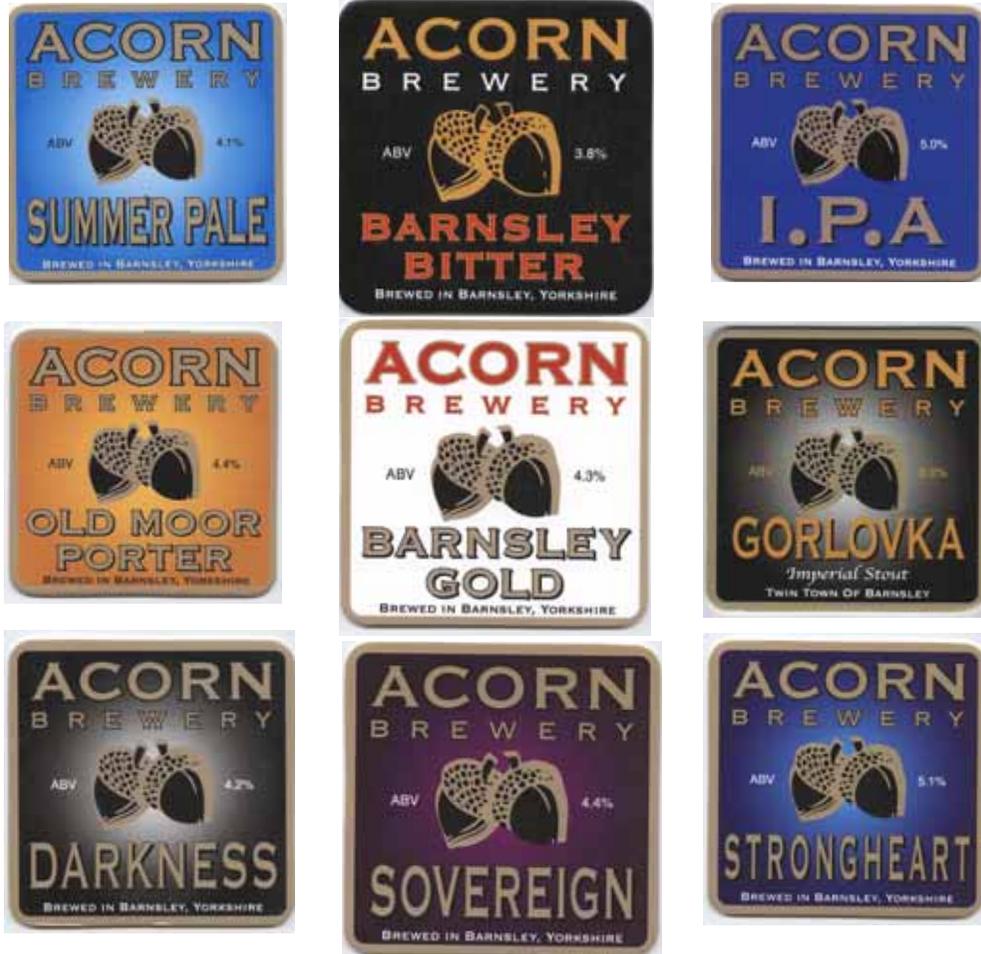


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SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact details on page 30

Wednesday 3rd October

Survey and social around Town End. Meet at the Cranberry, Dodworth Road at 7.45pm

Saturday 6th October

Day out in Retford, North Notts, catch the 10.01am train to Sheffield, then 10.44am from Sheffield to Retford. Return fare £8.70 (Concessions available).

Monday 8th October

Beer Festival Meeting at the Keel Inn, Canal Street, Barnsley 8pm start. All welcome.

Saturday 13th October

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Tues to Thur 16th to 18th October

Set-up for Barnsley Beer Festival. Keel Inn from 1pm onwards each day.

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Saturday 27th October

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Tuesday 30th October

Branch meeting and social at the Dove Inn, Doncaster Rd. Start 8pm

Friday 2nd November

Pub of the Season Presentation to the Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Barnsley. 9pm See page 3

Wednesday 7th November

Survey social of Elsecar. Start at the Fitzwilliam Arms at 7.45pm. Recommend the Train at 7.26pm

Saturday 10th November

Bradford Beer and Curry Night. Depart the Gatehouse, Eldon Street, Barnsley at 6pm. Return from Bradford 11.30pm, the New Beehive. £5 deposit per person to be paid by Wednesday 7th to secure your seat. Cheques made payable to Barnsley CAMRA and sent to Margaret at the address on the left page please.

Tuesday 20th November

The BAR distribution social. Meet at 8pm at the Gatehouse, Eldon Street, Barnsley

Thursday 22nd November

Commercial, Chapeltown Beer Festival. Catch the 7.55pm 265 bus or the 8.06pm train. (See ad on page 4)

Tuesday 27th November

Branch meeting and social at Ring O' Bells Silkstone. Catch the number 20 bus at 7.15pm from the interchange (or on Market Hill to save fare increase).

Forward Planners

Sheffield branch are hoping to host an inter branch games social, the date and venue TBC is 1st December at the Commercial Chapeltown.

