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Millions Will Return To The Pub After The Smoking Ban

A survey by CAMRA has revealed the public's attitudes to the forthcoming smoking ban later this year.

6.2 million people (17% of all adults in England and Wales) who visit pubs regularly are likely to visit pubs more often. Of that group 97% were non-smokers.

840,000 people who currently never go to a pub said they will after the smoking ban.

Added to the figure for people who currently visit regularly that is a total of over 7 million people who will visit pubs more often.

93% of real ale drinkers said they would be more likely to visit pubs more often or that their visiting habits would not be changed by the

ban, while 68% of regular smokers say it will not change their pub visiting habits at all. 69% of all adults said it would not affect their visits to pubs at all, while only 3% said they would not visit pubs at all as a result of the ban.

CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner said: "This survey shows that non-smokers will be attracted to pubs after the ban comes into force, and many of them would like to find a real ale waiting for them when they get there. "The smoking ban will be a difficult transition for licensees, but it is encouraging that only 3% of people surveyed by CAMRA said they would not visit pubs at all as a result of the ban. The key will be to ensure that other factors such as quality of real ale, food, atmosphere and welcome are all superb. If this is the case then the traditional Community Pub will have a bright and healthy future."

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Wednesday 4th April - Third of four Town centre pub surveys. Meet up at the Gatehouse 8pm.

Wednesday 11th April - Presentation to Pathways our charity for 2006. Starts at 8pm at the Pheasant Inn, Dodworth. Catch the 14 bus at 7.35pm

Wednesday 18th April - Spring Pub of the Season presentation to the Engineers Arms at Higham. Presentation at around 9.30pm then quiz. Catch the 92 bus at 7.15pm or 8.15pm. The bus back is the 95 from Barugh Green at 10.24pm See page 3 for details.

Tuesday 24th April - Branch meeting and social. Darfield Cricket Club. Catch the X19 bus at 7.15pm

Thursday 26th April - Thornbridge Brewery visit. We leave from the Gatehouse, Eldon Street, Barnsley at 6pm. Fare £8 per person. Only a few seats left. Presentation of Champion beer of Barnsley.

Wednesday 2nd May - The last of our Town centre surveys. Meet the Courthouse at 8pm

Saturday 5th May - National Mild Day, come and try a mild or two. Start at the Gatehouse, Barnsley at 12 noon.

Saturday 12th May - A day out in York. Catch 9.35 train from Barnsley rail station.

Tuesday 22nd May. The Bar distribution (June July Edition). 8pm at the Gatehouse, Barnsley

Sunday 27th May - Bank Holiday Weekend out in the Valley of Beers (Sheffield). Catch the 4.12pm train to Sheffield and return on the 9.43pm train arriving in Barnsley at 10.09pm

Tuesday 29th May - Branch meeting and social at the Norman Inn, Monk Bretton. Catch the 7.27pm 59 bus from Barnsley (Kendray Street Stands)

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Margaret Croft



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Spring Pub of the Season The Engineers Arms, Higham

Barnsley CAMRA were extremely pleased
with the winner of the spring pub of the
season this time around.

The Engineers Arms at Higham is a lively
community local where conversation is the
what people use as entertainment. No TV
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box ranting, just the other half...

The pub offers Samuel Smith's Old
Brewery Bitter which is a wonderful malt
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the taste. Value for money and quality is
very important to the brewery and this
reflects on what you get here at the
Engineers Arms. Tony and June Foster
have been at the helm for about five years
now, their friendly approach to running
the pub is also a key to its popularity.

A large beer garden is set at the rear and
is a safe area for families, and those
wishing to take in the rolling views (over
the M1)... The open door to the public bar
is a welcome to all to join in

with the local talk and the small lounge is
a great place to relax and read or chat.

Games are also on offer, pool, darts,
dominos and cards, just ask at the bar.

Sports fans of all ages make up many of
the sports teams that are based here at
the Engineers Arms. Pool and darts have
two teams each, there is a football team
as well as a junior team, and the pub
boosts three cricket teams as well as two
junior teams, but no Nipsy teams...
It's always great to offer a pub of the
season award to a pub that offers great
beer, and even better when the pub offers
a great community service to the locals.



