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Barnsley Ale Report

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New figures from CAMRA show that a whopping 26.6% of pints served in pubs contain less than 95% beer. CAMRA is taking its campaign for a full pint straight to the top by launching a national petition calling on the Prime Minister to put an end to short beer measures.

### Full Pints Key Facts

- 26.6% of pints are more than 5% short measure
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- Pubs serve customers 208 million more pints than they buy in

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**Monday - Games Night**  
**Thursday - Quiz Night**  
**Friday - 50's 60's Disco**  
**Saturday - Karaoke with JJ**



# SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Saturday 2nd June** - Our annual trip to Stockport on the train. We leave Bamsley station on the 9.26am train change at Meadowhall for the 10.00am train to Manchester then the 11.18am to Stockport. Yep via Manchester (Engineering work?) We will leave Stockport about 6pm to get back to Bamsley for about 8pm (via Manchester).

**Wednesday 6th June** - Survey (pub crawl) of East Bamsley. We start at the Mount on Pontefract Rd at 8pm then head up to the Dove Inn, Doncaster Rd and then onto Sheffield Road.

**Wednesday 20th June** - We have a trip to Thomas Fawcett and Sons LTD, Castleford. The main Malt supplier to the UK brewing industry. Catch the Leeds train at 5.35pm to Castleford and a 6.30pm start at the Maltings. We return to Bamsley on the 9.53pm train.

**Tuesday 26th June** - Branch meeting and social at the Fitzwilliam Arms, Elsecar. Catch the 65 bus at 7.15pm or the 7.26pm train.

**Sunday 1st July** - Charity Garden Party at Thombridge Hall, after the brewery trip it seemed that this would be popular. For full information [www.thombridgehall.co.uk/events.asp](http://www.thombridgehall.co.uk/events.asp)

**Wednesday 4th July** - Survey (pub crawl) of Brierley, Shafton and Cudworth. Catch the 7.10pm number 46 to the Three Horseshoes, Brierley for a 7.30pm start.

**Friday 6th July** - Pub of the Year 2007 presentation, the Market, Elsecar, full information on page 5.

**Wednesday 11th July** - Club of the Year 2007 presentation, Darfield Cricket Club, full information on page 3.

**Saturday 14th July** - Team UK now have a new pub in Halifax, the Fountain Inn, and they have offered us a free trip to drink there for an evening. If you thought

that this was nice of them then you will love them when I tell you that they have also arranged a brewery tour at the Halifax Steam Brewery too. Limited space so book now. We leave at 5pm from the Joseph Bramah, Barnsley.

**Tuesday 24th July** - The BAR distribution and newsletter social. Pick up copies of the Aug/Sept BAR and newsletters. 8pm at the Gatehouse.

**Tuesday 31st July** - Branch meeting and social at the Cherry Tree, High Hoyland. There is now no bus service to High Hoyland, we will however arrange transport from the Gatehouse, Bamsley. We leave there at 7.30pm for a meeting at the Cherry Tree at about 8pm.

As we go to print the new Interchange is about to open, has it been well worth the wait? I will tell you in the next edition. Can I please add that if you are planning to go out for a beer then you should leave your car at home and use the buses, trains or taxi's in our area. Also as we went to print Stagecoach were making some big changes to the buses, let us hope that this is the last of the big changes and we can settle down to using the services without having to have more new numbers for our routes.

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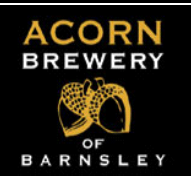
*Margaret Croft*



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# Club Of The Year 2007 Darfield Cricket Club, Darfield

This year for the third year running the  
Barnsley CAMRA's club of the year goes to  
Darfield Cricket Club. The judges were  
impressed with the quality of the two weekly  
changing guest beers, value for money, good  
clientele mix and sympathy with CAMRA  
aims.

2007 is a big year for the club, which is  
celebrating its 150 year anniversary. The  
club has some big events planned  
throughout the year such as numerous guest  
matches including the likes of the Yorkshire  
County Cricket Academy Team and the old  
DCC 1985 team against a guest Yorkshire  
1985 team.