Well the paint on the new Interchange isn't dry and we are told by Stagecoach the bus fares have gone up to pay for using it... Maybe the cancellation of so many services is hitting the company (less buses, less passengers equals less income). (I think the services should be 'regulated' again. I thought the whole idea of all these bus improvements was to make the bus the better choice? We now see a steady decline of both services and passengers. We need a frequent, reliable service where fares are cheaper than taxis. Ed). Please don't drink and drive, use the public services. The times we supply were correct when we went to print.

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Margaret Croft



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Autumn Pub of the Season The Dove Inn Barnsley

This season's award is unhesitatingly given to a pub now "restored to life", the Dove Inn on Doncaster Road. Formerly a run-down, smoky John Smiths house, since December 2006 Old Mill brewery from Snaith, East Yorkshire, have done a fantastic job in completely revamping the premises, including changing the bar position and bringing into use the outside areas, making a sheltered beer garden and separate verandah affording scenic views over Oakwell and the Deame Valley Country Park. With a plethora of flower baskets the Dove has a very cheery and welcoming aspect considering its main road location. Inside you can expect a refreshing pint of Old Mill Bitter (at 3.9%) and Bullion (at 4.7%) – both rarely seen beers in the Barnsley area and sit amongst a mixture of comfy chairs and table seating in either the cosy bar area to the left, larger games room to the right or the back room which leads onto the decked verandah. It is rare for Barnsley CAMRA to bestow a Pub



of the Season Award to any pub where the ownership has so recently changed, however such is the transformation both in terms of building and beer that although a dose contest the voting went decisively in favour of the Dove. A drinker's delight then – and very handy for the thirsty football supports – please call in and congratulate the licensee, Keel and his staff when passing and make a special note in your diary for our presentation evening on Friday 2nd November around 9pm.



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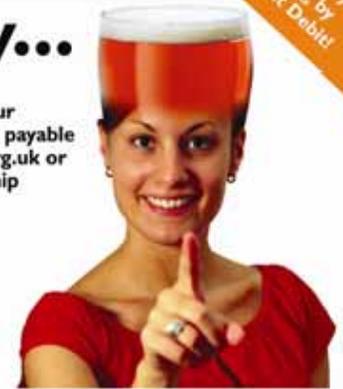
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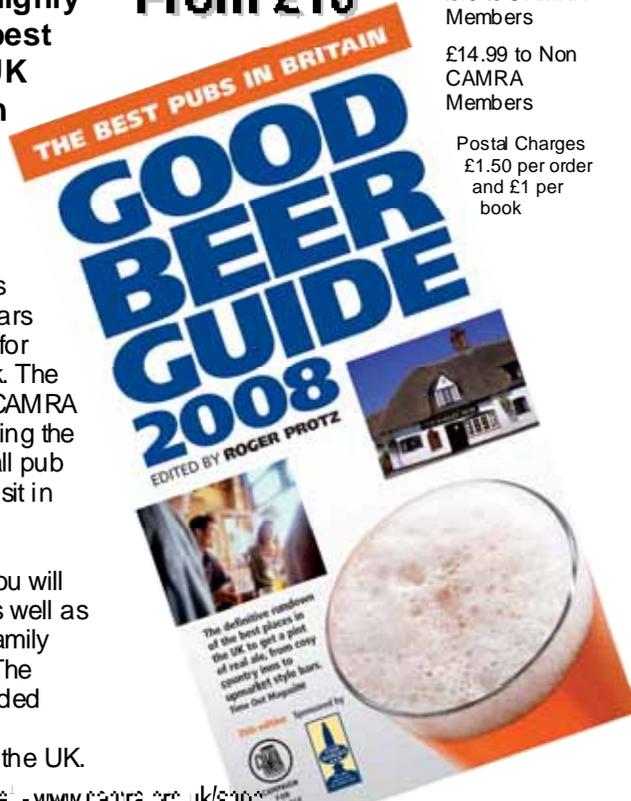
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As we go to print the **Star** at Cudworth will be re-opening serving John Smiths cask, the new look pub will have live bands playing on Thursdays and the new accommodation area will have all the modern comforts, contact 714311 for information.

Pubs in Wombwell that were still closed after the floods as we went to print are the **Low Valley Arms, Thawleys**, and the **Lundhill Tavern**.

It looked as if the **Mill of the Black Monk** at Cundy Cross was ready to open soon.

The **Ring O'Bells** at Silkstone managed to open just in time for the Brass Bands weekend and a bike rally which saw the pub almost sell out of beer after a triple beer order...

The **Elephant and Castle** at Hemingfield is open and so is the **Millers Inn** at Low Barugh.

The **Old Post Office** at Haigh has re-opened after a refurbishment.

The **Countryman** in Wombwell is closed and boarded up waiting a possible new tenant.

J.D.Wetherspoons pubs are holding their biggest ever beer festival from 1st to 18th November. The Barnsley venues are the **Joseph Bramah**,

Barnsley and the **Horseshoe**, Wombwell. Over the event up to 50 real ales including specials will be served.

The **Tom Treddeholye** at Pogmoor is now offering Tetley cask, Deuchars IPA and John Smiths cask. Phil and Glyn are still running the **Cock Inn** at Birdwell, and the beer choices are as good as ever.

[the **White Bear**] Barnsley, once the White Bear, the Royal, the Fealty and Firkin and the Assembly re opened its doors late last month and has a fresh modern style as well as two real ales, these are Taylor Landlord and Black Sheep Bitter.

