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Supermarket promotions allowing people to buy cans of Fosters for as little as 54 pence a pint are undermining Britain's pubs and the image of beer. Cheap supermarket alcohol is fuelling binge drinking and is encouraging younger drinkers to get drunk before they go out.

CAMRA is demanding that supermarkets and other off licences follow the example of pubs by ending irresponsible drinks promotions. Please contact your local MP to ask



them to sign EDM 495, which calls on supermarkets and off licences to curb irresponsible alcohol price promotions.

Full story on page 15

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Saturday 3rd February - Elland brewery trip to present the Joint Silver Award at Bamsley Beer Festival 2006 for Elland Back 4.6%. Meet at Bamsley train station at 9.45am for the 10.01am train to Huddersfield.

Wednesday 7th February - Bamsley crawl number 1 (of 4). Meet at Chambers, Peel Sq at 8pm.

Thursday 8th February - Good Beer Guide Voting Meeting at the Keel Inn, Canal Street, Bamsley. Starts at 8pm.

Wed 14th to Sat 18th February - Oakwood Real Ale and Music Festival, Rotherham.
 See page 22 for more details.



**Community Pubs Week Events
 2007 - Sat 17th to Sat 24th Feb**

Sunday 18th February - Lunch at the Dog and Partridge, Flouch. Catch the 24 bus at 12 noon to Langsett then the 269 at 1.28pm to the Dog and Partridge.

Wednesday 21st February - Charity pub quiz at the Cherry Tree, High Hoyland. Catch the 235 bus at 7.20pm from the stop at the Gatehouse on Eldon Street

Friday 23rd February - Pub of the Season Award to the Market Inn, Elsecar. Presentation made at about 9pm, see page 3 for full information.

Tuesday 27th February - AGM and Meeting at the Market Inn, Elsecar. Catch the 7.15pm 65 bus. Meeting starts at 8pm.

Wednesday 7th March - Bamsley crawl number 2 (of 4). Meet at the Joseph Bramah, Market Hill at 8pm.

Saturday 10th March - Regional meeting at Todmorden Cricket Club, 12 Noon. Catch the 9.35am Leeds train from Bamsley station.

Saturday 10th March - Joint social with Doncaster CAMRA at the Hickleton Club, Bamsley Rd, Hickleton. Catch the X19 bus at 7.15pm, 7.05pm from Donny.

Saturday 17th March - Leeds Beer and Cider Festival at Pudsey Civic Hall, Pudsey Leeds. Meet at Bamsley train station at 10.20am for the 10.35am train to Leeds.

Tuesday 20th March - The BAR distribution social. Pick up hundreds of copies of the BAR and help distribute to pubs in and around Bamsley. Meet at the Gatehouse, Eldon Street North at 8pm.

Tuesday 27th March - Branch Meeting and Social at the Shaw Lane Sports Club, Bamsley. Meeting starts at 8pm.

Forward planners.

We have two more Bamsley centre crawls to do, these will be **4th April** and **2nd May**, both on Wednesdays. We have planned a trip to Thornbridge Brewery to present the Gold award from Bamsley Beer Festival. This will be **Thursday 26th April**. Times to follow.

News that the new interchange will not be opening at the end of February has made it to the BAR, so most buses will still be leaving the interim station until Spring. Note that buses from street stands are not shown on the departure screens, like most buses for Royston.

Times were correct when going to print, however bus times may be affected by the December change. These constant changes to timetables make forward planning of outings by public transport sometimes impossible, but we do our best to get us there, and back again.

Call Traveline on 01709 515151 before heading out.

Margaret Croft

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Winter Pub of the Season The Market Hotel, Elsecar

Again the volunteers of Barnsley CAMRA
have been out to some of the best pubs
in the area choosing Winter Pub of the
Season and I can say (being one of the
judges) that it was a tight win with all the
pubs visited getting top marks on beer.
This year the award is to a very
traditional multi-roomed inn just inside
our branch boundary, luckily for us!



The pub was built around 1800 and set in
Earl Fitzwilliam's model coal mining
village of Elsecar, the Market Hotel on
Wentworth Road offers several unspoilt
rooms either side of a drinking corridor
which runs the length of the pub. Many
hostelries were constructed in the same
simple fashion but you can probably
count less than a dozen in Barnsley's
area that have been untouched by "pub
vandals" opening them out
and then calling it an
improvement.

