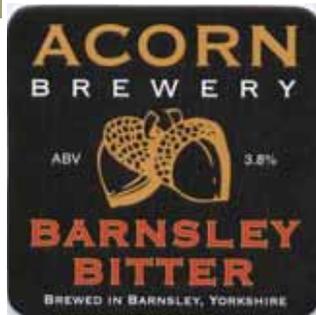
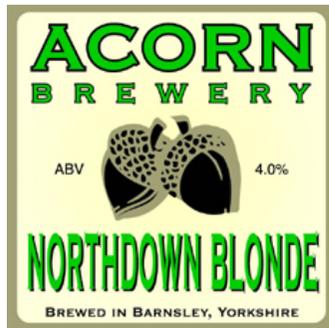


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Go on-line and put your name to the Full Pint Campaign, we are taking it to the top. Join us.

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Tuesday 18th December

Branch meeting at the Gatehouse, Barnsley and then social in our town real ale outlets. Meeting starts at 7.30pm.

A Very Merry Christmas
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From Barnsley CAMRA

Sunday 13th January 2008

It's "Not the Christmas Party". This year we have planned an afternoon event with all the fun as the past years, open to everyone, not just CAMRA members, also well behaved kids. Opens at 12 and fun starts at 12:30pm until 4pm at the Gatehouse, Barnsley. Book your places with Margaret. Buffet is £4 per person and £1 for kids.

Tuesday 15th January

Winter Pub of the Season Presentation to the Huntsman, Thurlstone. Join us on the night to congratulations all the team at the Huntsman. Catch the 20 bus at 7:15pm. Last buses to Barnsley are at 10pm, 10:26pm and 11pm. (See page three)



16th to 20th January

National Winter Ales Festival, New Century Hall, Manchester (see page 20)

Sat 19th & Sun 20th January.

Good Beer Guide 2009 Survey weekend. CAMRA members only. **SEATS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.** Limited numbers. £6 per trip or £10 for both.

Saturday 19th Western Survey. Meet Gatehouse for a 5:30pm departure.

Sunday 20th Eastern Survey. Meet at the Joseph Bramah for 12 noon kick off.

Tuesday 22nd January

The Bar distribution. Pick up your copies of the Feb/Mar edition and help distribute them around the Pubs. Meet at the Gatehouse 8pm

Tuesday 29th January

Branch meeting and social at the Cock Inn Birdwell. 8pm start. Catch the 7:15pm 65 or the 7:35pm 66 bus to the Travellers.

Forward Planner. Tue 26th Feb

Barnsley CAMRA AGM meeting will be held at the Joseph Bramah, Barnsley followed by the branch meeting. 8pm start. Upstairs.

Please don't drink and drive, not just over the festive period but anytime, use the public services. The times we supply were correct when we went to print.

Call Traveline on 01709 515151 before heading out.

Margaret Croft



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Winter Pub of the Season The Huntsman Thurlstone

Some pubs seem to win our hearts no matter what the season. This is certainly the case with The Huntsman. This Thurlstone gem has again been awarded the Barnsley CAMRA Winter Pub of The Season.

This previous award winning pub got high scores from all our judges and is testament to the hard work of licensees Gwynny and Dave Fields.

The pub has a great country atmosphere with lots of exposed stone, woodwork and a roaring open fire, it's everything a country local should be, family friendly, great hospitality, good food and a fantastic range of quality real ales. You are always guaranteed a good pint and the range usually consists of six real ales, three regulars which are usually Black Sheep Best Bitter, Tetley's Cask and Taylor Landlord. The other three guest beers often from micro breweries. On my visit the pub had Clark's Special Brew, Banks and Taylor's Prince Harry and Bateman's Salem Porter all of which were in excellent condition.

The pub has various theme nights throughout the week. Tuesday is quiz night and Wednesday is Acoustic music night. Also on offer is a two course Sunday lunch special that changes from week to week. An event to note for Christmas day is the pub holds a carol concert from 12 till 2.30 pm.