The **Rafters Lounge and Coffee Bar** which is the upstairs area of the **Waggon and Horses** at Oxspring has Taylor Landlord on offer.

At Royston the **Pack Horse** is doing well with the guest beers my last visit had me drinking Hambleton Bitter and Theakston Mild.

The **Wentworth Arms** in Penistone were pleased to report that the two guest beers served alongside the Banks's Bitter were selling very well.

The **Corner Pocket Snooker Club** on Elm Row at Hoyle Mill is said to be serving John Smiths Cask, the Cask Sign is clear outside but I didn't have time to call in and have a drink.

& Brewery News

The Crown Brewery - Sheffield

Tom Delaney is the manager at the Crown Brewery, Sheffield. The brewery is now back up and running with new full time brewer Stuart Ross (formerly of the Kaltham Island Tavern and Acorn breweries), Stuart has revised all the Crown recipes. The brewery now have the following beers available both in the Hillsborough Hotel and to the free trade. H.P.A. 3.9% abv; Loxley Gold 4.5% abv; Samuel Berrys 5.1% abv; Middlewood Mild 3.8% abv; Stannington Stout 5.0% abv; Traditional Bitter 4.0% abv; Primrose Pale 4.2% abv. You can contact the brewery and Hotel by E-mail hillsborough-h@btconnect.com or call 0114 2322100.

Acorn Brewery - Barnsley

Good news from the brewery is their move to the new site is now complete and brewing has started. Four beers had been brewed as I type this and all was going well. The IPA's are very popular and are flying out, and a new permanent beer to the portfolio will be Blonde, this was showcased at the Gatehouse and proved to be a popular choice by the drinkers.

Wentworth Brewery - Wentworth

Promotion for Michelle Bright as the new head brewer (Brewster) at the age of 26. Michelle has already produced award winning beers, just this year at Oakwood Real Ale and Music Festival in Rotherham Michelle picked up a Gold Award. Her past job was as a chef for the army where she served in Kosovo.

H.B.Clarks - Wakefield

Out in October is Special Brew, a 4.2% abv beer which is refreshing, ruby red and malty, with a roast aroma and a hint of fruit, also hop in the nose. As for November we see the return of Burglar Bill at 4.4% abv. As we went to print however the tasting notes were unavailable from any of my sources.

John Smiths - Warrington (wrong side of the Pennines)

Hundreds of Barnsley drinkers have been turning their noses up at the John Smiths cask that is now brewed in Warrington, complaints from drinkers about the taste as well as reports of pubs sending all their beer back were starting to come in as we went to press. More in the next edition and on-line.

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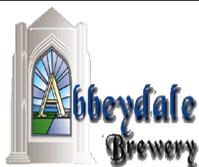
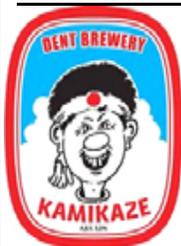
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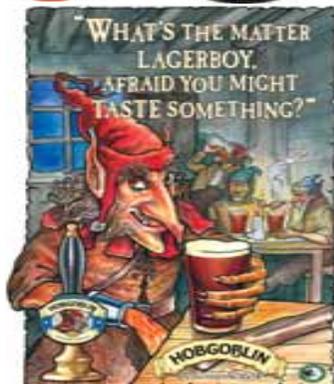
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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

One away point, as I write, in the first two matches suggests a sluggish start for our new look Barnsley F.C. Thirteen new players will take some time to "gel" especially given the number of different nationalities – are they talking to each other? Well we'll see, and we've still got the enjoyment of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide for the Very Best Away Pubs and Pints:-

Saturday 6th October: Charlton

A new Away Ale ground and the Greenwich section of the 2007 Good Beer Guide offers three entries. The **Plume of Feathers**, 19 Park Vista, a regular Guide entry is a pleasant back street local with a central three-sided bar surrounded by seating. A comfortable hostelry it attracts discerning drinkers from the throng of tourists to Greenwich. You can choose from an extensive bar menu or dine in the restaurant, Lebanese dishes are a speciality here (evening meals Tuesday to Saturday). If the weather is good take advantage of the walled garden which has a safe area for the children to play. The beer choice is Adnams Bitter, Fullers London Pride and guest beers all on handpump.

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The nearest train station is Maze Hill and the nearest Docklands Light Railway stop is Cutty Sark.

Monday 22nd October: Hull

Although this match is now to be screened on Sky TV the town boasts eleven Good Beer Guide entries to savour. Good excuse to visit the city, especially one of the two Wetherspoons outlets. The **Three John Scotts** on Lowgate is a converted Edwardian post office opposite St. Mary's church in the old town. An open-plan Wetherspoons it features modern décor and original art. Named after three past incumbents of the church, it now welcomes the bell ringers on Tuesday evenings and twice on Sundays. The clientele is mixed at lunchtime, with circuit drinkers appearing at weekends. The rear courtyard offers plenty of seating whilst the beer menu offers up to five guest beers always including a Rooster's brew plus Westons Cider and Perries. Food is served until 11pm daily. Open 9am to Midnight on Mondays.
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Saturday 27th October: Leicester

CAMRA's 2007 Good Beer Guide holds ten choices from Leicester and although one serves Barnsley's own Oakwell Ales (Shakespeare's Head), as we featured it last season today we'll visit the **Out of the Vaults**, 24 King Street. This city centre free house serves up to twenty real ales, specialising in small independent and micro-brewery beers. Real ale enthusiasts visit regularly for the frequent beer festivals. Close to the rugby and football grounds the pub is busy with supporters on match days. The bar room is accessible from New Walk as well as Kings Street and was Leicester CAMRA city Pub of the Year in 2005. Awesome filled baguettes are available all day.
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Congratulations this month go to Ian Cosford of Sheffield who correctly found the hidden message, Ian will be drinking his four free pints at the Kelham Island Tavern, Sheffield (see ad on page 4). Well done Ian.