However the Market
is primarily judged on
the quality of its real
ales (as are all our
nominations) and this
time it came up
trumps for serving an
excellently
conditioned range of
real ales from the likes of Wentworth,
Acorn and other rotated brewery guest
beers.

The cosily furnished rooms, are warm
and comfortable with each having its own
ambience, you can even if you wish opt
for the patio and enclosed garden at the
rear but it might be a bit cold, or the large
function/pool room to the right.

Barnsley CAMRA thank all at the Market
Hotel especially for their commitment to
serving locally produced real ale and pub
traditions generally and hope to see
another full house on their presentation
night of **Friday 23rd February** at 9pm.
Please do call in to wish all the staff the
very best with a fine pint of real ale of
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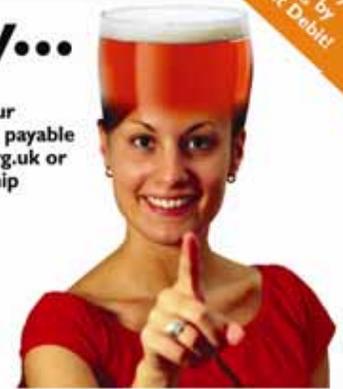
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WHAT IS REAL ALE?

It's a name for draught (or bottled) beer brewed from traditional ingredients, matured by secondary fermentation in the container from which it is dispensed, and served without the use of extraneous carbon dioxide; also called 'cask-conditioned'. So nah yer no.

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Application form
on page 25.

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.

CAMRA achievements:

We have had many successes over the years which include:

- Being instrumental in allowing pubs to open longer to suit the local community.
- Running a powerful campaign that helped the introduction of small brewers' relief which enabled many small breweries to invest money into their operations and become more viable.
- Working with many local communities to save hundreds of community pubs from closure.
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Pub, Club

I called in at the **Prince of Wales**, Eldon Street North and was asked which guest beer to have next, Black Sheep Bitter or Jennings Cumberland, it was quickly sorted, they will be having both in the next few weeks.

The **Keel Inn**, Canal Street is soon to be offering food from tea time but Lisa was not giving any start dates. The pub is now open 12 noon till 11pm on Sundays.

The **Gatehouse** is offering ales from Hambleton, Acorn and Wentworth amongst others. It was hoped that the grand opening would bring a facelift to the pub's frontage as it is used as a bus stop but this will be delayed along with the opening of the new £24 million interchange which may not open till Spring. Back to the Gatehouse, see page 7 for up-to-date food offers inc Valentines Day Special. Green King have already sold one of its latest purchased pubs from Hardy Hanson's. The **Old Hall** at Great Houghton was only owned for three weeks by the company before it was sold to Admiral Taverns. A real ale should be available as we go to print.

The **Halfway House** at Highgate is the latest pub in the east of our area to close for housing,

& Brewery News

Acorn Brewery of Barnsley

We welcome Stuart Ross from the Kelham Island Brewery. Stuart comes to Acorn Brewery with a solid background in brewing and Dave Hughes says he is sure he will become a very valued member of staff.

Stuart's job title will be Production Manager and will be assisting Steve Bunting with the brewing and also assisting Dave with the commissioning of the new 20 barrel plant.

The appointment of Stuart also sees the promotion of John Bell (dray-man) to Transport and Logistics manager, in charge of a fleet of 3 vehicles.

New beer for January is Northdown Blonde 4.1% brewed using Northdown hops. Also winter Ale 4.5% will be available in Jan and Feb. February sees the return of XL 5%,

however the roof of Welsh slate was quickly removed by the owners, many closed pubs in the area have gone up in smoke.

The **Dove Inn** on Doncaster Rd, in Barnsley is the latest pub owned by the small brewery Old Mill from Goole. The pub has had a major refurbishment and now looks clean and friendly. Three real ales can be on offer including Traditional Bitter, and Bullion as well as seasonal brews.

The **Wentworth** at Penistone is now offering two guest beers alongside the Ridings Bitter. Glyn has increased the real ale choice purely because the demand for it has increased. The **Pheasant Inn**, at Dodworth is still offering four real ales from small independent breweries. The choice is always changing and reports say the beer is very good.