On hearing the news about winning the Pub of the Season Award Gwynny and Dave were over the moon. "It's always nice to receive recognition for our hard work!" Gwynny rejoiced.

CAMRA will be holding a presentation night at The Huntsman on Tuesday 15th January where I'm sure everyone will be able to enjoy a great night with a great pint!



The number 20 bus passes (and stops, may I add) just outside the door on Manchester Road, the pub doesn't have a car park so an even better reason to use public transport. The bus we will be catching for the presentation night will be the number 20 which leaves Barnsley interchange at 7:15pm. Last buses to Barnsley are at 10pm, 10:26pm and 11pm

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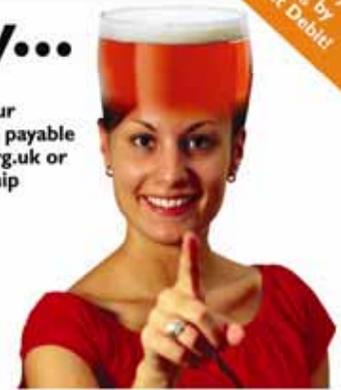
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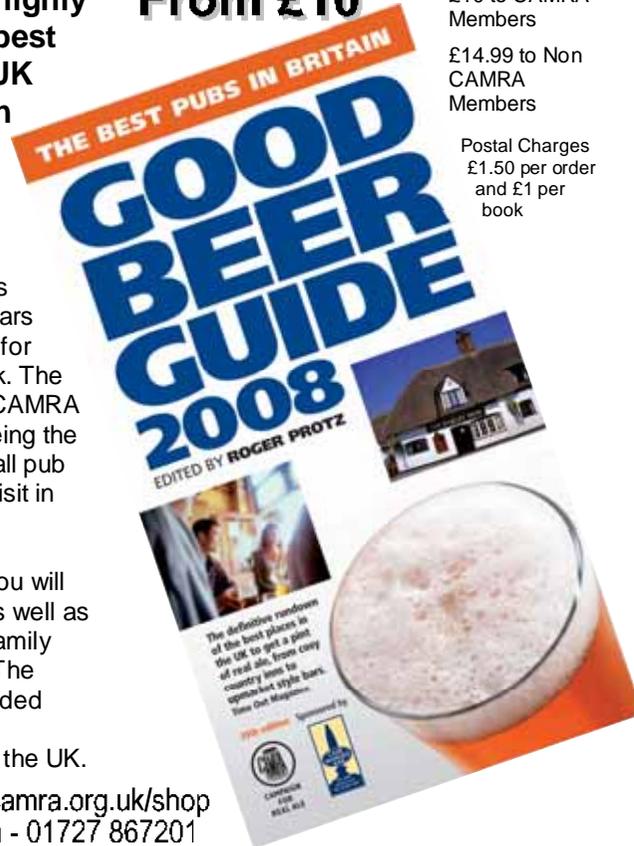
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Pub, Club

The changing face of pubs in Barnsley and South Yorkshire made it onto Radio Sheffield with Margaret Croft on the Toby Foster Breakfast Show. Toby said they found 56 pubs up for sale in South Yorkshire without trying. With the government wanting to build another 3m houses before 2020 more will be demolished before then. The latest pubs for demolition are the **Welcome Inn** at Hoyland and planning permission has been submitted for housing at **Cobbys**, Royston. Use it or lose it is the simple message to use here. A poor copy of the programme can be emailed to anyone interested, contact Nigel page 26. The **Crown and Anchor** at Barugh is now an Indian restaurant as is the **Bridge** at Darfield. The **Goldmine** at Darfield is to open again before Christmas with two real ales. The **Star** at Cudworth is serving Marstons Pedigree and Spitfire. The **Prince of Wales**, Barnsley is