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Acclaimed Beer Writer Michael Jackson

CAMRA wishes to express its sadness at the death of acclaimed beer writer Michael Jackson at his London home on Thursday 30th August 2007, aged 65. Michael was a supremely passionate and knowledgeable advocate for beer and brewing. He penned articles for newspaper and magazine titles both in the UK and overseas - including CAMRA's newspaper What's Brewing. He was the author of many books and presented the Beer Hunter series of documentary films dedicated to the world's finest brews. He has been described by his peers at the British Guild of Beer Writers as: "Without doubt the most widely-published and influential author on beer."

My name is Michael Jackson. No, not that Michael Jackson.

Michael Jackson.
1942 - 2007.

Away Ales *Continued*

Saturday 10th November:

Wolverhampton

Having visited Wolverhampton in April this year for the CAMRA National AGM and Members Weekend, I now have the advantage of recent knowledge in choosing one of the eleven pubs listed in this year's Good Beer Guide. The **Newhampton**, 19 Riches Street, is a multi-roomed local boasting an unexpectedly large garden where games facilities include a bowling green and boules piste. It serves its local community and customers from further afield. A function room is a thriving venue for folk and other music. The pub also has a lounge, pool room and bowls pavilion bar. The home-made food which includes good vegetarian options is recommended. Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Courage Best Bitter and Directors, Greene King Abbot, Theakstons Old Peculier and guest beers is the ale selection. Open 11am to midnight Saturday s. Tel. (01902) 745773

Tuesday 27th November: Sheffield Wednesday

A trip to the "Valley of Beer" never disappoints - apart from the scoreline sometimes! Only one pub left to feature from the Sheffield: North pubs section of the Good Beer Guide as we have used the other three in the past few seasons. Formally the Cask and Cutler but now back to its old name The **Wellington** after 13 years. 1 Henry Street, Shalesmoor is a multi-award winning street-corner pub fronting onto the Sheffield Supertram tracks. It serves an ever-changing range of eight excellent cask ales from micro and small independent breweries, one of these is always a mild and a stout or porter. Plus a range of continental bottled beers. This quiet pub retains many traditional features including the original leaded windows; the former no-smoking room has a real fire. The chances are that the annual beer festival staged in November will continue with its new owners Little Ale Cart Ltd. Open noon till 2pm and 5.30pm to 11pm Tuesdays. Tel (0114) 249 2295. Tram stop is Shalesmoor - a 10 minute ride to Hillsborough.



Summer Pub of the Season Presentation

Phil and Vikki of the Milton Arms, Elsecar (centre and right) are presented with their well deserved award for Summer Pub of the Season 2007. The Presentation was made to them by Eric Gilbert, branch chair who, to a well turned out busy pub congratulated the couple and their staff for running a wonderful pub. The beers available on the evening were both from Wentworth brewery W.P.A. or Woppa to its friends and Gatekeeper. Both these beers were in excellent condition and served in oversized lined glasses so guaranteeing the drinker a full pint. The sale of real ales is doing so well that a third beer is being added.



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As home-drinking hits record levels, the consumer group is calling on drinkers to swap their armchairs for the barstool at their local to enjoy a real ale produced by a local brewery. 46% of UK beer sales are in cans or non-returnable bottles, producing a huge amount of waste.

Mike Benner, Chief Executive said, "We're all becoming more environmentally conscious and drinking a local real ale in a pub is one way of making a small but significant contribution to save the World and promote local economies in a food and drink market dominated by global companies.

Draught real ale means no wasted beer cans or bottles and if you choose a locally brewed beer, you'll help reduce unnecessary beer miles."

New research shows that 54% of adults would like to see at least one local beer in every pub, yet too many pubs still stick to the usual global beers offering no local alternative, says CAMRA.

Choosing local beers also helps boost the local economy as it has a multiplying effect, keeping money and jobs in the community and making companies more responsive to local needs.

Mike Benner said, "The real ale revolution means there are around 600 real ale breweries in Britain. That means there are few places without a truly local brewer on their doorstep, so why do we still see so many beers trunked up and down our motorways? The demand for local beer is clearly there, so the pub industry needs to act to deliver what consumers want and what the environment needs."

CAMRA claims that local real ale enjoyed in a pub is the most sustainable choice because:

- It boosts the local economy creating jobs
- It reduces unnecessary 'beer miles' It boosts sustainability through promoting a sense of pride, provenance and identity to communities across Britain
- Acts as a counterweight to beers from huge distant global companies
- Reduces packaging waste through reusable casks which can last up to 20 years
- Reduces energy used in the pub as the beer is served naturally cool, not superchilled, through a handpull which requires no electricity!

