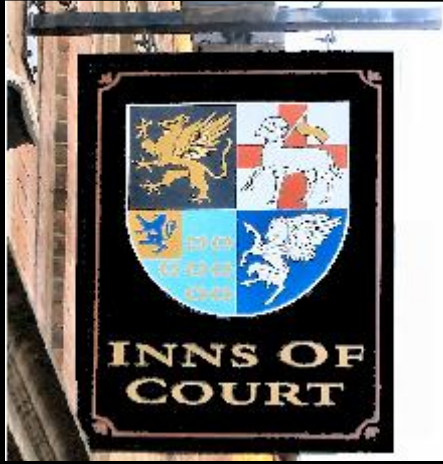


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The Inns of Court, King Street, Wakefield has just been named as its Cask Ale Pub of the Year (Northern) by the Marstons Pub Company. Known as the Royal Oak 1794-1883, it's an imposing 3 storey hotel tucked away among narrow streets housing solicitors' practices, offices and law courts. The long open-plan lounge bar is divided into small drinking areas, popular with members of the legal profession, their clients and students.

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**From Ossett to Knottingley
Spring 2012**



**News for Local Real Ale Fans from
the Wakefield Branch of the
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Welcome to Edition 51, the beginning of our second half century. Back in 1999, the first two editions were a single A4 sheet folded in three! Then we hand-stapled three sheets for 12 pages and it has continued to grow. It's the last edition we shall be able to post out to our members, but we shall be printing more copies and leaving more copies at more outlets. The magazine will have more pages and a number of our advertisers tell us they would gladly pay more to get their message over in colour but we're going one step at a time. So exciting times lie ahead. You and friends around the world will also be able to view Edition 51 on-line. And finally.....the news you have all been waiting for is that Wakefield Beer Festival 2012 is going ahead, again in the second week of November, at a new venue, within walking distance of both stations, with a food kitchen and more toilets. More details in Edition 52.

A Good Meal and a Decent Pint ☺ **The Little Bull Middlestown**



This time our Gourmet Day Rover sees us visiting Middlestown on the A642 Wakefield-Huddersfield road. It's actually quite well served by buses 128 and 232; the latter even provides a reasonable evening and Sunday service, at least for the time being. A couple of 217s come through from Leeds via Ossett around teatime but hardly constitute a service. Get off at the stop referred to in the timetable as Middlestown, White Swan. You will see a rather closed and unloved White Swan, but opposite you will find the rather quaint Little Bull where good refreshment can be had.

If you arrive at opening time, as I did, make sure you don't make the person opening the door jump. Having apologised suitably, I entered and found a rather pleasant and unspoilt inn with quite a few nooks and corners and low headroom in places. This always makes a nice change from an open plan wasteland. On the bar I found an interesting trio of fine ales,

namely Bob's White Lion (£2.45), Leeds Best (£2.60) and Phoenix Arizona (£2.60). Apparently, there are sometimes four beers available. Intrigued by the Phoenix's claim to be as "dry as a desert", I decided to try a pint. It was in first-class condition and very enjoyable, even though I didn't quite get the desert experience.

Food here is mostly lunches, served from 12-3 Tuesday to Saturday and 12-4 Sunday. There are themed food nights on Wednesday evenings from 5.00 featuring "pie or curry or pizza/pasta alternate weeks". I think I've worked that one out. There is also regular entertainment including karaoke and I even came across a Yamaha organ which I hope still gets played.

The "traditional pub food menu" is a nonsense selection of lunchtime fayre at very sensible prices. There are a few starters, sandwiches are £2.95 plus £1 for chips, burgers cost £3.95 and roasts are a very reasonable £5.95. If you are a senior citizen, the roasts are an even better £5.50 with a dessert thrown in. Main courses include scampi (£5.25), home made chilli (£5.25) and "Mel's Chicken Tikka" (£5.45).

I decided to try "Savoury Mince with Mel's Yorkshire Pudding with chips or mash plus veg of the day". It transpired that they had "run out of big Yorkshire puddings but would it be all right with a few small ones instead?" Only a very

grumpy diner would have objected to that.