selling Old Speckled Hen and a selection of bottled beers. The **Grey Horse** at Old Town re-opened on 1st December and I look forward to calling in after its refurbishment. Work on re opening the **Low Valley Arms** and **Thawleys** in Wombwell seems to be ongoing with the Low Valley Arms opening soon. The **Gate Inn** and the **Station** at Dodworth are now both re open however no real ales. Hillary and Nigel of the **Furnace Inn** at Hoyland are due to leave, they have run the pub for over five years, putting Hillary's health first they are taking a well deserved break. We wish them all the best. Tim and Anna have also come out of the **Fitzwilliam Arms** at Elsecar (see page 15). **Yates** in Barnsley is serving two real ales, however you have to know the handpumps are hidden behind a large pillar or you will miss them. Glynn the steward at **Darfield Cricket Club** is hoping to offer a real cider, as a group of members came to the Barnsley Beer Festival and were drinking it most of the night.

& Brewery News

Acorn Brewery - Wombwell

The team seem to have settled down well into their bigger site, and brewing is just as busy as ever. The new beers for Christmas are the 5th Noel at 5.2% abv and also a light, well hopped 4.1% abv beer called Guiding Star. New IPA for the new year will be from American Hops the January IPA is Centennial the hop has a very pronounced and unique flavour. February IPA is Mount Hood, this hop is spicy and slightly sweet, both these are 5%. Acorn have again picked up a SIBA award, this time in the Best Innovation category. In its short time of brewing (2003) the brewery has attracted the attention of the free trade customers. New and extraordinary beers, the series of the IPA's using one single English (now American) Hop was well received by publicans in Yorkshire, reporting that their customers were impressed with brews. In March 2007 the first IPA was brewed (10 barrels) by May the brew length was 30 barrels. This has boosted since a leading wholesaler got behind them. Well done Acorn.

Kelham Island - Sheffield

Also winners from SIBA this time in the Best PR Initiative. Floods in Sheffield in June, made the brewery an island! Beer lost and brewing stopped for some time. Potential loss of customers threatened the future. But a hastily conceived and brilliant PR response enabled the company to rise above the water and turn disaster into a marketing opportunity. Press releases to all media within 2 days kept customers informed of developments. This made national and local TV, radio and newspaper coverage. A special beer and a beer festival including local flood-hit pubs maintained the interest and consolidated the success of the company's initiative. Well done Kelham Island.

H.B.Clarks - Wakefield

Two new beers for the Christmas season. Scrooge's Brew 4.6% abv - Slightly malty brew with a distinctive taste of blackcurrant from the hops. And Top O'Tree 4% abv - Copper coloured, well rounded with fruit and hop overtones. Not for the fairies!! *Nigel Craft*

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Barnsley Beer Festival

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Held for the fourth time at the Good Beer Guide listed Keel Inn, Canal Street (see page 11) drinkers devoured 2,000 pints of real ale and cider.

Festival organiser, Jeremy Sykes, said, "We had good crowds throughout the weekend, and in particular on Saturday night when revellers also enjoyed the rugby world cup final, if not the result. Our ciders almost sold out, which was welcome as October was national cider month."

Champion Beer of Barnsley went to a Somerset beer, Cheddar Potholer, with the multi awards winning Moor Old Freddy Walker and Acorn Old Moor Porter taking the silver and bronze medals respectively.

Rathays Old Goat Brown Thorn Cider took the best cider award.

The Barnsley Festival has always been a giving festival and once again festival goers dug deep into their pockets to donate £310 to the Barnsley Tykes Disability Football Club. Thank You.

Jeremy added "Thanks go to many people far too many to mention, and without the volunteers who give so much time for free this event could not take place. And not to forget the festival goers as again without these people we would have more free time on our hands."

Can I just add that the food this year was great and thanks to Lisa at the Keel Inn for again providing some wonderful food. "The chips were cracking". (Ed)

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Hannah At The Hob

BY Hannah Lucas

I decided to continue with the theme of products associated with beer but not actually beer. Again a very British product.