- Supports the principles of the Sustainable Communities Bill through promoting local pubs and brewers

Janette Longfield, Co-coordinator of Sustain, the alliance for better food and farming, said, "Sustain has long been concerned about the impact of the food and drink industry on sustainable development. CAMRA's excellent campaigns for locally brewed, distinctive beers can not only cut down on unnecessary and damaging transport, but also provide local jobs and stimulate interest in high quality ingredients for drinks and food."

CAMRA has also hit out at the recent obsession with 'superchilled' beers, often cooled down to 1 or 2 degrees in the pub.

Mr. Benner said, "Real ale is pleasantly and naturally cool, served at 10-13 degrees, so much less energy is used cooling the beer. No one likes warm beer, but the obsession with cooling beer down to such unnatural levels is surely at odds with an environmentally friendly approach and it's time for brewers to put flavour before near-freezing temperatures."



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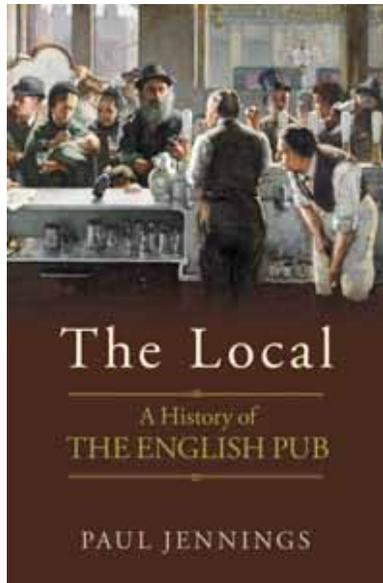
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The Local: A History of the English Pub

Book Review by Barry Pascoe, British Guild of Beer Writers



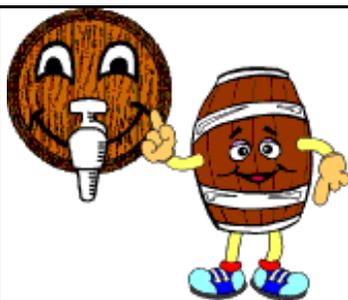
Here's a book that has been twenty years in the making and when you consider its detail, accuracy and interest you can understand why. *The Local: A History of the English Pub* by Paul Jennings covers the evolution of the public house from 1770 to date and whilst acknowledging that such establishments existed before that date it recognises that they played little effect on their consequent development. Paul Jennings, a Bradford lad, is not new to writing scholastically on this subject although his previous major contribution *The Public House in Bradford, 1770 – 1970* is now 12 years old. He now takes a wider view but concedes that much of his research is from his natal borough and nearby. It doesn't stop him establishing 'what is a pub?' and who are the folk that run them and use them. He clearly recognises that licensees and customers are the most important human elements in the life of pubs but also that the government, magistrates, the police and pub owners are the ones who have most control over them.

Whilst this history is not anecdotally based it does contain many interesting stories. In the 1820s illegal drinking shops called 'whisht' houses (meaning shush, keep quiet) were abundant in the north of England but some liberal minded folk explained their existence because of bad ale sold at high prices in legal establishments which forced drinkers

into them. The book looks also at other aspects of law breaking and the various names given to pubs which catered for disparate groups of customers. It also examines why beer was discouraged during the Great War and encouraged in that of 1939 to 1945.

It is all fascinating stuff bringing us as up to date, statistically at least, to 2006. It is most readable for pub-goers and people with an interest in whatever respect in the English pub, and an essential to those interested in the folk life of the English people.

The Local: A History of the English Pub, published by Tempus at £20 has 288 pages and 22 illustrations.



York Beer Festival

Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd November
Priory Street Centre

This year's theme is Bonfire Night. We won't be burning local lad Guy Fawkes and our barrels will be filled with beer rather than gunpowder. There'll be a sparkling choice of around 100 real ales available, plus several real ciders and perries. With no gassy keg beer, there's no need to worry about getting blown up, so all you guys (and girls) should start plotting your visit to the festival. There'll be more details on our website as the organisation ignites; look out for posters and tickets in Yorks pubs nearer the date. www.yorkcamra.free-online.co.uk or phone Steve Cammidge on 01904 632972

If your pint short? Then ask for a top up. Still short? See page 26 Page 22

1st Ever Brew At Acorn Brewery 2 Charity Events



It's been a long time coming but on Friday 17th August the first brew on Acorn Breweries new site started. The beer was of course the popular Barnsley Bitter.

Dave Hughes, Managing Director said "The move has come at a great time, our beers are more popular than ever and the new 20 barrel plant will allow a weekly capacity of 120 barrels of Acorn real ales." - To you and me that's just short of 35,000 pints.

Champion Beer of Britain

Hobsons Mild from Hobsons Brewery in Shropshire was judged to be the best beer in Britain by a panel of brewers, beer writers and journalists at the Great British Beer Festival at Earls Court, London.

The beer is described in the 2007 edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide as: "A classic mild. Complex layers of taste come from roasted malts that predominate and give lots of flavour." The Shropshire brewed beer was chosen as the overall winner from over fifty finalists including Barnsley's own, Acorn Barnsley Bitter, as well as other beers from tiny micros to major regional brewers.

Roger Protz, one of the finalist judges and Editor of the Good Beer Guide said: "It's a great victory for a traditional British beer. It's bursting with flavour and, unusually for a Mild, it's got plenty of hop character. It's great to see a classic copper coloured beer take the top award."