The meal took a good few minutes to arrive and this reassuringly suggested that the food is prepared to order. It was very hot and substantial and it came with proper chips as I remember them from a long time ago, along with carrots and green beans. The verdict was that this was good, wholesome value for money at £5.25. It certainly went very well with the Phoenix.

It would be well worth dropping in here at lunchtime, I would suggest. Although it is on a busy junction, there is a large car park so it would be easy to call in. Alternatively, your return bus to Wakefield leaves from right outside.

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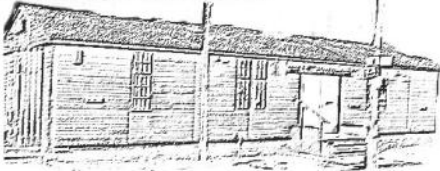
Five or so years ago, I received a phone call from our law enforcement chappies - they wanted a bundle of legal documents to go from their Head Shed* in Laburnum Road to the Inns of Court.

These documents were urgent - they had to be delivered no later than 3pm that afternoon; I could not see what the problem was with the time - it was only 10.15am, and the Inns of Court was no more than a five minute walk away, down King Street.

However, the Inns of Court these had to be delivered to was *one* of the Inns of Court in London's legal area - the Middle Temple to be precise.

Now I understood the panic, and the time-scale, it was a very tight deadline, the M1 in many areas at that time was being upgraded from a six lane motorway to one of eight,

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so delays would be inevitable, so it was mentioned to the person commissioning the job that problems regarding late delivery could be a major factor.

Problem quickly solved - a return travel warrant for the next train to 'The Smoke' was made available - on top of the already agreed fee; saving me the hassle of driving, plus some time to spare at the other end to visit a drinking establishment I frequented when I used to call in at the city office of a regional daily newspaper I used to work for.

Once arrived in London, a short journey on the underground to Temple Station, the documents were safely delivered to the chambers of Sir Tarquin Fitzroy Double-Barrelled >p6



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Make sure you have their details if ever you encounter a rip-off, or you keep getting bad measure. Their first line of advice is always to give the supplier of a



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If you have a concern about any aspect of hygiene in a Wakefield District pub, ring Food & Consumer Safety on 01924306937.

Real Ale in The Wakefield District

Coming in our next enlarged edition will be the first instalment of a new centre page feature which will list all pubs and clubs in the Wakefield District which sell real ale. There are too many to list all in one go, so it will take the next four issues of the magazine to cover everything. Leading this project is Committee Member Rod Naylor, who says, "The branch has yet to produce a comprehensive real ale guide, so I see this as a step towards that. At long last, though, we can at least let everyone know which pubs sell real ale. After that, we need more help to keep the new database I've started up to date as things are changing all the time."

Coupled with this we are going to put the pages of O-to-K on-line, so you won't need to rip out the supplement from your paper copy. Members can help keep our information up to date by reporting their Pub News at branch meetings, by doing NBSS beer scoring (see www.beerscoring.org.uk/), or emailing Rod at pontero@hotmai.com.

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>p5 Cholmondeley Smythe QC, (not his real name I hasten to add) I made my way just a short distance to Fleet Street and up Wine Office Court to 'Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese,' last visited over a quarter of a century ago.

A thing you notice about 'The Cheese' is that on the right of door frame at the front entrance, the names of all the Monarchs who have reigned in the lifetime of the pub are hand-written, and the old stone step, so worn down through the passage of time has a metal grill fixed over it. That step will never be replaced, trodden by so many respected and learned people: Oliver Goldsmith, Mark Twain, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Charles Dickens, Benjamin Disraeli just to name a few, so the ambience of the place filters through before you have sampled their beers.