Malt Vinegar

The word vinegar is derived from the French "vin aigre" or sour wine and vinegar can be made from a wide range of products. These include cereals such as malted barley and rice, wine including sherry and champagne and fruit such as cider apples and raspberries. Perhaps the most famous and expensive is Balsamic vinegar which is a wine vinegar made in Modena and is casked and stored for years.

Vinegar can occur spontaneously or it can be manufactured. Although production methods are similar, beer brewers aim to avoid producing vinegar and make every effort to avoid spontaneous vinegar which is actually "off" beer. The beer having been contaminated by wild bacteria. Brewers very carefully protect and store their particular strain of yeast in order to avoid such contamination.

Some of you may object to fried food being served in pubs because the lingering smell of vinegar spoils the taste of the beer. There is also tendency, in this new world of no smoking, for pubs to turn down the extractor fans which increases the odour of vinegar and chips.

Vinegar is produced in 2 stages, natural sugars are converted to alcohol by fermentation then bacteria change the alcohol into an acid. These bacteria may just arrive from the atmosphere or they may be added deliberately as part of a controlled manufacturing process. Malt vinegar is made from malted barley sugar and the vinegar may be dark or light in colour and flavour. Dark malt vinegar is the one that we use as a condiment on chips and light malt tends to be used as an ingredient in condiments like salad cream.

Some chip shops serve non brewed condiment which is not vinegar. It is industrially produced acetic acid with caramel colouring and was a favourite of the Temperance movement because it is not a product of fermentation. Clearly the *f* word. Vinegar is a very old product and traces have been found in Egyptian remains from 3,000 BC and there are also biblical references. Vinegar can be used as a means of preserving food such as pickled

onions or that old pub favourite, pickled eggs. I have fond memories of jars of pickled eggs being kept behind traditional bars and being served an egg in a paper bun case with salt always dissolved in the vinegar. Vinegar is used in some curry sauces to give a sharpness and in pavlova to help the meringue harden. I can also remember seeing a chicken being washed inside and out with cold water and vinegar before being roasted. Vinegar was widely used as a household cleaning product, in water as a window cleaner, as a disinfectant and as a grease remover.

The medicinal uses of vinegar are interesting and strange. Dark vinegar was used externally and more palatable cider vinegar for internal use. I don't just mean for sore throats and chest infections either!

Vinegar was also used as an antiseptic for boils, acne, wounds, athletes foot etc. A recent Sunday broadsheet had a letter from *Geraldine from Exmouth*. She was asking for a remedy for excessive armpit-sweating and you have guessed it. Vinegar under the armpits but only at night. The widespread use of vinegar meant that it was produced in most towns, but, like local beer breweries, the small producers were gradually taken over by large companies such as Sarsons which is in turn part of Crosse and Blackwell which is part of the J.M. Smucker group of companies. Vinegar works tended to look like breweries with a chimney and brewing tower, a London example is the Bermondsey Vinegar works which closed after 200 years. www.cryerfamilyhistory.btinternet.co.uk/location-vinegar-works.htm

A local example is Hall's Ivy Brewery which was on Church Street Darton. Brewing beer is thought to have ceased around 1910 when the premises became a vinegar brewery then Darton Mixed Pickle Company. Production ceased in the 1950s but the premises were still there in the 1990s.

Please let me know if you have any more information. (*Source Bygone Breweries of South Yorkshire by David and Donald Parry*) Malt vinegar is at the heart of British food including those snacks and dishes that we associate with going to the pub: ploughman's with pickle, pork pie and pickle, pickled eggs, salt & vinegar crisps, fish and chips, curry sauce etc. Let's keep it that way and shun the non brewed condiment, the favourite of the Temperance movement.

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Lots of wrong answers last time as the Keel Inn was missed out, but the first correct answer out of the hat was Paul Kershaw of Barnsley.