The club has gone through some  
major changes over the last  
twelve months the main one  
being a change in steward.  
Previous award winner Frank  
Hoyland has moved on to  
pastures new taking on the  
stewardship at Hickleton Village  
Hall. Despite this the committee  
were determined to continue the club's  
reputation for first class quality real ale.  
The club appointed a new steward Glyn  
Noble who started in November and took to  
the job with great enthusiasm. Over the  
winter and due to the seasonal drop in sales  
the club decided to reduce the number of

real ales from four to two. The result is  
improved beer quality and an ever-changing  
range with beers changing within a week.  
The beers on offer are mainly from local  
micros such as Acorn and Wentworth and  
Glyn is only too happy to listen to customer  
recommendations. Good value food is  
available at weekends.

On receiving news of the award Glyn said,  
"That's fantastic news it's made my day. It  
makes it all worthwhile. I'd like to thank the  
members of the club as well as Barnsley  
CAMRA for their support and I'll be trying my  
best to win National Club of the Year 2008!"

Pubs officer Phil Gregg said,  
"This year the competition was  
stronger than ever with all clubs  
achieving high scores in beer  
quality, but there can only be one  
winner and yet again Darfield  
Cricket Club came out on top,  
three years on the trot! Awards  
seem to be becoming a bit of a  
habit."

Barnsley CAMRA will be making the  
presentation to the club on the evening of  
**Wednesday 11th July**, just before the quiz,  
so please come along and show your  
support to all the staff and committee of the  
club.



*Phil Gregg*



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## WHAT IS REAL ALE?

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## 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](http://www.communitypubs.org) - and Pub is the Hub – [www.pubisthehub.org.uk](http://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.
- Organising over 150 beer festivals a year including the Great British Beer Festival, which saw over 66,000 people visit this year at Earls Court.
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### Join CAMRA today!

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# Pub Of The Year 2007 Market, Elsecar



This year's Barnsley CAMRA's pub of the year 2007 goes to The Market Hotel Elsecar. The judges gave this award winning pub rave reviews. The four real ales on offer are always in excellent condition. This is reflected in a CAMRA award for commitment to real ale.

The pub was built in 1860 in the Earl Fitzwilliam's coal mining village of Elsecar. The mining ceased years ago but the pub still goes from strength to strength. The Market is a traditional community pub that has remained untouched from modern refurbishment, which is something of a rarity these days. Licensee's Sharon and Stuart were over the moon with the news. "That's fantastic news, we've trying to be a traditional community pub. We cater for a wide range of clientele, and have numerous clubs and societies that meet here. We have a quiz night on Wednesday and Sunday, and Karaoke on Sunday too. We've

always had Wentworth Pale Ale as a permanent beer and have recently introduced Ruddles County and so far it's going down very well! We've had previous awards from CAMRA and as usual we're over the moon to receive this one."

Cask ales at the Market are sourced from national micros. The pub gives strong support to local micros such as Wentworth, Acorn and Glentworth. At the market you are always sure of a warm welcome and a great pint! Barnsley CAMRA will be making the presentation to the pub on the evening of **Friday 6th July**, please join us.



*Piet Gregg*



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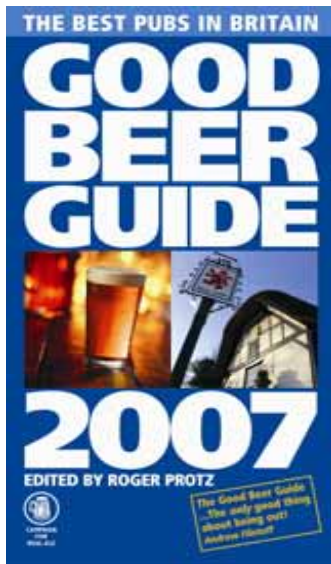
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# Pub, Club

The **Acorn** in Athersley North looks like it will be opening again soon, after being closed for well over five years this is great news to the residents in the area. It's all change at the **Moulders Arms**, Barnsley, just after we went to print in March Kevin and Irene had decided enough was enough with rent increases and left in mid April. The new licensee is Conrad Baranyai and his parents are regulars at the pub, Conrad was manager at Ardsley House's JJB Bar and worked at Luforum, in town. He also had a few weeks training with Kevin (the departing landlord), so the pub is in safe hands. On my visit he was getting on just fine, and the IPA was great too. Glynn and Phil at the **Cock Inn**, Birdwell are also leaving the trade due to rent increases. The team here have given the pub their all, and picked up a couple of pub of the season awards along the way, but in thanks for their hard work in turning the once Free House into a profitable estate pub, Enterprise Inns are putting up the rent. We wish both Kevin, Irene, Glynn and Phil the best of luck in their chosen careers quite possibly away from the pub trade.