We thank Tony, June and all their staff for making this pub a wonderful watering hole and congratulate them all for a job well done. Open daily 12-3, 7-11 (could possibly stay open longer

during cricket match lunch weekends)
Barnsley CAMRA will be making the presentation to the Engineers Arms on the evening of Wednesday 18th April 2007 at about 9.15pm, just before the quiz. So please come along on the evening or drop in at some point and wish them all the best.

Bad luck to the close runners up, the Rose and Crown at Hoylandswaine, Darfield Cricket Club, the Milton at Elsecar and the Horseshoe at Wombwell.

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on page 29

Do you think it is right that at least 26 pubs are closing every month?

At least 26 pubs close every month and most of these are local community pubs which are often run down by their owners and turned into private houses for a quick profit. Many communities no longer have a pub and CAMRA is acting through initiatives such as the Community Pubs Foundation – www.communitypubs.org - and Pub is the Hub – www.pubisthehub.org.uk – to stop unnecessary pub closures. The next one under threat could be your local! 9 out of 10 pints served contain less than 100% liquid. Consumers lose over a million pounds a day due to short measure! We are lobbying the Government to change the law so you get what you pay for – a full pint every time. 6 out of 10 pubs are prevented from serving a guest beer of their choice.

Two thirds of pubs are restricted to selling beers brought from the brewery or pub company to which they are tied. CAMRA is campaigning for the introduction of a guest beer law which will give licensees the right to serve a guest beer of their choice and will improve the accessibility of real ale in British pubs. CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, is a consumer group that was formed in 1971 to campaign to keep real ale alive. Thirty five years later we now have 85,000 discerning members and there are now more than 600 real ale breweries brewing over 2,500 different varieties of real ale in Britain.

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Pub, Club

The **Thornleys** at Wombwell is now owned by S&N (John Smiths). Tom will be providing a selection of guest ales from the companies portfolio. It is rumoured that S&N will be buying or have bought the Tavern at Lundhill. **Old Hall**, Great Houghton, there are reports that the real ale here is a bit hit and miss, (it's available, it's not available sort of thing). **Bridge Inn** at Darfield has been closed for a couple of months now with a sign saying lease for sale. **Old Moor Tavern**, Broomhill has now re-opened after a refurbishment. The pub offers John Smiths cask and guest beers. The **Elephant and Castle** at Hemingfield, has also just re-opened after a refurbishment due to a flood. However the pub has No real ales. The **Furnace Inn** at Hoyland has John Smiths cask on offer. The **Crown & Anchor** at Barugh, the landlord is in dispute with the pub owning company who have put his rent up by a considerable amount. This is an age old problem that pops up far too often. A landlord moves in, makes a good job just like the people at the Crown and Anchor, then wham - up goes the rent. Note to the pub companies - Have you read the fable "The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg"? **Ring O'Bells** at Silkstone, Greene King are pushing their own products, but the landlord is holding firm and trying to keep the Hardy Hansons Olde Trip and Bitter on. The **Fitzwilliam Arms**, Elsecar is offering Tetley Cask and a rotating guest beer from the Punch Finest Cask selection. The **Grey Horse** at Old Town has on offer John Smiths Cask and a rotating guest beer. The **Chambers** in Barnsley has not had Theakstons Best Bitter on now for a while, however the Pump Clip is still fitted and shows it as being available. A recent visit had me asking them to turn the clip round but to no avail. The **Joseph Bramah** in town was offering a selection of Acorn beers along-side an Acorn Free Bar... I had to mention to Dave Hughes, Acorn's Manager, that the beer from the pubs bar was better than the free beer being offered as samples. Dave was not offended at all by my comment and in fact we both praised the managers for serving excellent real ales. Keep up the good work lads' and lasses'. The **Star Inn** at Cudworth, John Smiths Cask, has bought back the adjacent building. It's hoped that accommodation and food will be offered in the extra space. The **Meadows** at Wombwell is serving Timothy Taylor Landlord. The Tom Treddlehoyle has been refurbished and is still offering John Smiths Cask and Magnet.