This Sam's pub is on the original site of a 13th Century Carmelite Monastery, and in the 17th Century the first recorded pub there was called the Horn Tavern, that burnt down during the



Great Fire of London and was subsequently rebuilt. It was modernised in the mid - 19th century, no danger of UPVC window frames or MDF furniture being in situ, so everything was, basically as I remembered it, dark rooms, small windows - even the pub's oldest resident was still there, and has been since 1926, albeit only due to the

handiwork of a taxidermist. Polly the Parrot (*that's an unusual name for a parrot!*) had lived at 'The Cheese' since 1884, and when the psittacine** had 'run up the curtain and joined the choir invisible' (*attrib - Cleese, Palin, Idle and others*) at the ripe old age of 42, the bird was stuffed and put on display as it used to mimic nearly all of the visiting patrons.

It is said that Polly had an obituary printed in The Times, and her demise reported >p8 >P6 globally by the BBC World Service as the



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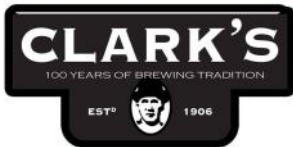
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feathered friend was much admired by many of the hacks, journalists feature writers and sub editors who used 'The Cheese' as an extension to their offices (or in many cases, *as their* office) when Fleet Street used to be the Mecca for the printed and published word. Having a lunch of steak and ale pie, and not being in any particular rush to get the train back home, I treated myself to a second pint of particularly agreeable Tadcaster-brewed ale, and got talking to some of the other customers there, who I found out were seasoned real ale drinkers and travellers who knew the delights of many Yorkshire cities and towns drinking establishments and knew of the Merrie City, and had in the weeks previous paid a visit to several Wakefield bars, in fact one of the assembled crowd was from Tring in Hertfordshire; he recalled the story that they had visited a pub in Wakefield, but could not remember the name, but it was described as 'being up a flight of stairs with a home brew shop on the middle floor and a brewery in the basement' - one of the guest

ales on sale in the bar that particular day of their visit was from Tring, something he drank when on home turf - talk about a busman's holiday! (*To this day I cannot think which bar he was trying to describe!*) Suitably fed and watered, it was time to consider making one's way back to Kings Cross for the return journey 'up north' - a black cab was hailed, with a typical cheeky cheerful Cockney cabbie who knew everything that was to know about beer, and always enjoyed a 'good pint of Stella' when he has finished his shift!

I expect there is still hope for him!

Cheers and Happy Responsible Drinking IRL

* Head Shed - an endearing term used 'affectionately' by our police for the name of their HQ in Wakefield

** Psittacine - from the Latin name for a parrot: of the parrot family or resembling a parrot
***Ye Olde**, EC4 not to be confused with The Cheshire Cheese, in Crutched Friars, EC3.*



Central Wakefield (8)

Black Rock, Cross Square
Bull & Fairhouse, George Street
Fernandes Brewery Tap, Avison Yard
Graziers, Market Street
Harry's Bar, Westgate
Henry Boons, Westgate
The Hop, Bank Street
Wakefield Labour Club, Vicarage Street

North East (7)

Glass Blower, Bank Street, Castleford
Golden Ball, Pontefract
Junction, Carlton Street, Castleford
Kings Arms, Heath
Kirklands Hotel, Leeds Road, Outwood
Miners Arms, Altofts†
Shoulder of Mutton, Methley Rd, Castleford

South (2)

Pledwick, Newmillerdam

Three Houses, Sandal

South East (2)

Anglers Retreat, Winterset
New Inn, Walton

South West (6)

Bingley Arms, Horbury Bridge
Boons, Queen Street, Horbury
Cricketers Arms, Cluntergate, Horbury
Little Bull, Middlestown
Malt Shovel Inn, Carr Gate
Reindeer, Overton

North West (7)

Alverthorpe WMC, Flanshaw Lane
Brewers Pride, Low Mill Road, Healey, Ossett
Maypole, Ossett
New Albion, Alverthorpe
Old Vic, Manor Rd, Ossett (Silver King)
Red Lion, Dewsbury Rd Ossett
Tap, The Green, Ossett

