bitters and Bays Breaker in premium bitters. Reel Ale and Breaker both won bronze in their categories.

Overall winner was Skinners Brewery's Cornish Knocker Ale. Cornish Knocker is named after the Cornish tin mine airies who, by knocking, used to lead miners to the best seams in return for the crusts of the Cornish pasties. Second place overall was Moor JJJ - the name triple J is from the first name of brewer Justin and fellow



hopheads James and Josh from the Queen's Arms, Corton Denham - this is a BIG beer. Two beers that I thought stood out during the festival were Yeovil Ales Glover's Gloy with its floral orange and blackcurrant notes (people may recall it from last year's Barnsley Beer Festival) and Bristol Beer Factory's Milk Stout, which is like draft Mackeson.



#### Judging Table at the Maltings

Newton Abbot is a good drinking town. Call into the Richard Hopkins to see Wetherspoons' grumpiest staff and partake of the eight independent brewers' beers - Blackawton Headstrong, Titanic Last Porter Call and Exmoor Beast to name three. And for apple-heads the Newton Abbot Cider Bar is a true gem.

I stayed at the Passage House Hotel which is a couple of miles out of the town on the banks of the Teign estuary. Next door is the Passage House Inn which had Brains SA, Otter Ale and GK IPA on the bar all in good nick.

A sunny Saturday called for a day trip and the beach at Widemouth Bay in Cornwall. The Bay View Inn was in the Good Beer Guide previously and will be again on the evidence of the excellent range of Skinner's ales, the Doom Bar in particular.

Back home and time to finish off the presentations. On a mild day at the Gatehouse Dave Hughes was presented with the Bronze award for the Barnsley Beer Festival winners, with Acorn Old Moor Porter.



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