& Brewery News

Acorn Brewery

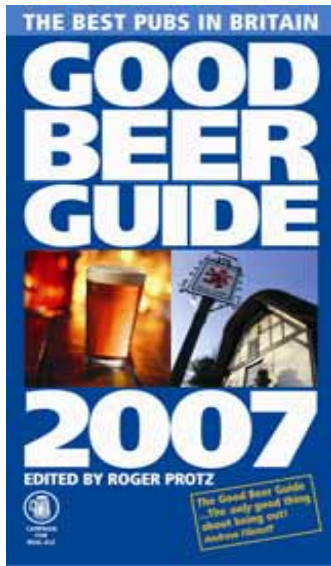
The planned move getting closer, the painters have been into the new premises and now as we speak, the builders are in. A range of 5% IPA's have started to come out of the brewery. Each one will be brewed with one variety of Hop. So possible names for forthcoming IPA's could be Chinook, Hallertauer, Magnum or Warrior...

H.B.Clarks Brewery

Two Jags 4% abv is probably still in the pubs if you read this in late March, but this will soon be followed by Steel Cities Best at 4.2% abv. A pale golden beer with a distinctive aroma. The use of Bramling Cross and Challenger hops combine well to produce a spicy blackcurrant flavour. Well that's what I'm told. In May we see a new beer Black Buck 4% abv, this as the name suggests a dark mild and available for Mild Month of May - The Black Buck was a series of extremely long-range bombing attacks using Vulcan Bomber planes in the Falklands War... And from April Classic Blonde 3.9% abv will be available in J.D. Wetherspoons. The four tied outlets of Clarks, including the **Huntsman** at Thurlstone have all just passed the Cask Marque accreditation for serving cask beers in excellent condition.

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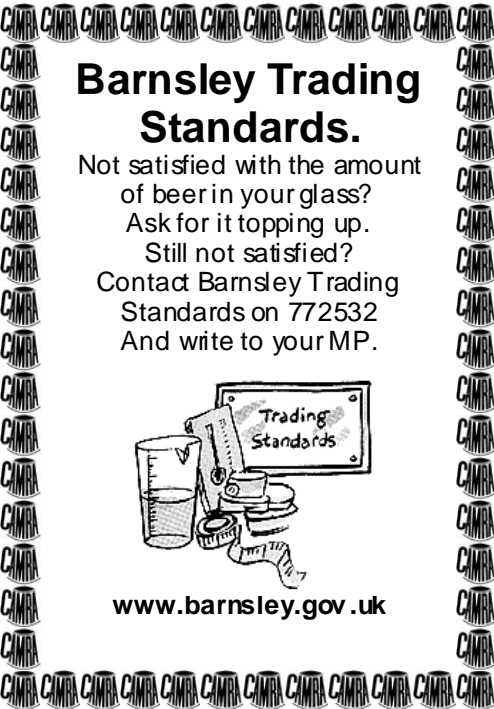
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BAR-fly Lands At The Fitzwilliam Arms Elsecar



The Fitzwilliam Arms, Elsecar is a traditional local pub which has a large, well looked after beer garden. The pub is only a short walk down the hill from the train station and bus numbers 65, 227 and 325 stop nearby.
 The pub is now in the hands of Tim and Anna Adams and their kids Jenny & Ellie Mae who moved from the Albion Inn at Hemingfield in the middle of 2006. The Fitzwilliam Arms has always been known for its commitment to real ale and customer satisfaction and talking to Tim and Anne, and the kids I think the real ales and customers are in safe hands.
 The pub is locally known as 'The Fitz', it's a pub that's buzzing, and well used by people of all ages...
 The pub's current name comes from the Earls of Fitzwilliam, the owners of the colliery and ironworks which now houses Elsecar Heritage Centre at the bottom of the hill. The pub's previous names were the Fitzwilliam Hotel and before that the Stubbin Hotel.
 Real ales here are now from the Punch Taverns 'Finest Cask' list, and the arrival of these beers to the pub cellar is much appreciated by the real ale drinkers. This list tends to include a large variety of Southern County brewers as well as some of the more popular known Northern beers.
 The pub has had a few brewery owners in its past, 1855 Rawson's Brewery, 1940 Gilmour's Brewery, post 1945 Tetley's Brewery, 1990 Wards Brewery. After the closure of Wards brewery in 1999 the Fitz's owners were Pubmaster and now the Punch Pub Co.
 The pub has two rooms with a central bar; the lounge is comfortable and cosy whilst the public bar boasts leather seats and wooden panelling on the walls. A pool table is located here. Due to mining subsidence the pub lists a bit - the height difference from one end of the pool table to the other is 3 inches! So if you feel you've been beat at pool, play to the other pockets at the other side of the table.