†denotes a provisional new entry

Keep checking the list in the magazine or on the website and if you know of any pubs that should be included, please contact me, Dave Owen on 07919 65289 or down93@hotmail.com

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An INZpirational Journey Part 7

Greymouth is a small, pleasant town that was largely shut while we were there. The weather was cold and wet, not unusual for the western areas of South Island, even in summer. The major consolation was the Speight's Ale House, situated in a disused harbour building, refurbished in a style reminiscent of Wetherspoons, although the prices weren't. Speight's is a Dunedin brewer, the beers only being available in South Island, as far as we are aware. The Speight's porter is well worth trying (with the usual reservation on temperature), and available all year round (this was summer!); the rest of their beers are unexceptional. The food is excellent and varied, although, again, maybe a little pricey.

The town is also the home of Monteith's Brewery, but the less said about that the better! Monteith's Radler was the only pint in NZ that we couldn't finish. (Radler = shandy) But it is very popular with the locals.

A journey of some 320 km, mostly in rain, took us into glacier country. We'd had an overnight stay in Hohitika where we'd been entertained by the locals at the Pioneer Bar, and then moved on to Whataroa, staying in the ex-maternity hospital - 3 terraced bungalows which hadn't been converted in any way from their original use. The setting, however, was absolutely superb, with peaks of the Southern Alps around.

Franz Josef glacier is much larger than we had imagined. A favourable change in the weather enabled us to walk along the melt water stream to the glacier face, and many people were glacier walking or heli-hiking, but a return of the wet weather prevented our approach to Fox. The Department of Conservation had closed access owing to the heavy rainfall over the past 24 hours (more than 1 m) and the danger of imminent collapse of the glacier face.

So, down to Wanaka, a 140 km drive through spectacular scenery. On arrival, we >p14



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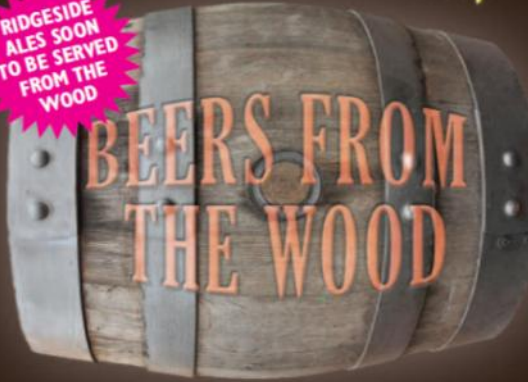
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TOP PUBS

Up for selection in February was Pub of the Winter Season. As usual there was pretty strong competition but the clear winner was the Black Rock. Once just a Tetley house it now offers a changing choice of guest ales. This famous largely unspoilt old Melbourne house opened as a pub in 1842, first called the New Inn. In 1865 renamed the Redan & Malakoff, it went back to the New Inn in 1867. Only in 1886 was it renamed The Black Rock. It bears a blue plaque for Archbishop John Potter 1674-1747 who lived here as a boy when it was a draper's shop.



WAKEFIELD CAMRA PUB OF THE SPRING SEASON 2012
selected at the May 10th Branch Meeting, Black Rock Wakefield

Name of pub.....

Member's signature..... M'ship no.....

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HARRY'S BAR, Westgate, Wakefield WF1 1EL

NEW INN, Shay Lane, Walton, WF2 6LA

OSSETT CRICKET & ATHLETICS CLUB, Ossett, WF5 8JU

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB, Woodthorpe Lane, Sandal, WF2 6JH

WHITE HART, Westgate End, Wakefield, WF2 9RL

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Fernandes in Wakefield will be hosting a mini beer festival for the brewery from the 27th to the 29th April 2012.