Nick Davis, Director of Hobsons said: "What a great surprise! It's a nutty mild and despite being only 3.2% abv it's packed full of flavour."

As we were going to print we had just finished leg one of two of the sponsored walks. We had a good



turn out and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Glynn (Left) and Cath at the Wentworth Arms, Penistone for accommodating us at the start

of the walk and to all the staff in the pubs en route, but a big thank you must go to Maggi and John at the Ring O'Bells, Silkestone for a wonderful buffet

which they very kindly donated free for the intrepid walkers. At this time we are not



sure what amount of money was raised, and as some will be walking the other half in September we won't really know until late October.



You can make a donation to the Tykes Disabilities FC by popping in at one of our socials or on-line at

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Other events were also being held just before we went to print so more pictorials in the next edition.



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Hannah At The Hob

BY
Hannah Lucas

Following on from the articles about Fawcett's malted barley and also the article about the use of brewers yeast in Marmite I decided to stay with the theme of beer and beer ingredients.

Black Beer

Black Beer is made from malt extract which is a syrup derived from malted barley. At the end of the malting process the roasted grains either go to the brewery for beer making or go to a processing plant where they are crushed, heated and simmered to produce the malt extract. This is widely used in the food industry to make products like Horlicks, biscuits, cakes and of course malt loaf. The home brewers amongst you may have used malt extract instead of malted barley in your brew. A few homebrew pubs still use malt extract but some drinkers think that it produces a beer with a distinct but inferior taste.

Black Beer is a Yorkshire product that was once well known but now seems to be almost forgotten. You may be thinking about stout or porter but this is something quite different. It is a Yorkshire speciality that was first produced by J. E. Mather in Wortley, Leeds in 1901. Incidentally the company was sold to Schweppes in the 1950s and the site has been redeveloped but the beer is still being made in Yorkshire. However Mather's are the last of the Black Beer producers.

Black Beer is very thick, dark brown, malty, both bitter and sweet with a taste similar to bonfire toffee. It is 8.5% alcohol but carries no duty because it has a high original gravity in relation to the alcohol content. I bought a 68cl bottle for £1.48 in ASDA. Black Beer is also a mixer rather than a drink in its own right. It is made using a fermentation process with wine yeast. The ingredients are concentrated malted syrup, barley sugar and brown sugar. But with no hops to give any additional bitterness. It has a high concentration of vitamins and minerals so was given as a tonic to the usual suspects, sick children, the infirm and nursing mothers.

As a mixer it was combined with another Yorkshire product, White's lemonade, to make Sheffield Stout. Apparently the original rum and black was rum and black beer rather than blackcurrant cordial. This was drunk by sailors to prevent scurvy. In the spirit of adventure I tried it and found it pleasant but my preferred use is with very cold milk, as a night cap.

As an ingredient it enhances both the colour and taste of fruit cakes, parkin, toffee and Christmas puddings. It can be used in meat stews and meat pie fillings where it enhances both the colour and flavour but does not add too much sweetness. It is used in this way at the Cherry Tree, High Hoyland.

The beer is not easy to find in the drinks section of super markets but I found it lurking amongst the Sanatogen healthcare range. Black Beer certainly has a following judging from the number of blogs and reported sightings of the product.
www.bottledbeer.co.uk
www.farnleyandwortleyward.info/mathers



Used as an ingredient in cakes or stews or as a mixer it is worth a try. And it is also worth supporting as a local product which has become almost forgotten..

Bilk

As editor you sometimes read an article that is sent to you and say "This will save for another day". However as I had just finished editing Hannah's article an email dropped into my inbox... Hannah had just said that Black Beer can be added to cold milk for a night cap drink and here in my inbox I have a story of beer made from milk. So lets stick to the theme.

"BILK" as the name might suggest means beer made from milk, it is actually 30% milk and 70% beer. A liquor shop owner in Hokkaido, Japan (nothing like local news, about 6,000 miles from Barnsley) has decided to help his local dairy farmers who have had a problem of overproducing the local milk. He is adding this milk to beer. The process of making BILK 5% abv does not differ much from that of brewing real beer. The local drinkers say it looks and tastes like beer but with a strong aroma of milk and hints of sweet fruit flavours. The beer is currently only available in Japan, however, due to the media interest and high local demand, the beer is normally out of stock.

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Barnsley Town Centre Survey - Part 4

Wednesday 2nd Mays saw us out on the town again, this time starting at the re-vitalised Courthouse where most of the drinkers were engrossed in Man Utd's European Cup exploits. Theakston's Bitter and XB were sampled and very nice too. A walk up Regent St. to the Citrus Rooms was less productive as it was shut but Isaacs & Co on Shambles St was open with a DJ in action, no real ale and very few drinkers. No sign of a price list on display either. Guinness sufficed in the absence of real ale.

The Ice Bar didn't have a price list either but it was full, had a DJ, 2 for 1 drinks offers and a lot more girls, perhaps because of the absence of football on TV. The girls soon moved on, probably to try another bar but possibly because of the influx of CAMRA members... a sort of old fogey factor. The former Lord Nelson, now Tempo, was empty when we arrived for another nitro-keg Guinness. Not that we stayed long because of the extremely loud music. The African toilet attendants seen on a previous town centre outing were in evidence at Tempo with their array of toiletries for sale. Not a lot of business for them that night and it was impossible to get out of the gents without being sprayed with some sort of aftershave sample. One bonus was a very tidy gents, which isn't that common in Barnsley town centre.