Barfly



And They Quote

"Most people hate the taste of beer - to begin with. It is, however, a prejudice that many people have been able to overcome."
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Congratulations this month go to Roy Squires in Rotherham who correctly found the hidden message, Roy will be drinking his four free pints at the Dog and Partridge, Bord Hill, Flouch. Well Done Roy.

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Saturday 7th April: Ipswich

Ipswich is a well-pubbed town and offers eight Good Beer Guide entries to try. The Dove Street Inn, actually addressed at 76 St Helen's Street, is a pub only 15 minutes walk from Portman Road and the town centre. After two years of hard work by the landlord and landlady of this street corner inn the pub now offers a wide selection of local and not so local beers and ciders. With up to 10 beers on handpump and another 10 on gravity there is always something different to try. Seasonal beer festivals held in a marquee offer more than 60 beers. The Dove Street Inn comprises three rooms: a main bar, quiet lounge and delightful no-smoking snug. Also highly recommended in the Football and Real Ale Guide 2006-7 where the pub grub and Belgian beers are complimented.

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Saturday 14th April: Southend

As there is only the one Good Beer Guide entry under Southend in this year's edition and we featured the Cork and Cheese in "Away Ales" last season we'll opt for the entry under nearby Westcliff-on-Sea, the Cricketers at 228 London Road. A large street-corner pub, officially Southend's oldest licensed premises, this Grey's house has always sold real ale. Frequent theme nights have made it a bustling part of the community, while the hall at the rear continues to attract many great musical acts. The Cricketers stocks up to three real ciders and beer festivals are now a regular feature. Under 18s are welcome before 8pm and tables in the car park are provided for outside drinking. The beers comprise Fullers London Pride, Greene King IPA and Abbot with guest beers all on handpump. Nearest train station is Southend Victoria which is only half a mile to their Roots Hall ground.

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Sunday 6th May: West Bromwich

One of the three pubs in West Brom's section of the Good Beer Guide is the Vine at 152 Roebuck Street, where we'll go for our final game of the season. Although at first sight this is a regular, traditional corner pub once past the building's original tiny snug, smoke room and back room it opens out into a vast glass-glass roofed extension with a barbeque room beyond that! The yard has been tented over to create overspill space for diners. Famous for its food, served all day at the weekend, including traditional pub dishes, curries, baltis and vegetarian choices, the good value barbeques are particularly popular. The beer range does vary but only one (guest) beer is served at any time. From personal experience this pub is packed on matchdays so get in early if you want a seat! Open midday to 10.30 Sundays - but check beforehand because of the Bank Holiday weekend.

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To Elland Back...

On a glorious Saturday morning at the beginning of February, a small contingent of Barnsley CAMRA members made their way into West Yorkshire. Our aim to visit E & S Elland Brewery and make the presentation of Bronze award for 3rd place at our Beer Festival held at the Keel Inn Oct 2006. The beer was Elland Back 4.6%. This was a blind tasting event and the results between 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing were very close.

Also present at the brewery were Bradford branch of CAMRA approx 25 of them came along at various times over the next hour. Other local branches were also dropping in and by 1 o'clock there was approx 50 people. Dave Sanders the brewer and Martin Ogle Director (gofer) were present to answer any questions. Dave had set out a display of all the various hops and malts that he uses in his brewing plus literature on those from America. There were 3 beers on offer for us all to partake in Goldrush 4.6%. Demons Eye 5.2% and First Light 3.5%.

The brewery offers 6 regular beers plus a choice of 4 seasonal specials to enjoy each month which includes the Head Brewers Reserve - new one off monthly brew.

Time to make the presentation and I gave the honor to Eric Gilbert our chairperson in the absence of Nigel who was on holiday. We were surprised to find out from Dave Sanders that this was the first award that Elland Back had received in its 4 years of brewing. More good news when Dave announced that he was letting us taste some of his sample beers that he keeps in poly-pins, we now had 17 beers to try.