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Discount of 50p per pint on Fernandes beers will be offered to card carrying CAMRA members (for the weekend 27-29 April)

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Rothwell set to break records again

Ring April 13 and 14 on your calendar for what has become the 2nd largest beer festival in the area; let's ignore 1974 local government reform as if you travel from Wakefield or Castleford in the right direction it can be the next town along the road! You can find it in the Parish Hall on a hillock at the back of Morrisons. Wakefield CAMRA has been pleased to be assisting for the past two years. Also on board are big local brewers Ossett who are furnishing most of the beers from far and wide, and smaller outfits like Five Towns, whose Malcolm Bastow will be doing a Meet The Brewer session on the Saturday afternoon. Eagerly anticipated will be ales from the new Navigation Brewery at Nottingham, sure to bring in beer spotters from far and wide. Your £5 entry gets you a tankard, programme and first ½ pint. Friday night runs from 6 and Saturday from noon. It's a joint charity effort between Rothwell Lions and Holy Trinity Church.

>p11 unloaded the car and walked down in the sunshine to the Kai Whaka Pai, the pub we had visited last time, selling German style beers from the local micro-brewery, Wanaka Beerworks.



All very drinkable. Sampling the pilsner at Kai Whaka Pai
 Wanaka is a ski resort, but still busy in summer, with views over the mountains and lake on which the town sits. Many places to eat and drink, even a Monteith's pub selling good food – lamb's fry for breakfast. Declined the beer, though.
 Spent lots of time walking, drinking beer, swimming in the lake, watching a triathlon, meeting people – met a couple from Christchurch, he was from Batley originally, >p19

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BRANCH MEETINGS

Thursday 12th April Branch Meeting at the Angel, Ackworth starting 20:00

Thursday 10th May Branch Meeting, starting 20:00, at the Black Rock, Wakefield, including Spring Pub of the Season vote

Thursday 7th June Branch Meeting at the Kinsley Hotel, opposite Kinsley Dogs, starting around 19:30, buses 35 and 496, nearest station Fitzwilliam

Thursday 5th July Branch Meeting at the Hop, Wakefield starting 20:00

BRANCH EVENTS

Saturday 21st April Trip to the Two Roses Brewery at Darton using train, as brewery is a few minutes from the station. £10 charge for food and two hours of sampling.

Mid-May Saturday minibus trip to Nottingham visiting among other places, Navigation Brewery at the Trent Navigation of which Chris Cocking, previous cask ale manager at Clark's, is a co-founder.

Sunday 3rd June Early Summer Barbecue at the Red Shed from around 16:00. What a great chance to join your local CAMRA Branch!

CAMRA FESTIVALS

Thursday 12th-Saturday 14th April Doncaster's Twenty Second Beer Festival at The Hub, Chappell Drive, DN1 2RF

Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st April Skipton Beer Festival at Skipton Town Hall.

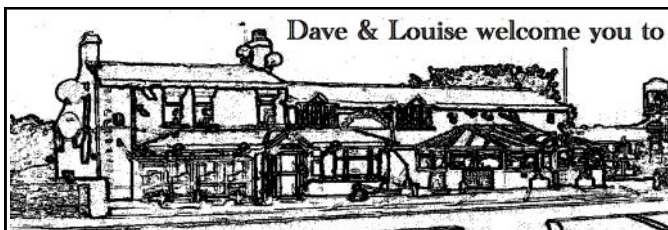
Thursday 19th-Saturday 21st April Hull Real Ale & Cider Festival 2012, Holy Trinity Church, Old Town, Hull

Friday 4th-Monday 7th May Barnsley CAMRA Charity Beer Festival at Elsecar Heritage Railway Station in marquee, Wath Road, Elsecar S74 8HJ, free entry

Friday 11-Saturday 12th May Halifax Mayfest at the Square Chapel Centre for the Arts opposite the train station, starting noon

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Annabel Smith writes....



Annabel, who hails from Horbury, is Cask Marque's only female Beer Inspector.

I've been a bit miffed this month. In fact at times I've felt **ostracised, marginalised, outcast**. I've been made to feel ill-educated, stupid and a social pariah. Do you

want to know why? Because every day when I've picked up a national newspaper, there has been an article or editorial slamming alcohol, and in particular, those of us who drink it.

I feel like I am making some sort of guilty confession when I say "I drink". I have a drink to socialise with friends, or to celebrate finishing a long day at work, or simply to enjoy discovering a new pub or beer.