The **Hope Inn** at Cundy Cross has been offering one of Barnsley's most uncommon but constantly brewed beers in the area. Oakwell Barnsley Bitter. While John Smith's Magnet was available at the **Mill of the Black Monks**. At Monk Bretton, the **Full House** has had some great guest beers from the likes of Bateman's and Hyde's breweries.

The **Low Valley Arms** at Wombwell would like a real ale, it is hoped by some of the regulars that this may see the return of Magnet.

(brewed originally to celebrate Steve Bunting's 40th birthday) as we are celebrating Judi Hughes's 40th (accounts manager and Dave's wife).

Kelham Island - Sheffield

So having lost Stuart the brewery now has a new Head Brewer, it is congratulations to Dominic Flynn - the new Head Brewer. Dominic joined the brewery in February 2005 as the assistant brewer and was promoted to Head Brewer in December 2006. Dave Wickett said "Dominic is extremely passionate about brewing and we look forward to him carrying on the success with our regular beers but also making his mark and creating some exciting new brews in 2007!!!"

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They said Eurocrats have, for political reasons, ignored scientific warnings to dramatically reduce fishing quotas. They have also failed to tackle the growing problem of 'bycatching', where large numbers of endangered fish, such as cod, are snared by trawlers fishing for other species. The unwanted dying cod are then thrown back into the sea.

Fearnley-Whittingstall said: "Soon cod and chips, our national dish, will have to be imported. This shows the extraordinary mismanagement of our seas. If the fisheries collapse then it is not just the fishermen that will suffer. The environment will suffer, as fish are brought from further afield. We will no longer be able to find high-quality, freshly-caught fish on our doorstep."

Antony Worrall Thompson added: "If this mismanagement continues we will end up eating jellyfish because there will be no fish left. I don't know any recipes for jellyfish!"

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Jeremy Sykes

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Bizarre Bar Behaviour

I love new bar staff in pubs. The new barmaid in my local was told that she should always draw off half a pint before serving real ales, seems the landlord didn't point out that this should only be before the first pint of the day. I spent an entertaining afternoon watching her throw away the pubs profits as every pint she served was preceded by a thrown away half.

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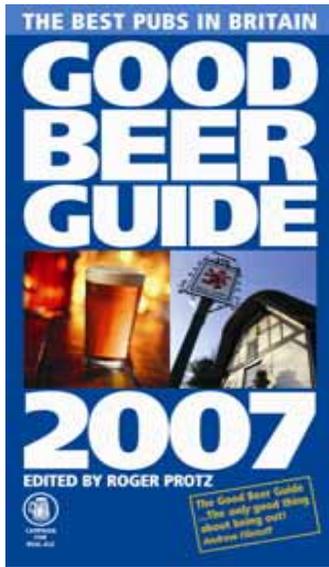
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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

Our new caretaker manager, Simon Davey, has made a good job application with his seven games in charge so far, as I write this just after Boxing Day's 1-0 win against Burnley. Let's hope the team "do the business" against Sheffield Wednesday in the last match of 2006. Our next five away matches are again guided by the 2007 CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

Saturday 3rd February: Cardiff

The Welsh capital offers fourteen guide entries to savour over and reminds us of our glorious visit and triumph over Swansea in the Millennium Stadium last May. However this time it's only Ninian Park to play at, although it would be a new 'score' for me! I have to recommend the **Cayo Arms**, 36 Cathedral Road, as I've stayed there for the play off final and thoroughly enjoyed the ales there. The single bar has a homely feel that appeals to locals, visitors and ale enthusiasts alike. Tomos Watkin beers form the core of an expanding ale range, often on handpump is the award winning Bullmastiff Son of a Bitch. Accommodation is still available as mentioned at reasonable rates with 10% discount for CAMRA members on presentation of a valid membership card. The Cayo is about one mile walk from the Central railway station. Open 12 noon to

With Laurence Mace

Saturday 17th February: Southampton
 A dozen Good Beer Guide pubs to choose from this year's Guide for the Southampton area – and another new stadium! One pub that stands out and is highly recommended and on the front cover of the "Football and Real Ale Guide 06-07" is the **Platform Tavern** on Town Quay. This stone-floored single bar, built in 1872, incorporates parts of the old city walls. Live music (jazz, blues and soul), good food, an African themed décor and candlelight, all contribute to a relaxing café-style ambience. Two changing guest beers supplement the regulars – Fuller's London Pride and Itchen Valley Godfathers. Food is available every day – all day at weekends, and a paved area is dedicated to outside drinkers. Open 12 noon to 11pm. Tel (023) 8033 7232. Website: www.platformtavern.com