Eric, Barnsley Chair (L) and Dave, Head Brewer



Bradford CAMRA had a plaque to present or as Mick Farrar calls them plaques, this was just a thank you to Dave Sanders and Elland brewery for inviting them for a visit. Bradford were staying until they were shown the door, however we had decided that we were going back into Huddersfield to visit some pubs from the GBG and other Huddersfield CAMRA favorites. Other times we have traveled all over West Yorkshire on our Family Day Rover tickets. (Still amazing value even with an increase from £6 to £7.50p. For anyone who still hasn't heard of these they enable you to travel on buses and trains all day in West Yorkshire. They cover 2 adults plus 2 children and don't forget the dog. Anyone from

SYPT (reading this?) Today we stayed in Huddersfield and our first port of call was to The Grove, Spring St. 5 minutes from bus station, opened 3rd June 2006 this was a first for all Barnsley branch. 10 hand pull real ales, 7 continental beers, plus my favorite drink real cider on handpump. If that's not enough they also have over 100 European bottled beers on offer. Is it any wonder that Huddersfield CAMRA awarded it their Autumn Pub of the Season last year.

It was decided that food was next order of the day then we were going to The Rat and Ratchet. It was another beer drinkers paradise with a choice of 12 handpulled beers on offer. There was also a Thatcher's cider at 4.5% on draught. After a comment from Eric Gilbert that this wasn't really of the strength I prefer the barman said that he had an 8.3% down in the cellar that he was willing to go and draw me a pint. To which I said a very big thank you. There was no great rush to depart from here what with choice of drinks and England verses Scotland playing for the Six Nations Trophy being shown live on TV.

All back to the train station for our journey home and although we hadn't visited has many pubs on this occasion a quick tally shows us that throughout the day we have had around 40 different ales to choose from. Would you travel or just enjoy what's offered?

We are all now looking forward to Thornbridge Brewery visit on April 26th. I'll finish with my signature on my e-mail, The finest glass is a glass filled with good beer (or real cider).

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Barnsley Town Centre Survey - Part 1

It's years since I'd attempted a survey of the licensed premises in town and I was curious to see what had changed. On my last outing I found illegal glasses, short measures and a lack of price lists on display – all serious matters and with high prices it seemed the town centre drinker wasn't getting a fair deal. The only publicity my write up attracted was an adverse comment about a sticky carpet in one establishment. Perhaps we get the pubs and bars we deserve if we don't take an interest.

So on a cold night in February the CAMRA stalwarts set forth on stage one of the quest. One point to make straight off is that it is impossible to get round all of the town centre outlets in one night. I'm led to believe that Barnsley has the second highest concentration of town centre licensed premises in the country and I can believe it.

First call was the **Chambers** in Peel Square which had a handpull with a Theakstons Bitter pump clip on display. My request for a pint resulted in an offer of a smoothflow beer as the real Theakstons wasn't available. So why have the pump clip on display then! Disappointing so we left just as soon as the gang had assembled.

Across the road the **Bodegas** was closed so our next call was **Chennells** and a price offer of £2 a pint for draught beers (no real ale again unfortunately). Given the choice of a half of Guinness for £1.35 or a pint for £2 we opted for a pint and a spare half glass – problem solved and a tactic we used throughout the evening. Nice atmosphere but we were on a mission and couldn't linger. The **Ticket Office** next door was another disappointment. No real ale again and despite there being ample staff available no-one had the time to sort out the flooded urinal and wet floor in the Gents or remove the broken glass from the cubicle. The pub's price list was sited behind the bar where it was impossible to read. Another swift half of Guinness and onwards as soon as possible.

Along Wellington St. to the **Shakespeare** and yet more Guinness, this time in a half glass with no measure line or crown marking to denote a brim measure – illegal I believe. Someone said the Gents had a blow up sheep dispenser, so on that confusing note we moved on.

The **Soviet Bar** seemed to offer a different experience and was clean and had friendly bar staff. The offer of two for one Beck's and shots of vodka was taken up. A chat with the bar manager revealed that the initial stocks of interesting imported beers and vodkas had failed so Beck's and Smirnoff appear to be the punters choice. Not a bad spot all things considered.

Retro too was OK if nothing special and again the midweek bottle and pint offers were in force. We gave **Funny Girls** a miss as we couldn't figure out exactly what was on offer. Back along the street to the **Corner Pin** and as expected no real ale. £3.10 for a bottle of Beck's wasn't an attractive proposition but I did try a Goldschlager liqueur out of curiosity and toasted the 21 year old birthday boy who seemed to be enjoying them in significant numbers ... enough to put me out of action for a week. Good luck to him – 21 is a landmark and mine put me off Barley Wine and Whiskey for a long, long time.