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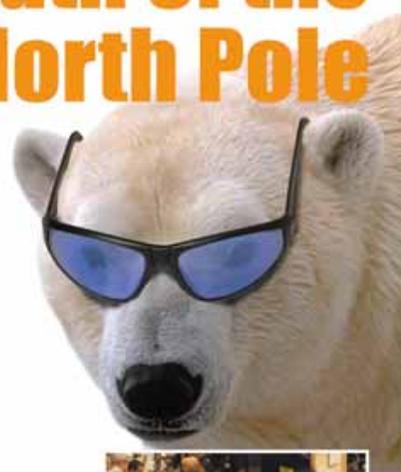
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East Barnsley Walk About

On Wednesday 6th June members of Barnsley CAMRA ventured on a pub survey of Barnsley East. Below is a brief resume of each pub including our thoughts and findings on this visit. As several months have elapsed circumstances may have changed.

The Mount Inn

Situated on Pontefract Road, The Mount Inn is a popular pub close to the football ground. The pub is of traditional stone construction with a rear courtyard and possible listed outbuildings? The pub has 2 rooms with a wealth of football memorabilia on display throughout. At the time of our visit the only cask ale available was John Smiths Magnet. Varying comments were received from members most were impressed with the overall appearance of the pub and the service. One member remarked how his pint was topped up without asking. The beer quality was generally good however the beer was far too cold. One member commented that 'It's the coldest pint in Barnsley!' With the ideal temperature for cask ale being 56°F this is something the licensee may wish to look at.

The Dove Inn

Situated on Doncaster Road, The Dove Inn has recently been purchased and subsequently refurbished by The Old Mill Brewery. The pub is again of traditional stone construction with a rear courtyard that has been altered to form a wonderful beer garden. The pub has three rooms but with an open plan feel. At the time of our visit two cask ales were on offer Old Mill Bitter and Old Mill Bullion. The board displaying the cask ales was at the time of our visit found to be incorrect. The comments from members were very good. Members liked the 'Quality interior.' The beer quality and choice was found to be 'very good.'

The Manx Arms

Situated on Sheffield Rd, The Manx Arms once offered the real ale drinker a choice of six real ales. Sadly this is no longer the case. The pub interior still has its old traditional feel interior but sadly the pub is keg only. Indeed the only natural product was - (The Editor has chosen to cut this section out, as it could mean solicitors letters, but what was written was true). We had Becks (in a glass) and left.

The Outpost

On Sheffield Rd and Union Street the Outpost was once a Kimberley brewery pub which then changed to Hardy and Hanson's. With the recent takeover of Hardy and Hanson's by Greene King the pub has had the cask ales (which it was well known for) removed. The Pumps and clips are still present but sadly the cask ale has gone. Members were furious with the way the pub has been treated. Although the pub was busy the interior was described as being 'tired.'

The Rising Sun

Again on Sheffield Rd, the Rising Sun is another traditional stone built pub that again has been recently re-furbished. The members were quite surprised with the pub. The John Smith's Cask on offer was found to be in good order. The pub refurbishment was described as 'excellent' Members were impressed with the good value food, nice ambience and good quality cask ale.



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East Barnsley Walk About

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The Coach & Horses

Situated at the junction of Sheffield Rd and Cemetery Rd, The Coach and Horses is quite unique. The pub from the outside looks old however it only dates back to the 1920's. On entering the pub we were very surprised. The pub is virtually unspoilt from its original state with a wealth of wood panelling and original tiled floors. Since our visit we have made enquiries with regards to getting the pub listed into the national inventory. We were also surprised that the pub has Marston's pedigree on offer and in 'very good' quality. Members were very impressed overall with the pub describing it as a 'real find.' The only negative thing members found with the pub was the 'infuriating game's machine.'