The **Pheasant Inn** at Dodworth is now closed awaiting demolition. The last night of opening was 12th April but Team UK now have a new pub but unfortunately not in the Barnsley area, the Fountain Inn at Halifax (see page 27). The **Old Post Office** at Haigh (Free House) has been sold to Enterprise Inns (now not a Free House). The **Limes** (ex Barnsley Golf Club) at Staincross is now a pub and open to everyone, the pub is going through a lot of improvements and offers John Smiths Cask. The **Grey Horse**, Old Town is offering two guest beers alongside John Smiths Cask. A refurbishment of the pub is on the cards, let's hope that it will keep the multi-roomed traditional pub style with its great ambiances. **Star Inn**, Cudworth has had planning approved for its pub extension and letting bedrooms. The **Manor** at Grimethorpe, the **Fighting Cock** at Platts Common, **White Rose** in Wombwell and the ex **Ram** in Kexbrough have all been demolished for housing in recent months, Grimethorpe now only has the Red Rum Pub. The **Ash Inn** at Wombwell has had a recent refurbishment and now offers two cask ales John Smiths Cask and Theakstons Best Bitter. The **Courthouse**, Barnsley has four real ales on, two Theakstons beers and two guest beers. The **Gatehouse**, Barnsley is holding a beer festival from 14th to 17th June, on offer will be 12 real ales (from non local breweries), also you will be able to sample these beers in a 1/3 pint glass so if you only want to drink 3 pints in one night, you can happily drink all the beers. More on page 11 and 16. **The smoking ban for England comes into force on 1st July 2007. What is your local pub offering to keep you going in? Gum? Lollipops? Cheese Board? Games Nights? Entertainment? Great Real Ale Choice? Let us know. Send us details to Nigel's address on page 26.**

## & Brewery News

### Acorn Brewery

The single hopped I.P.A. are selling well, you may still catch Goldings I.P.A. but if not you can drink Challenger I.P.A. in June, First Gold I.P.A. in July and in August and September it's Fuggles I.P.A. and Bramling Cross I.P.A. I did ask about some American hopped I.P.A.'s and Dave may still try them later, but there are loads of UK hops to try first. Other than the I.P.A.'s another new beer NORTHERN PRIDE 3.7% is available until the end of June, and the sales of Darkness Mild have been the best ever for the month of May. May also saw the launch of Acorn bottled beers in Threshers off licences throughout Yorkshire via the SIBA Direct Delivery Scheme. It is hoped that brewing will start on the new plant in early July, this would be great as the breweries birthday is the 4th July - Happy Birthday Acorn.

### Clarks Brewery

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## PRIZE WORDSEARCH.

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Send the hidden message along with your name, address and which advertised pub you would like to drink your free beer, **you must state you are 18 or over.** Send to Nigel Croft either by email, post or text. (Address and number on page 25). Closing date is **Friday 6th July 2007.**

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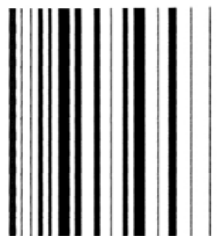
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# BAR-fly Lands At The Elephant and Castle Hemingfield



The Elephant and Castle started as a 17th century coaching Inn. Over the years it has had many alterations and refurbishments. The latest refurbishment, just a few months ago left the actual layout the same. Having said that however, gone now is the traditional pub with pool table. In place of the pool table is the comfy lounge area with leather settees coffee table and fireplace. The remainder of the pub is laid out for dining. The heavy furniture sits on extremely lush carpeting giving the pub a very plush and up market feel to it.

I was calling in to visit Ashley and Claire Watkins the licensees to apologise after the last edition of the BAR said they did not serve any real ales. I am pleased to report that they actually serve two cask ales. At the time of my visit they had Abbot Ale which is the regular cask ale. Adding to this is a fortnightly changing guest ale which was today Jennings Cumberland Ale. The John Smiths Cask has been removed and replaced with the keg smooth.