I don't drink myself unconscious. I don't fall over in the gutter after drinking. I don't harm anybody after I've had a drink. But if you were to believe the press, I'm responsible for all that is wrong in society, I'm a jobless, worthless>p19

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>p14 she was descended from a convict on the First Fleet. Arranged to meet up with them when we're in Christchurch in a few weeks' time.

Our next port of call was Queenstown, the extreme sport capital of NZ - you can kill or seriously injure yourself in innumerable ways, here - bungee jumping, swinging, jet boating, white water rafting, river surfing. The Kiwis invent different ways continually. But, it is also a beautiful area, where many scenes for Lord of



the Rings were filmed, and more sedate forms of pleasure are available.

A trip up Lake Wakatipu on the coal-fired TSS Earnshaw is a relaxing way to spend a few hours. The steamer is a relic of the days before roads and all trade with Queenstown was conducted by such craft. Then a drive to Glenorchy along the lakeside, the usual stunning scenery, stopping off at Bob's Cove to see the lake rise and fall some 150 mm every 10 minutes (and it does!), continuing on to Paradise, which we never reached out of consideration for the hire car (unsealed roads with deep fords); a trip to Arrowtown, an old gold mining area with a large imported Chinese population and, of course, a visit to one or two pubs in Queens-town. Another Speights Ale House and another Dux de Lux related to the one in Christchurch. We could have spent much longer in the area, but felt it was time we moved further south.

Derek and Maureen Waller

>p17 down and out, sponging off the nation, putting pressure on the NHS, and breaking up happy families up and down the UK.

I'm miffed because this isn't me! I work hard, I enjoy my beer responsibly (how I now hate that phrase "enjoy responsibly" which is tagged onto every form of alcohol advertisement I see. It's SO patronising) and I contribute to the local and national economy.

What's this got to do with us beer drinkers, you might be thinking, as you enjoy your pint with a copy of O-to-K magazine? Has Annabel gone all political on us?

Not at all. Us beer drinkers never were the problem. To drink real cask conditioned ale, we have to go to the pub. Supermarkets have never been able to replicate the drink we so enjoy in a local pub. Pubs are one of the safest environments to drink in. I was a licensee for many years, and to retain that licence I had to run an orderly house, not serve drunks, check customer ID - numerous rules and regulations which are designed to promote a safe drinking environment and monitor con-

sumption of alcohol.

I'm miffed because a very very small minority of people - and companies - have created this situation and the majority of us have to pay the price. Quite literally. We pay more tax on our pint of beer than anywhere else in Europe. Brewers are being forced to reduce their range, or even produce very weak low strength beers (which, let's face it, wasn't driven by consumer demand). How did it come to this?

We are made to feel that it's a 'dirty little secret' that we enjoy a drink, if we are to believe the recent press.

So now I've got that rant off my chest will you join me in raising your glass of beer, and be loud and proud of your love of British beer!

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CLUB ROUND-UP

Great news from Middlestown WMC is that alongside the regular John's changing guest ales from Yorkshire and the North-East are back on the board. As well as Camerons and Copper Dragon, a lot of them are from the Ossett range.

Wakefield CAMRA's Club of the Year 2012 is Wakefield Labour Club. Now that the new Trinity Walk development no longer threatens the future of the club, it has been able to invest with confidence in a total refurbishment of the interior as well as new windows that add security and save energy. At the same time the Red Shed remains a shed that's red, a sparky little David among a forest of Goliath-like new buildings. When President George Denton learned of the award he replied "It makes us so proud - a recognition of all our hard work that is much appreciated." At some time in the next few months, judges will be visiting, *incognito*, to inspect the chosen clubs of all Yorkshire CAMRA branches, to decide on Yorkshire Club of the Year. Runner-up this time was the Cask-Marque accredited Alverthorpe WMC.