Macey's across Peel Square didn't seem to offer anything special and by now the Guinness and Beck's had lost any appeal they may have had. So round the corner to **Joseph Bramah** for a final reviving pint of proper beer. I personally hold the view that J.D. Wetherspoons outlets are a bit too omulalic at times and could become the McDonalds of the licensed trade. While they continue to serve real ale I'll give them the benefit of the doubt and pint of 5.2% Saltaire was a good way to end the night's adventures.

Colin Wilson

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BY
Lyn Liveridge

Roast Duck Breasts on a Cherry Beer Sauce (Serves 6)

When I read this recipe in Susan Nowak's 'Beer Cook Book' it struck a chord. It is true that duck is nearly always served with thick cherry syrup or tinned cherries. The flavour of this sauce is infinitely better.



You need:

6 duck breasts (not too large as this is very rich)
2 shallots, peeled and chopped finely
2oz thinly sliced button mushrooms
1oz flour
½ pint of Cherry Beer (I used Lindemans Belgium Cherry Beer)
¼ pint chicken or vegetable stock
Salt and pepper to taste

Then you:

Place duck breasts skin side up in a grill pan. Grill under a high heat until the skins are crisp and the fat runs out. Place them in an ovenproof dish towards the top of a very hot oven (450°F, 230°C, gas mark 8) until the breasts are cooked to your liking. Remove from the oven and keep warm, draining off the fat.

Use a little of the fat to sweat the shallots and mushrooms until tender, then stir in the flour and cook gently for 2 minutes. Add half the cherry beer and the stock and bring to a brisk simmer and cook to a thick sauce, reducing to almost half.

Strain through a fine sieve and reheat gently in a clean pan. Add the rest of the beer and again cook briskly to reduce, seasoning to taste. This can be served with new potatoes or with boiled Jerusalem artichokes split open and with a knob of butter.



"Artichokes ... are just plain annoying ... After all the trouble you go to preparing and cooking them, you get about as

much actual food out of eating it as you would licking thirty or forty postage stamps." Anon

Barnsley Tykes Disability Football Club

Barnsley CAMRA has helped raise thousands of pounds for local charities over the years, last year we raised over £1300 tbc for PATHWAYS (Barnsley Domestic Violence Group).

This year we have a new local charity. The Barnsley Tykes Disability Football Club. The club was founded in 2002 to give young people with learning difficulties or disabilities an opportunity to play football. The club now has around 60 players who meet at Barnsley football club each Wednesday evening to train. The club is actively looking for games and tournaments to play in.

The players have various disabilities and teams are grouped depending on their ability. The club's aim is to progress onwards and upwards to the best of their ability. When a player has progressed to the advanced stage they are then trained as coaches to help the less able players.

The club needs funding for various projects as well as waterproof clothing, football boots as many of the players are on benefits and cannot afford these items. The club also pays for the lighting at Barnsley football club and any transport to matches and tournaments.

In the summer of 2005 seven players were picked for various teams to represent Yorkshire at the Disability Olympics. The club funded the cost for a coach and nurse, but the players rallied round and organised two sponsored walks, a sponsored car wash and a valentines ball with help from the club.

Everyone who went to the Olympics were given sponsorship forms also, as they wanted to do their own fundraising towards the trip.

They were able to send all the young people to the Olympics, and they came home with a silver and a bronze medal plus a fourth place medal. A fantastic achievement that made all their efforts worth while as well as being very rewarding.

Later this year the club is hoping to organise a disability football tournament at Barnsley Rugby club. Not to mention this August the club is hoping to send 36 players to Bristol to take part in a special week of training and playing in a large tournament, this could cost as much as £10,000 as accommodation, meals transport etc all has to be covered.

The majority of the help is purely by volunteers who are from all across the borough and all help in various ways. The players and committee are very grateful for any donations that both Barnsley CAMRA can raise throughout the year as well as direct donations. The club would also be interested if anyone is willing to volunteer, so if you have an interest in football, and can help people with disabilities then also please get in touch by calling Molly Walker on 747313.

Please help support Barnsley CAMRA's nominated charity this year. Watch out for us in a pub near you, usually selling raffle tickets.