Ashley and Claire have now been at the helm of the Elephant and Castle for just over a year and is the first pub they have run. With a fresh start to the trade comes a fresh ambiance for the visitor. The main emphasis is on food, and not your average pub grub either. A couple of items on the lunchtime menu were Braised Bourguignon, Moules Mariniere. All the food is

freshly prepared to order and they do try to keep waiting times to a minimum but good food cannot be rushed. This is the first pub that Ashley and Claire have run and we wish them well.



*Barfly*

## Beer Quotes

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# Barnsley Town Centre Survey - Part 2

Early March saw the CAMRA stalwarts in town again on the second leg of our town centre survey. This time we didn't expect to get real ale in most outlets and were prepared to do the best we could ... certainly a bit more savvy about midweek price offers and bogoffs! Having said that, an excellent pint of Acom Bullion for £1.69 at Joseph Bramah was a good start to the night - exceptional value for the town centre. Out of the back door and into Base and the expected bottle offers. Small, very noisy and quite frankly boring to someone of my years. They only have plastic glasses here, but give you the glass bottle to drink from? The Belfry Bar was kitsch but fun and even had some music that sounded familiar. The sticky carpet was a reminder of a previous town centre survey. In my youth, theme pubs were very rare and the first I came across was the Stonehouse in Sheffield centre when a student. It struck me that today's younger drinkers at least have some interesting looking places to sup and a bit of fun never did any harm.

Next was KGV which was stylish and mercifully quiet. Draught Guinness on an offer again and the best bar service of the evening. A trip to the Gents brought the novelty of someone selling aftershave and other items in there. Next door at Livingston's and it was dear where all the trade was. Busy, noisy and obviously the place to be that night. In a sort of reverse Shangri-La moment I aged about twenty years as I went in the door. A further surprise was the prevalence of hot pants - something I thought was dead for all time after their outing in the 1970's when a lot of girls who shouldn't have worn them did. No complaints at Livingston's on that score.... probably an age thing. 3 for 1 deals on bottles will have been another incentive to pack them in. At one stage I was quizzed by the manager who'd seen me making notes in my little black book. She needn't have worried as she appears to be running a tight ship and it wasn't her premises where the smell of exotic tobacco was noticeable. Besides, my notes after a night such as this one are virtually indecipherable the day after.

Treadles was noisy and the ultra-violet lighting made me feel a bit nostalgic. Certainly lit up the CAMRA logo on my sweatshirt a treat but did nothing for my gin and tonic. Browns was busy and a bit more traditional so I didn't feel such an old scroat but again no real ale. Never mind, it's not a bad spot compared to some we'd seen on our outings so far.

Finally to the Gatehouse and a drop of Wards Best Bitter (now brewed in Stockport) in surroundings I'm used to. Time for a sit and a think about what we'd seen. I'd enjoyed my night out and there is no doubt that Barnsley centre outlets have something to offer for most people but it has to be said that you pay heavily for the privilege. If punters can only be attracted midweek by bogoffs and an occasional 3 for 1 offer then something is wrong. Probably too many outlets overall and the number that are closed midweek would support that argument. Where will we go on the next leg? Still plenty of places to try!

Next instalment in the next edition

Colin Wilson



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## Beer Festivals

The budget for **Barnsley Beer Festival** has been approved so we can confirm the dates, **Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th October at the Keel Inn**, Canal Street, Barnsley. Much more next edition. Until then there are one or two other festival happening.

The first is at the **Gatehouse**, Barnsley. This runs from **Thursday 14th June till Sunday 17th June** (Fathers Day). A three course lunch for £8.50 is available on the Sunday 12 till 2.30pm and if it's anything like the Mothers day lunch in March it will be popular and good. Most of the beers for the festival are from outside Yorkshire and include - Banks and Taylor Black Jack Mild, White Star

## Charity Events

We here at CAMRA are looking to hold a few charity events in the next few months. We are this year raising money for the Barnsley Tykes Disabilities Football Club, having called to see everyone just the other week at Oakwell I can trust that the money we raise will be putting even more smiles on more faces.