The Victoria Inn

Opposite the Coach & Horses is the Victoria Inn it has long been classed as a triumph for Barnsley CAMRA, since the branch successfully opposed the demolition of the pub and subsequently got the exterior of the pub grade two listed. The pub was summed up by one member as 'a lovely pub but sadly keg only.' During discussions with the landlady why the pub was keg only she remarked that the regulars won't drink it. With four out of seven pubs in our survey successfully selling cask ale, and being generally busier than the keg only pubs. Maybe this is something she may wish to consider?

Overall members were impressed with the evening and the outlook for this once deprived area of town, pub wise looks very promising.

Phil Gregg Pubs & Clubs Officer
Barnsley CAMRA

Away Ales *Continued*

Tuesday 1st January: Scunthorpe

Just three entries for Scunthorpe in the Guide, one of which, the Malt Shovel we featured in August 2005 and as the other may close on match days we've got the **Blue Bell Inn**, 1 - 7 Oswald Road remaining. It's on the town centre crossroad 1/2 mile from the bus and train stations. This recently refurbished Wetherspoons pub has an open-plan layout on two levels, the lower bar has wooden floors with high and low tables and chairs the, the upper level is a designated family area with a guarded fire at one end. Meals are served until an hour before closing time. There is a patio area with picnic tables to the rear of the pub. Beer wise it's the usual suspects on permanently:- Green King Abbot, Marston's Burton Bitter and Pedigree with a selection of guest beers. Open Tuesday 9am to Midnight

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Saturday 19th January: Q.P.R.

We've nearly exhausted the W6: Hammersmith entries in the Good Beer guide however out of the five there's still two left to fight over, both on the same road. The **Salutation** at 154 Kings Street is a Fuller's house serving Discovery, London Pride, ESB and seasonal beers from their own range. With marble fireplace, period lighting checkerboard tiles on the floor surrounding the bar, guests could be forgiven for thinking they had been transported back to their grandparents' time. Candlelight and mirrors on the mantelpiece add to the ambience. However Spandau Ballet on the music system brings you gently back to the present day. Comfortable leather sofas lead to a conservatory which opens out to a huge paved patio. Open Saturdays Noon to 12.30am. Tel (020) 8748 3668

Christmas Beer

Acorn Brewery is bringing out its **5th Noel** at 5.2% and **Guiding Star** at 4.1%. **Clarks** Christmas cheers are **Scrooges Brew** at 4.6% and **Top O'Tree** at 4%. **Robinson's** Christmas beer this year is **Mr Scrooge** at 4%. **Caledonian's** seasonal cheer is only 3.9% called **Santa's Little Helper**, after a few pints you can still wrap presents and dress the tree. **Cain's** is a winter warmer at 6% called **Victorian Beer**. **Everard's** is re-launching **Sleighbell** at 4.5%, a rich

copper ale. **Shepherd Neam** is offering a 4.5% **Original Porter**. **Adman's** says **Yuletide** is their offering for Christmas cheer at 4.5%. **Hyde's** brewery's xmas beer is **Atomic** at 4.9% rich warmer with spice and fruit. **Greene Kings** seasonal is **Abbot Reserve** a 6.5% a super version of Abbot Ale. And finally we have **Marstons Ugly Sister** and **Jennings Redbreast** both at 4.5% abv.

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BAR-fly Lands At The Keel Inn Canal Street, Barnsley



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The interior has a distinctive nautical theme with the walls adorned with vintage objects. The pub also houses some former Oakwell Barnsley Brewery memorabilia. To the rear of the pub is a large function room with large screen TV. A popular darts board

can be found in the lounge area and a pool table funnily enough in the pool room! The atmosphere is always lively and as successful pool and darts teams who compete in local leagues. The pub has a lovely cozy feel with the real fire adding to this. The pub has two smoking areas with patio heaters one of which is terraced.