Saturday 24th February: Stoke City

The Stoke-on-Trent pub entries number seven in this year's Good Beer Guide, however due to the nature of Stoke's history as a merger of six towns they are sectioned into the comprising parts. Fenton is the nearest town to the Britannia stadium (another new ground for me) so we'll opt for the **Malt 'n' Hops**, 259 King Street, for today's match. One of the few free houses in the city this long-established hostelry has been in the same ownership for about two decades. Comprising a single room greatly extended over the years the split levels give the impression of a separate traditional bar and comfortable lounge. Ever-changing beers from small breweries and micros make this very much a beer-orientated pub. The house beers are brewed by Tower of Burton-on-Trent, and Belgian beers are also stocked. Nearest railway station is Longton. Open 12 noon to 4pm and 7pm to 11 pm Saturdays. Tel (01782) 313406

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Drinkers Not Smokers Are Pubs' Future

The introduction of the smoking ban in England and Wales could herald last orders for hundreds of smaller locals without gardens or car parks as pubcos draw up hit-lists of so-called "landlocked" pubs. Reports in the trade press suggest that the looming smoking bans - which come into force in July in England and April in Wales - have already triggered mass disposals. Enterprise Inns has "churned" its estate by selling more than 750 tail-end pubs to Admiral Taverns in a deal worth £318m. It has already sold all its 137 pubs in Scotland, where a ban was introduced last March. And Greene King is currently in the process of offloading more than 150 pubs in the South of England that it deems to be unworkable under a smoking ban. Now CAMRA fears that many community pubs will be written off as unviable by their new owners and sold on for redevelopment. CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner said "Members need to look out for pubs which are being put up for sale in light of the smoking ban in England and let HQ know so we can track the risk.

"It is quite likely that we'll see a number of landlocked community pubs sold and eventually closed as pubcos concentrate their investment in outdoor smoking areas in what they see as the most viable pubs.

"We don't want to see pubs close due to such a short-sighted approach." Mr Benner is urging the pub trade to drop its negative attitude to the impending ban and get on with promoting pubs for all. "The ban is a major

opportunity for pubs to attract people who are turned off by the often smoky fug inside," he said.

"It's my view that the ban will help sales of real ale as a unique pub offer by attracting people back into pubs to drink quality hand-crafted ale. Pubs should be spending the next few months getting their beer range and quality right in preparation for the ban. "But pub-going habits are unlikely to be transformed overnight, and in the short term community pubs need our help and support." His call was echoed by Hook Norton boss James Clarke, who said the industry had concentrated too much on continuing to provide for smokers rather than seeing the ban as a positive opportunity to make pubs appeal to non-smokers.

"Seventy-five per cent of people don't smoke, and we don't want to cater just for the few smoking in the garden but for everybody," he said.

Mr Benner also backed trade calls for the Government to publish the regulations related to the ban as a matter of urgency so licensees could plan properly.



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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

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Tuesday 13th March: Plymouth

Fifteen chances to be well satisfied beer-wise in this the longest distanced ground for most football fans. The 2007 Good Beer Guide give a massive choice this year but as always we'll feature just one: **The Fortescue**, 37 Mutley Plain, Mutley area of Plymouth, only half a mile from the railway station and about a mile and a half walk to Home Park. This lively local is frequented by a broad section of the community and conversation flourishes. On Thursday the popular cellar bar hosts an acoustic evening and at weekends various DJs play anything but chart music. A perfect Sunday can be spent here: a home cooked roast, washed down with Blue Anchor Spingo Special and rounded off by the quiz. Other regular beers are Draught Bass and Greene King Abbot plus a couple of guests. A patio garden draws a crowd in summer, whilst

the pub displays some interesting cricketing memorabilia. Open 11am to 11pm Tuesdays. Tel (01752) 660673