We are setting a few dates in stone for sponsored walks, two shorter ones rather than the long ones, this may encourage just a few more people. Saturday 25th August - The Wentworth Arms, Penistone to the Ring O'Bells, Silkstone (details to follow) . Also Saturday 22nd September - The same walk in reverse. Both to be confirmed. There is also a Race Night being planned by the Tykes Club, this is hoped to take place at the Shaw Lane Sports Club in September (TBC). Just watch this space and the [Barnsleycamra.org.uk](http://Barnsleycamra.org.uk) website. You will be able to register for the walks on-line or in the next edition.

U.X.B, RCH Pitchfork, Hidden Brewery Hidden Fantasy, Hanby Joy bringer Ginger, Spectrum Trip Hazard as well as a real cider. All the beers will be available in pints, half pints and the new third pint measure.

The same dates as the Gatehouse festival sees a festival at the **Hillsborough Hotel** in Sheffield. A new and old favourites festival with cider.

The **Kelham Island Tavern** in Sheffield, (see ad on page 20) is holding a summer beer festival. The festival takes place from **Thursday June 21st to Saturday 23rd**.

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## Lyn In The Kitch in BY Lyn Liversidge

### Beer Salmon

I like fish very much and have been looking for another fish n beer recipe to try for a while. I came across this on the net and thought I'd give it a go. I am glad I did, as it is an easy and very tasty way to cook salmon. You can use any beer you like, I would suggest that you keep it light coloured and hoppy. I used Doff Cocker from the Three B's Brewery.

### Then you:

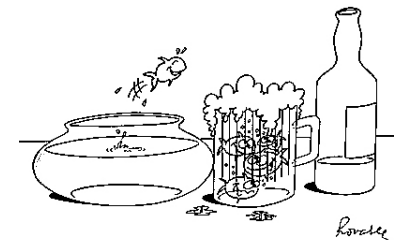
Using aluminium foil, create an oblong cooking tray (approximately 13 inches by 8 inches by 2 inches) to be placed directly on grill. Place the salmon fillet in centre of tray. Season first with garlic salt, sprinkle with brown sugar, and then cover with pieces of butter. Top with sliced red onions. Pour beer of choice into tray to just below the highest point of the fillet. Cover tray with aluminium foil to envelope fish completely. Place tray on grill, cover with lid, and grill for approximately 8 minutes or until it is just cooked through.



### You need:

- 1 (12-inch) tail piece salmon fillet (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bottle beer

Preheat grill to medium-high heat.



Available in a brown 500ml bottle and a CAMRA RAIB logo, **Doff Cocker** is a slightly pale-coloured bitter

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# PATHWAYS - PAY DAY

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selling up. Barnsley CAMRA events helped raise £2800 during they ear. We ran raffles, walked miles and miles had fun party BBQ's and games ev enings, the usual stuff. The money raised will help the group to help the abused in domestic violence, be it a female or a male. It will also help with having to move to the new premises in Barnsley.



CAMRA presenting its Money to PATHWAYS



TEAM UK presenting its Money to PATHWAYS

## Spring Pub of the Season



Tony, and June Foster Eric Gilbert who made with their well achieved the presentation to the CAMRA Pub of the Season award. Right is the couple during a busy evening.

## RECYCLE THE BAR

Pass it to a friend to read or leave it for others to read when you have finished!



# A Yorkshireman in New York - Part 2

The K & M Bar at 225 N. 8th Street, Brooklyn, is named after the people who once had the place when it made Pierogi - a stuffed dumpling shaped like a small Cornish pasty. The place now offers a good range of European bottled beers as well as other beers from the likes of Japan etc. Our visit however had us drinking the seasonal beer from the Thomas Hooker brewery at Hartford, Connecticut. Irish Red Ale 5.3% abv was a ruby coloured roasted malt aroma beer with a crisp but sweet flavour. The beer was served by gravity direct from a cask on the bar. The pub was a little busy but we found a corner to stand at and noticed the Embossed ceiling tiles showing pierogi in an art décor green colour.