Yates was a lot busier but again had no real ale. Forgoing the Guinness I tried a bottle of Tyskie, the 5.6% ABV Polish beer, which is getting quite common in Barnsley with the influx of our European cousins. It was OK but it wasn't real ale. The layout at Yates is good and the music relatively subtle and it was possible to go to the gents and come back smelling the same as when you went in. BLAH BAR was heaving, noisy and pretty expensive. More of a 30's crowd perhaps and I can see the attraction in that it's a shade more fashionable. No real ale of course and the only drink of interest was a Bourbon with some silly name but it made a change and at least it wasn't gassy. We were on the last lap now and our penultimate stop was at the No. 7 which seemed a bit old fashioned after BLAH. Steady enough place and quite busy but again no real ale. Joseph Bramah was the final call and at least we started and ended the evening with a pint of proper real ale.

popularity and is more readily available, even within the large pub owning groups, our town centre does n't have enough of it. Choice of beers is generally limited to the major keg brands and prices are mostly high - at times very high, for example £3.50 for a small bottle of Becks Lager. One was sufficient.

As for the pubs and bars themselves there is plenty of variety but standards vary. Too many fail to display a price list in a position where it is readable and there are some where unmarked glasses are in use - both are a legal requirement. Some outlets were noticeably busier than others, generally the tidier and more strictly managed outlets such as Walabout and Joseph Bramah to name but two. Joseph Bramah also offers lower prices and that too is a factor. Cut price nights such as Wednesday also have a significant effect in attracting trade. No surprise there given the generally high prices in town outlets. Newer and recently refurbished outlets were usually busier too.

There is a case to say there are too many licensed outlets in the town centre as a number aren't open midweek, presumably, to lack of trade. I also hear people say the town centre is for the younger drinkers only and for the older punters it does seem to be a no go area, particularly at weekends. If more of the town centre outlets catered for a broader spectrum of customer then perhaps there would be more trade to share around at the quieter times. The counter argument is that there are some interesting bars and pubs that older punters might enjoy if they knew about them and were prepared to give them a try. One factor to consider might be the noise levels in some outlets. I know what limits are applied in a factory environment on Health & Safety grounds and some of the town bars easily exceed them.

Overall it has been quite an enjoyable process and one I'll be happy to repeat at a future date. Meanwhile I'll stick to real ale outlets such as the Gatehouse, Courthouse and Joseph Bramah where the prices aren't too high and the noise levels allow a bit of conversation.

After 4 nights touring the town centre establishments what conclusions can be drawn? Firstly the real ale position - at a time when real ale is growing in



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 Leisure Centre
 Nr Bus Station

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 (Includes souvenir glass and programme, CAMRA 1 pint discount)
 Opening Times: Thu 6-11; Fri 11-4 & 6-11; Sat 11-11
 Tickets available from Mark Goodair, 7 Rayner St,
 Horbury Wakefield WF4 5BD 07722142734 or Mick
 Exley 84 Park Green Normanton WF6 1AP,
 Tel. 07901997945. Tickets also available on the door.
 Pubs in and around Wakefield are also selling tickets,
 please phone for information on outlets or visit
 www.camra.org.uk/wakefield

Friday 12th-Sunday 14th October 2007
 Richmond Ale Festival
 at the Market Hall, FREE Admission

Opening Times
 Friday 7.00-23.00
 Saturday 7.00-23.00
 Sunday 11.00-8.00 (for until the beer runs out!)



This October sees our annual beer festival return to Richmond for its sixth year. Held in the Market Hall right in the town centre the event is FREE for everyone. On the Friday and Saturday nights there'll be live music and our popular brewiana tombola & bar games will be making a return. We're aiming to increase the selection of ales yet further to over 30 this year, again all with running theme. As well as the ale there'll be fruit wines and other drinks.

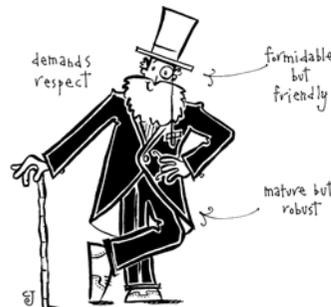
Richmond is served by direct buses from Darlington railway station, Arriva service 27/28/X26/X27 to/from Catterick Garrison, which stop less than a minute's walk from the Market Hall. Buses depart from outside the railway station about every 20 minutes during the day with a 30 minute journey.



The Characters

MILD: Usually tall, dark and mysterious. Smooth, suave and effortlessly tasteful.

LIGHT BITTER: Blonde and bright, refreshing lively while being cool and easygoing. Fun and feisty company.