The two cask ales are normally sourced from local microbreweries such as Wentworth, Ossett, Durham and Acorn plus many more... The licensees Dave and Lisa have created a great typical local with a fantastic customer base with the atmosphere being always lively. So if you fancy a cracking pint along with good company give the Keel a try, I guarantee you won't be disappointed!
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Saturday 1st December : Ipswich

Last April at Portman Road was a match to forget with a 5-1 drubbing however a great pub crawl beforehand made it an enjoyable day out. This season we've got seven Good Beer Guide entries to consider. Going on the last season's crawl I'll easily plump for the famous **Fat Cat**, 288 Spring Road. Always a joy to visit, this pub is a superb reconstruction of a basic bare-boards local, decorated with original tin advertising signs, artefacts and posters, and free of music and games machines. A wide range of keenly priced guest ales is always on offer with permanents usually Adnams Bitter, Crouch Vale Brewers Gold, Fullers London Pride and the glorious Woodforde's Wherry. No children under 14 or dogs allowed. The nearest station is Derby Road or bus number 2 or 75. Open Saturday's Noon to 1am. Tel (01473) 726524 or visit www.fatcatipswitch.co.uk

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Saturday 15th December : Sheffield United
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Saturday 22nd December: Bristol City

There's 13 pubs featured in the central section for Bristol in the new Good Beer Guide, however we'll choose one nearer Ashton Gate from the three in Bristol South section. **The Coronation**, 18 Dean Lane, Southville is a lovely street-corner local that I've visited before and really didn't want to leave for the game. Just a stones throw away from the river Avon and a 10 minute walk from Temple Meads station (towards the ground) this is Hop Back breweries only Bristol pub. It usually serves five Hop Back beers - GFB, Odyssey, Crop Circle, Summer Lightning plus a seasonal beer - and the guest often comes from the associated Downton Brewery. Limited cellar space means that the range may be reduced at times. The full range of Hop Back bottled conditioned beers and Westcott cider are also sold here. Low volume background music is played and the small TV is turned on only for major sports events. Food is limited to pizzas in the evening.

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Make sure you have an empty glass first before having another drink, and drink it steadily don't quaff it.

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Autumn Pub Of The Season The Dove Inn

On the evening of Friday 2nd November members of Barnsley CAMRA and visitors from as far as Stocksbridge gave a warm congratulations to Keal and Rachel Manager and assistant manager of the Dove inn, Doncaster Road, Barnsley. They picked up the Autumn Pub of the Season for 2007. We would also like to thank them for a few complementary drinks (paid for by Keal) and a lovely stack of sandwiches which helped soak up the beers. The pub offers Old Mill Bitter and Bullion and watch out for Winter Warmer coming to the bar. Sunday lunches have proven to be popular here with the fresh food being bought from Barnsley Market, however up to and including the 16th December it's Christmas Lunches so book now. Bookings can be made by calling in or by phone. Tel 01226 288351. In the new year Sunday Lunch will start again, but you will have to book for these as well.



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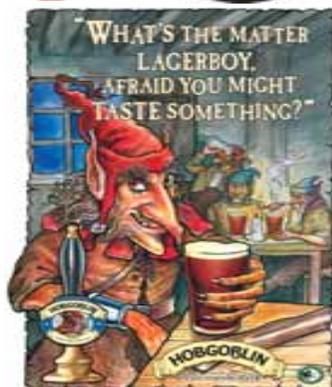


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Commitment To Real Ale Anna and Tim, Fitzwilliam Arms

Anna and Tim Adams were licensees of the Fitzwilliam Arms in Elsecar for 15 months. They came to the pub with little knowledge of real ales but were eager to give it a go for the regular real ale aficionados. In the time at the Fitz they must have had all the guest beers available from the portfolio as well as the Tetley Cask. Barnsley CAMRA in recognition of their efforts to serve excellent quality real ales presented them with the Commitment to real ale award. Anna, Tim, Jenny and Ellie-Mae are not moving far so you will no doubt bump into them soon, if you do, please congratulate them on their well deserved award.

Anna will be having an operation on her hip in early January, as Tim puts it "not the full replacement but what she has to have done sounds gross". All the best from Barnsley CAMRA.



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