We left here and walked a while in the freezing cold (but much warmer after a few beers), and made it to Iona, 180 Grand St., Brooklyn; however it wasn't long before I was asking to leave, the handpumps were a fake and serving keg beer, so we quickly left without a drink and headed a few blocks and into the welcoming Mugs Ale House, 125 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn. This was a typical drinkers' pub with a restaurant tagged on at the end. A great selection of beers both on tap, handpump and bottle. The place was covered with paraphernalia from what seemed like hundreds of breweries as well as a light-up American flag... Our final beer of the evening, which I think we had a couple of was again from the Thomas Hooker Brewery, Imperial Porter at 8% abv. The beer was on the handpump and served with a small to medium head that was tight and beige in colour. The aroma was full of roast malt and the taste was strong in roast malt and with a hint of dark chocolate flavours, this carried on into a hoppy finish. You can see why we stayed for a second pint.

After another cold day out visiting Ellis Island we treated our hosts to some home cooking, this had us going into a city whole food supermarket where we got lost between the fruit and vegetables and beer isles. After dinner Alex and me headed off for some more bars. It would have been a little late for a crawl around a UK city but New York bars stay open till 4am mostly and on a Monday night at 9pm why stay in?

A short bus ride got us back to where Barcade is on Union Ave, we didn't call in as we had more bars to visit as this was my last evening. A short walk got us to Spuyten Duyvil, 359 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn. Walking into the bar is like walking into a junk shop, the walls, shelves and windows are all full of old collectable things like bicycles, 1970's chairs and 70's 2 seated sofas, and whatever you see you can buy... The long bar offers us beers from ten countries but has a great selection on Belgian beers which are listed by region - Flemish and Wallonian, plus one section for Lambic. We however noticed the cask racked near the cheese and meat counter. The beer was from just round the corner, Sixpoint Brewery, and the beer was a staggering (literally) 13.3% abv called Merlot-Aged Grand Cru. So we had a couple, each, (10 oz glasses).

We left the bar and walked a while till we got to South 4th Bar, 90 South 4th Street at Berry St., Brooklyn. The bar has only been open since November 2006 and this showed, as it was one of the cleanest bars I had been in so far. The bar offered a smaller range of beers than some of the others and there was no handpump, but this wasn't a problem as I was interested



in the Chelsea Tsar's Revenge Imperial Stout (9% abv). This was a roasted malt stout with coffee and chocolate flavours and quite easy to drink for 9%, but the last beer could have helped with this. The other thing about the bar is it has a small fish bowl on the bar, just where we were sitting, strange...

We left there and walked a short while and went into the Levee (212 Berry Street, Brooklyn). The Levee was full of local people who made us very welcome, an old-fashioned bar and comfortable. The music added to the homely ambiance of the place and I thought the free lollipops was a good touch for the smokers. A notice

I read said, "Any notions you have about making it an early night will disappear quickly", If it wasn't for us wanting to dash off to see other bars this may have been the case.

The next bar was a few blocks away, Spike Hill, 184 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn. This was now on our bus route home and we had the option of having one or two beers here due to the bus times. We opted for two...

The pub was not one of those Irish style pubs that many seem to be in NY, but this was more traditional English. Fish and chips and Shepherd's Pie on the menu help you come to that conclusion. The bar's selection of 12 rotating beers and more than 30 by the bottle was more appealing to me though. I ignored the Guinness and Old Speckled Hen and had Bear Republic (California) Hop Rod Rye (8% abv) and Victory Golden Monkey (9.5% abv).

We headed for the bus and got off quite near our weekend's accommodation but nearer to the last bar for this visit: The Mark Bar, 1025 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn. The bar offers beers from thirteen countries and a good selection of draft beers, Victory Hop Devil IPA (6.7% abv) was the one for me, this was a copper coloured beer with a tight head, with a flavour full of citrus hops, just a little sweet and very hoppy. A very nice beer.

So the weekend ended with no 3.8% session drinks and everything full of wonderful flavours. And the reason for this is the duty in the USA is paid on the beer, not its strength - so why brew a beer at 3.8% that's going to be thin and watery in comparison to a 6% with a full body and loads of flavour? The prices were all around \$5 and if we had found a beer at 3.8% the price would still have been \$5.

I would like to thank Alex and Felice for their hospitality and we look forward to meeting up with you both again in June at Glastonwick, in the UK.

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