Old Ale

The superb versatility of British beer means that there is a style to suit everyone. However people that are new to real ale may not know what to expect. These cartoon characters are fun and also provide an insight into what to expect from the beer. Arouse your interest with a smooth and mysterious dark mild, or find favour in a fun and feisty light bitter. Become engrossed in a formidable old ale, or relax with smooth stout and porter. Whatever your character, there is a beer style to match. Promotional material is available to order from CAMRA, contact cressida.feiler@camra.org.uk or call 01727 867201

Find your Perfect Drinking Partner with CAMRA

Your drinking partner can be found at the Barnsley Beer Festival 18 - 20 October (page 16) or in many of the real ale outlets in and around Barnsley

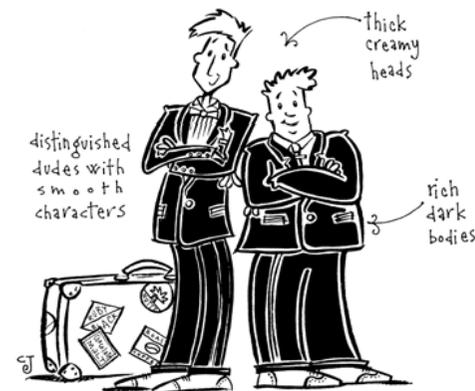
Finding the right beer style for you is much like trying to find the perfect drinking partner, so the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has come up with characters that best describe traditional British beers. Leeds based illustrator Christine Joplin has come up with quirky cartoon characters that represent Mild, Light Bitter, Porters, Stouts and Old Ales - five of the most traditional and flavoursome beer styles.



Light Bitter

OLD ALE: Demands respect, Old Ale is formidable but friendly, mature but robust.

PORTER AND STOUT: These are distinguished dudes with smooth characters. Recognisable by their rich dark bodies and thick creamy heads.



Porter & Stout

BARNESLEY BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL



THE KEEL INN, CANAL STREET, BARNESLEY

Sponsored By Acorn Brewery of Barnsley

Thurs 18th October 6pm - 11pm; £2 (CAMRA Discount on door)

Fri 19th October 6pm - 11pm; £3 (CAMRA ½pt FREE)

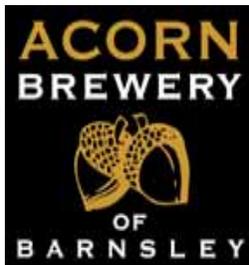
Sat 20th October 11am - 4pm & 6pm - 11pm; £3 (CAMRA ½pt FREE)

Show casing 30 Real Ales from Somerset and Yorkshire Breweries, all served cool not ice cold - Plus 10 Ciders and a Perry with no ice. Hot and Cold Food Provided by the Keel Inn pub staff each Session. Pub Games, Raffles, Tombola and CAMRA Stall. Family Area (Saturday 11am - 4pm only).

Tickets from the Gatehouse and Keel Inn, Barnsley and the Kelham Island Tavern, Sheffield or by sending a S.A.E and payment to BBF07 Tickets, 8 Newtown Ave, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8DZ. Please make cheques payable to "Barnsley CAMRA". Also available online from www.barnsleycamra.org.uk

For more information please telephone
01226 243876 or 07776 453811

www.barnsleycamra.org.uk
beerfestival@barnsleycamra.org.uk 01226 270734



FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES AND PRICE:

There are only 160 tickets available per session, these can be bought at the Gatehouse, Eldon Street and the Keel Inn, Canal Street, Barnsley or on-line at www.barnsleycamra.org.uk or from the address on the left page.

Thursday 18th 6pm - 11pm, £2

Friday 19th 6pm - 11pm, £3

Saturday 20th 11am - 4pm, £3

Saturday 20th 6pm - 11pm, £3

Admission includes a hire glass and programme. CAMRA members discounts are Thursday full refund, all other sessions a free half pint. The glass has a refund value of 50p.

FOOD AND DRINKS:

The festival will be showcasing beers from Somerset breweries as well as Yorkshire breweries beers, In addition we will have about 10 real ciders, none served with ice.

Burgers, pie and peas and sandwiches at all sessions. Food will be available from around 6.30pm till 8.30pm each evening and 12noon till 2.00pm on Saturday. The food is provided by the Keel Inn Pub and can be ordered at the pubs main bar.

Free Soft Drinks will be available from the CAMRA Real Ale bar for the designated driver of your party and for kids on the Saturday lunch session.

STALLS, CHARITY, FUN AND PRODUCTS:

The 'Every One's A Winner' Tombola stall is going mobile! And will be great fun. The new Good Beer Guide 2008 should be available. A raffle for the Tykes Disabilities Football Club will be

made each evening at about 9pm Traditional pub (board and table top) games will be available for use during your time at the festival, donation to The Tykes FC Charity will be gratefully accepted.

Beer festival battleships is always popular and will be back again for your chance to win a beer or two!

FAMILIES AT THE FESTIVAL:

Lunchtime is always the ideal time to bring the family to the festival, and the licensee allows well behaved children into the pub during the Saturday lunchtime session. A small family area is available near the CAMRA bar.

HELP AT THE FESTIVAL:

The Festival is organised and run by members of CAMRA who are all unpaid volunteers. We always need more helpers so please consider joining CAMRA. Want to work at this years festival? Contact Jeremy now. Details on the left page.

DISCLAIMER:

We will serve, over the course of the festival, 30 real ales mainly from the breweries in Somerset and Yorkshire. We cannot guarantee all beers will be available at all times. Popular beers will inevitably be drunk first, however we will endeavour to provide a good choice of real ales throughout the event until it is simply not possible. As a note, 29 beers from 35 were available as we opened on Saturday evening last year...

**Real Ale is Cool
Not Cold**