A Message from the Membership Secretary

A warm welcome to these new members: Patrick Bailey, Simon Barker, Iain Bell and Ria Brookes, Hayley Benton and Mandy Winstanley, Chris Burnham and Olga Butler, David Cookson & Sharon Cookson, John Dove and Michele Cornick, Richard Davies, Colin Frost, Kevin Garfit, Elliot Gierula, Peter Hammond, Ben Hornshaw, David McNicholas, Michael Moran, Mark Morrisroe, Craig Newbound, Dean Northfield, John O'Gara, Ray Owram, Gareth Pettman, Hannah Richardson, Stephen Sawyer, Derek Sewell, Tracy Shepherd, Wynston Stafford, Brandon Stockport and Helen Davies, Alan and Judith Stringer, Graham Sullivan and Julie Tomlinson, Jonathan Thatcher, Alastair Thirsk, Ian Thurstance and Helena Carter, Paul Tipper and Belinda Barnes, John Toon, Paul Towleron, Christopher Townend, Christopher Viles, Sue Westerman, James Woodfine and Jennifer Elliot and Paul Young.

Albert Bradbury

What's Been Brewing ...around the County

At **Old Mill**, they're all dead chuffed because their new Red Goose beer is going to be on in the Strangers' Bar at the House of Commons from 20 July - shouldn't have the same problem there as Top Totty!

People who invested £100 or more of their pocket money in the **Thorne Brewery CIC** will be among those sorry to learn that the last brew has been made and the plant sold to somebody in Norfolk.

Brewing is expected soon on a small plant in the cellar of the **Junction** at Baildon. Doncaster lost **Toad Brewery** a few months ago but looks set to gain **Doncaster Brewery** soon, and Hull's Fruit Market quarter is to be home to Hull Brewing Co on a 4-5 barrel plant. At the Goodmanham Arms the new owners will be brewing as **Abbey Brewery**.

Paul Sheldon's Barley Bottom home brew shop at Silsden has spawned the **Barley Bottom Brewery** which appeared at Bradford Festival and his mate Mark Harrison has opened **Barlick Brewery** not far away at Barnoldswick.

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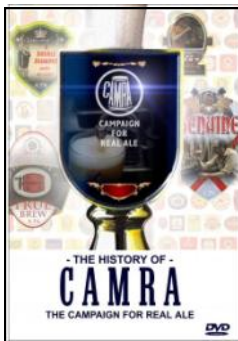


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best, so tried to brainwash us, telling us that what we wanted was uniformity, with those notorious ads for Red Barrel, Tartan Bitter and Worthington E. Did you know that at one time brewers wouldn't reveal the strengths of their beers and that was early editions of the Good Beer Guide that revealed the OGs of cask ales (as analysed from samples smuggled-out to the Guinness lab of all places, and brewers were forced to give in and state the strength of their brews? Man the barricades, carry on the good fight, and stand up against the closures by the pub-owning companies which grew out of once great brewers. You can view trailers at www.youtube.com/CAMRAPress.

At the current time this DVD is only available in NTSC format, which means that you must have NTSC compatible DVD player and tv. However many more tv sets and players are NTSC compatible than you think. It can be purchased through the CAMRA shop at £9.99 plus postage.



Bradbury's Beermat Column

The featured mat this time is from Ridgeside Brewery in Meanwood, Leeds. It is one of six mats all of which are the same distinctive shape. Unusually for British beer mats they are all 1/0 (to non-collectors this means they are only printed on one side). All have the mill in the centre which is seen on the horizon from the brewery with the mat pictured celebrating the fact that the brewery has won awards at CAMRA Festivals despite being "a new kid on the block". The other five mats feature one of the brewery's regular brews, i.e. Black Knight, Brewer's Revenge, Ridgeside Challenge, Ridgeside IPA and Ridgeside Pale. Head Brewer, Simon Bolderson,