Saturday 17th March: Coventry

Our final 'Away Ale' this issue is another new stadium to visit and the Good Beer Guide doesn't let us down with a dozen entries for the city. **Whitefriars Olde Ale House**, 114-115 Gosford Street is a recent pub but the original structure dates back to the early 14th century. Many changes over the years include the addition of chimneys in a 16th century modernisation. In 1850 the building was combined with its 17th century neighbour to form a butcher's shop. The latest renovations used bricks reclaimed from the old Daimler factory. Many old features are still discernable today – it is worth a look upstairs. The pub normally offers a splendid choice of five well-chosen ales, with Everards Tiger on handpump as a regular. Open 12 noon to 1am Saturdays. Tel (024) 7625 1655

A Brief Ale Guide for Reds at Home

I remember reading the exploits of the Inter City Bantams, a band of real ale loving Bradford City fans, in the 1970's when their column was a regular feature in Tyke Taverner. Since then the production of real ale guides for travelling football fans has become much more common and Barnsley branch stalwart and fellow Reds fan Laurence Mace will no doubt have his latest instalment in this issue of BAR. After the 30th December disappointments of the Reds game against a certain neighbouring side, we were consoling ourselves with a much needed pint and the thought occurred to me that we haven't had a real ale update of the best spots for home fans to drink on match days.

On the face of it there are certain obvious choices en-route between the town centre and Oakwell but the options are perhaps not that clear. Take J.D. Wetherspoons Lloyds No 1 the Joseph Bramah for example – normally offering a range of real ales, it seems they may be way of visiting fans and restrict or remove the real ale option on match days. From my experience the real ale and football fans are a pretty safe bunch and having chatted with the visitors on numerous occasions in town pubs I think JDW are being too cautious.

probably our normal first choice is the Gatehouse where the choice of ales is good and Landlord Rob and his team keep a friendly eye on who is present on match days. Not for us on the 30th December however as time was short. The Mount was an option for a quick pre-match pint as it is the closest real ale venue to Oakwell and offers real John Smiths Magnet. Time being short we decided against it and the Magnet at the Mount would be a candidate for the coldest real ale in Yorkshire and it was cold enough outside already.

Instead we opted for a post match pint and with the jubilant cheers of the opposition still sounding from Oakwell made our way to the newly refurbished and re-opened Dove, Barnsley's first regular outlet for Old Mill Brewery beers. A good choice with an excellent pint of Old Mill Bitter or the morish Black Jack to try. Very welcome additions to the choice in Barnsley. We could have gone to the Gatehouse of course but after a 3-0 drubbing by Wednesday we'd had more than enough Wednesday fans for one day. Rob will be welcome to have a good gloat when we next visit him!

Colin Wilson

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This is an economical dish, just perfect after the excesses of Christmas. It is cheap, tastes good and is easy to make. If the son-in-law is reading this - GET YOUR PINNY ON.



Meanwhile, cook the potatoes in a pan of boiling water until soft. Add the leeks for the last 3 minutes. Drain the vegetables and mash with the remaining ingredients. Serve with the sausages, using the cooked cider as gravy.

This recipe serves 4 but it is easy to double or half. There is no reason why vegetarian sausages cannot be used in this recipe, probably healthier after the pork, turkey, pies and ham of the last weeks.

- You need:**
 8 large meaty sausages
 About ½ pint dry cider (any sort will do)
 1 ½ lbs potatoes – cut into chunks
 4 oz leeks – thinly sliced (if you can't get fresh, use frozen)
 1 oz butter
 2tbsp milk
 2 cloves garlic – crushed
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Then you:**
 Heat the oven to 230°C/450°F/Gas Mark 8. If you have a fan oven like me, you may need to reduce the temperature. Place the sausages in a roasting dish and pour in enough cider to half cover them.



Caught Short

Nearly half of Barnsley's pubs and bars visited by trading standards officers were caught serving short measures.

10 out of 21 licensed premises visited by trading standards officers posing as drinkers were found to be serving short measures, in one case it was up to 12% less beer than what was paid for. With beer prices averaging £2.20 a pint, this means just over 26 pence worth of beer/lager short per pint ordered.

Lets put this into prospective. Say you drink 7 pints a week (14 units), you are served an 8% short measure each time and our beer costs £2.20 a pint, and you do this for 40 week in the year. The result is, you have been short changed nearly £74 or nearly 34 pints (nearly a pint a week). However you have a right for a full 100% measure, you just have to ask for a top-up if you think you have been served a short measure. This by law should be given in good grace. The pubs visited by the officers have been given a formal caution and face a maximum fine of £5,000 if they break the rules again.