Ask For A MILD This MAY

Mild is one of the most traditional beer styles which is enjoying a revival in today's real ale market. Usually dark brown in colour, due to the use of well-roasted malts or barley it is less hopped than bitters and often has a chocolaty character with nutty and burnt flavours. Cask conditioned Mild is a rarity in a lot of parts of the country, which is a crying shame, because Mild is a distinctive and tasty beer. Mild is one of, if not the, oldest beer styles in the country. Until the 15th century, ale and mead were the major British brews, both made without hops. Hops were introduced from Holland, France and Germany after this time. This also started the trend on reducing



the gravity of ale, as the Hop is also a preservative, and beers had to be brewed very strongly to try to help preserve them. The hop also started the rapid decline of mead, which is only made in a very few places today. So what is Mild? It is a beer which has tastes and textures all its own. Basically it is a beer that is less hopped than bitter, etc. The darkness of Dark Milds, such as Acorn Darkness, comes from the use of darker malts and/or roasted barley which are used to compensate for the loss of Hop character. "Chocolate", "fruity", "nutty" and "burnt" are all tastes to be found in the complexity of Milds. However, not all milds are dark. Yorkshire brewed Timothy Taylor Golden Best is one of the best examples of a light coloured mild, as is Bank's Original,

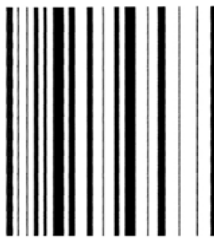
the name changed from Mild to try to give it a more modern image. In Scotland, 60/- ale is similar to mild (Belhaven's being a good example).

Milds today tend to have an ABV in the 3% to 3.5% range, with of course some notable exceptions. In fact, a lot of the Microbreweries who try their hand at mild are bringing the alcohol content back up somewhat! Again Acorn

Darkness. Mild wasn't always weaker though. In the latter half of the 19th Century, milds were brewed to about the same strength as bitters as a response to the demand for a sweeter beer from the working classes and in those days most bitters were around 6 to 7% ABV.

During the First World War, malt rationing and pressure from the temperance movement led to brewers rapidly reducing the strength. Following the Second World War, as prosperity returned, mild's popularity as a cheap ale began to fade, not being helped by being kept badly in run down pubs as the Big Brewers began to heavily promote their keg lager brands. Coupled to this was a gradual, but steady decline in heavy industry in the North and Midlands of Britain, mild's great marketplace.

By the 1970s, the keg lager boom had seen mild's share of the market fall to around 13% and it was a shame to see a bland gassy and overpriced product, which was generally weaker than the mild it was trying to oust, succeed in many cases.



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A Yorkshireman in New York

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It was out of the d.b.a. and off for food, and not just any restaurant, our ale loving guides had us walk all the way to 21 1st Avenue and into Lil 'Frankie's. The restaurant offers a small range of beers including a house beer from the Sixpoint brewery, so a jug of Lil Frankie's Pale Ale, 5.0% abv was ordered to accompany our varied meal choices. The beer was an orange pale in colour and the aroma was full of hop but not overpowering, the flavour was fresh and hoppy and worked well with all our food types. A rather drinkable beer, not too dissimilar to the Bengali Tiger. We had more bars to visit so we abstained from a second jug.



Our next bar was the Hop Devil Grill, 129 St. Marks Place, Manhattan. The way in is marked by two halves of a small micro brewery cask! Inside was busy, the Super bowl was now underway and all seats pointed to the TV screens. This made ordering the beer a little easier, and our choice was Victory Storm Kings Stout at 9.1% abv from Philadelphia, (just down the road). A sweet roasted aroma and little head, coffee, chocolate and a hint of toffee but not bitter in the aftertaste. We sat with the many groups of people watching the Super bowl, I think it had now been on for about 30 minutes with about 9 minutes play... We were sat in a different part of the pub, here was another bar full of Belgium beers, I was tempted but why travel 3300 miles to drink something brewed only 300 miles from Barnsley. Prince brought us to a break in the Super bowl and we headed off to the Drop Off Service at 211 Avenue A, Manhattan.

As we approached here I was told that Drop Off Service is where you drop off your laundry and the sign in the window has caught one or two people out since it opened. In fact one chap called in to drop off his laundry, found it was a bar, had a couple of beers, went off with his laundry and called back again later...

The bar has just had an update on its handpump, the landlord, Martin from Twickenham UK had had one fitted by Fullers brewery UK, but they fitted a fake one that dispenses keg beer. Martin had this removed and sought out Alex Hall, who writes the beers lovers newsletter for New York "The Gotham Imbiber". Alex is now in the business of supplying and fitting genuine handpumps for the more discerning bars around Manhattan and low and behold the one now on the bar at The Drop Off Service. The bar has high-backed wooden booths, and rows of barstools from which to see the twenty or so beers, including the handpump. The beer of my choice was the hoppy Sixpoint Bengali Tiger, sorry but it's a great beer.