Advice and training to staff has been offered from Barnsley Council's regulatory service that runs trading standards to ensure customers are given their money's worth of beer. CAMRA has for many years been lobbying the government to make a pint a pint, 568ml or 20fl oz but the best they have come up with so far is a 95% pint. This leaves trading standards officers a tough job, if a pub is serving a 95% pint (540ml) they are powerless to act. Does this mean that the pubs given the caution were serving less than a 95% pint? As 3% is considered a safe margin for action it suggests these pubs were serving less than 92%. Remember you have the right for a full 100% liquid pint, just ask for a top-up. If you are still not satisfied then contact trading standards, their number is on page 20.

Miguel Craft

Forthcoming Beer Events

February 16th and 17th - Oakwood Real Ale and Music Festival. Oakwood Technical College, Moorgate Rd, Rotherham. Around 250 real ales at the north's largest real ale festival. (CAMRA and VIP Guests also open 14th and 15th). See page 22 for details.

March 1st to 3rd - Bradford Beer Festival. Victoria Hall, Saltaire, just 2 mins walk from Saltaire BR station. Offering 100 real ales. www.bradfordcamra.org.uk for more information.

March 15th to 17th - Darlington Spring Thing. 50 real ales from independent breweries. Held at the Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington. Free admission to all sessions. Email ahpatsol@aol.com for more info.

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In December Barnsley CAMRA presented the Autumn Pub of the Season Award to the Cock Inn at Birdwell. Some people turned up on the correct date but those with the actual award were a day late. Sorry to those expecting a presentation on the Tuesday but if you had turned up a day later you would have had just a good evening as we did... Confused? So am I... Congratulations to everyone at the Cock Inn for achieving this award a second time and a big thank you for hosting 2 evenings for the presentation.



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CAMRA is calling for a stop to irresponsible alcohol promotion as supermarkets sell lager for just 5p more than a pint of bottled water.

A survey by CAMRA revealed that in some supermarkets Fosters and Carlsberg was available for the equivalent of just 54p a pint – or 16p before tax. CAMRA, members of parliament, trade press and pub industry chiefs are calling for urgent action to prevent promotions that serve to exacerbate the problem of binge drinking.

CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner said: "The ridiculous practice of the major supermarkets selling below cost for alcohol to out-price each other is reckless, irresponsible and dangerous. To put it in perspective some bottled water in the supermarket costs 49p a pint and water is not subject to excise duty as alcohol is."

CAMRA believes that irresponsible drinks promotions in the off trade are a major cause of binge-drinking incidents, yet it is licensed premises that suffer the fallout while supermarkets continue with impunity. Pubs often come under unjustified attack for encouraging binge-drinking, yet the industry has committed itself to curb irresponsible drinking and cheap alcohol promotions in recent years. This hard work is undermined by supermarkets selling enormous quantities of alcohol at prices that simply cannot be justified.

An 18-year-old is free to take advantage of these ludicrous beer prices, walk out of the supermarket door and then drink in a completely unsupervised and unsafe environment. Beer could be given by them to under-age drinkers who do not know their limits but pour premium-strength lager down their throats all night. This is in stark contrast to adults enjoying a drink in a pub which is regulated by law as to who they can and cannot serve."

Something has to be done now to make supermarkets realise the damage these promotions can cause."

MP John Grogan of the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group has tabled an Early Day Motion urging supermarkets and off-licenses to follow the example of pubs, act to end irresponsible drinks promotions, and not to use alcohol as a loss leader on their premises. CAMRA is urging consumers to lobby their MP to sign Early Day Motion 495 and make supermarkets take their social responsibilities more seriously. As we go to print 41 MP's had signed the motion.

Mike Benner concluded: "These promotions are unsustainable, but while they are allowed to continue unchecked they are doing irreparable damage to the licensed trade. A pub is still the best place to enjoy a sociable and sensible drink with friends."

Before Christmas 2006 CAMRA carried out a survey of drinks promotions in major supermarkets. Sainsbury's was selling Carling for 54p a pint (£9.99 for 24 x 440ml cans), Morrison's was selling Grolsch for 76p a pint (£16 for 40 x 300ml) and Tesco was selling Budweiser for 95p a pint (£9.98 for 20 x 300ml). The excise duty on a 4% beer is around 30p a pint, and the VAT is 8p.

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