We left here and headed back to Brooklyn where the drinking team dropped to two. We said goodnight to the wives and assured them we were only having another one, two at the most and we headed into the night...

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evening with well over two
dozen members from
Doncaster and a dozen from
Barnsley enjoying the
evening. Pie and pies were
serv ed to help soak up the
beers. Thanks to Frank,
Sharon and everyone at the
club for a great evening.



Pictured above are Vinnie Round (Left) and Margaret Croft who are the social secretaries of Doncaster and Barnsley branches. Thanks to Chris Shelly for the photo.

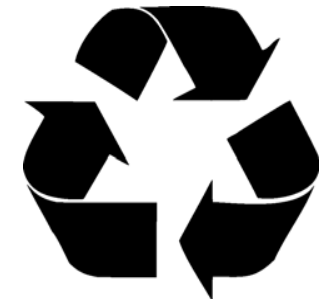
Winter Pub of the Season 2006/07



On Friday 23rd February Barnsley CAMRA
awarded the Market at Elsecar the Winter Pub
of the Season Award. The Market was full of
customers on the evening wishing Stuart (left)
and Tina their best. It was so busy that Eric,
the branch chair had to use a microphone for the
first time in years to make the award speech.

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*Devonshire Green
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12 Real Ales on at All Times:

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A Yorkshireman in New York Part One

In early February we thought it would be a great idea to see the sights of New York, on our arrival we looked up, wrapped up (only -14c) and headed for Brooklyn. We were staying with friends and were invited to a birthday party in one of New York's finest alehouses. So within a couple of hours of landing I was paying \$5 (£2.55) for a pint (US 500 ml) of Fisherman's Brew 5.5% abv an amber beer brewed by Cape Ann Brewery, Gloucester, Massachusetts. The bar we were drinking is called Barcade 388 Union Ave, Brooklyn and aptly named as there are a couple of dozen 1980's arcade games, the pub is also run on 100% wind power from the turbines to the north of New York. Other beers I tried from the 30 or so on offer here Harpoon Winter Warmer 5.8% abv, Boston, Massachusetts, Sixpoint Bengali Tiger 6.8% abv. Sixpoint brewery is in Brooklyn and this beer is worth talking about, a true IPA, sweet, floral and spicy hop in the aroma and full of hoppy flavour, the taste is also full of citrus flavours like grapefruit and orange. The beer finishes dry with only the hoppy flavour left. This beer was a wonderful example of an India Pale Ale. Back to the others, Southampton Double White 7%, as the name suggests a very pale beer from New York and Chelsea Hoppy Holidays at 8.4% abv, again a local brew from New York. One beer I had a taste of was from a brewery that closed in July 2005. The bar had one cask of the 13% Old Salty and this was being imbibed by the bars regulars and drinkers from the Malted Barley Appreciation Society of NYC. Not my best beer of the evening but if I had not had all the other strong beers earlier then maybe I could have sneaked a half in. As I mentioned earlier all these beers were \$5 except the last one, this was \$6 for a half pint (US 10 fl oz). The next day saw me and the wife walking through the streets of New York doing the odd tourist thing, it made it to -20c so after a warm meal we went to the New York Library, not just to keep warm but that did work quite well.

I avoided some of the bars while walking round knowing that I was probably in for another late evenings drinking as the Super bowl was on the TV's in many of the bars tonight. We joined up with our friends and hosts at the d.b.a. 41 1st Avenue, Manhattan. So what does the name mean? Well this could be either "doing business as," "don't bother asking" or "drink better ale." I agree with the last one. The bar offers more than 150 varieties of beer, these can be from UK or American beers on handpumps to bottles of fruit-infused lambic beers. Our visit had us drinking Southampton IPA 6.5% abv, a hoppy citrus aroma and taste with a lasting bitter finish. This beer was followed by Harpoon Winter Warmer 5.8% abv, which I had last night, a dark copper ale with cinnamon aroma, the taste is bitter and spicy, and someone told me the finish was like pumpkin-pie, having not had pumpkin-pie I might as well agree.

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Shane and Andrew at Sixpoint Brewery, Brooklyn
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