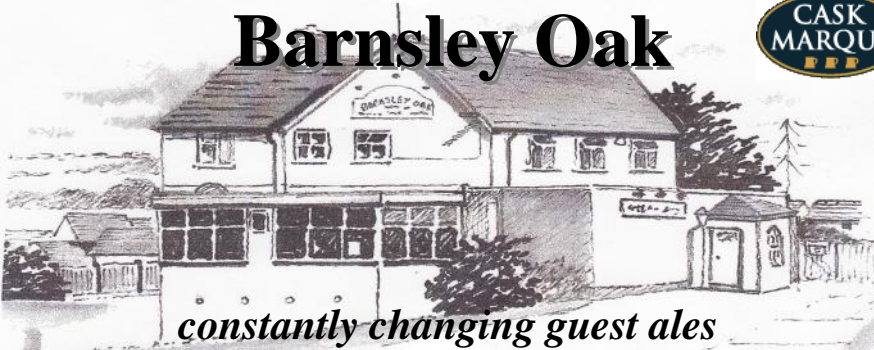
uses a 4 barrel brew length kit, situated in an industrial unit off Meanwood Road. The first brews came out at the end of June 2010, and were launched at the Bull & Fairhouse

in Wakefield on the 18th of July 2010. Simon is passionate about beer and takes great pride in his work brewing not only the core beers but many seasonal beers throughout the year.

There is an excellent hospitality room so Brewery Visits are highly recommended.

We've just heard that following on the enthusiastic public response to a trial at the pub's beer festival last Autumn, Simon will be supplying his beers in authentic wooden casks to the Junction in Castleford. I am sure we all wish Simon well for the future. Cheers, *Albert*.

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more cask ales usually include one from Leeds. The Three Houses, famous for the arrest of highwayman Swift Nick Nevison still looks like 3 houses from the back and has Landlord and Ossett Silver King. The Walnut Tree does have a sign - for its Wacky Warehouse. The Star (a pub name usually associated with the Nativity) on Standbridge Lane offers John's, the less ubiquitous Taylor Golden Best and Theakston Bitter. The Pledwick used to be the Pledwick Well but keeps the well shaft in its signage: it is proud of its LocAle from Ossett. The Dam Inn doesn't have traditional sign, but the Fox & Hounds makes up for that and has 3 cask ales.

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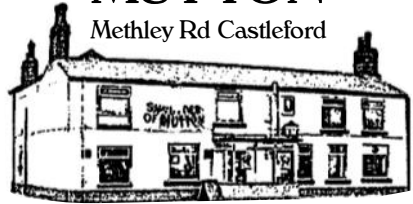
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What's Been Brewing

Bob's Brewing A bit of spare capacity will be allowing Chardonnayle® to be brewed again

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H B Clark Upcoming new beers include Shepherd's Warning, for April, 4% pale brown with tangy fruit aroma and robust bitter aftertaste. In May, Mild May, a dark ruby mild with a fruit roast malt aroma and mellow dark fruit aftertaste. For June, Diamond, 4%, straw-coloured with a fresh hop aroma and dry after-taste.

Fernandes A Showcase Weekend, featuring 20 Fernandes Beers and a 'Meet The Brewer' session at Fernandes Brewery, will be on Fri 27-Sun 29 April with 50p off a pint for CAMRA.

Five Towns is now bottling on the spot. You may catch '65', a light beer brewed to, yes, 6.5%, and as so often, dangerously drinkable.

Great Heck A delicious new 4.5% beer using Citra hops has been named after Allan Conner who came to the brewery to do deliveries but now works more on sales and production.

Ossett The 4.1% Copper Fox last brewed in 2010 made a welcome return this Spring joining Big Red in showing that the brewery doesn't just make outstanding pale hoppy beers. A new Dark Ruby Mild joins the line-up for May, CAMRA's Mild Month. June brings the malty golden Field of Dreams with Polish hops, while the quintessentially hoppy Ossett Patriot Ale is due in July.

Revolutions By dint of a cassette tape often being a C60, beers can now go out at 6.0%. Fruit is often successfully added to a wheat beer but rhubarb in the 3.3% May special "Overkill" must surely be a first. Several core beers are now available in bottle (see ad on p26).

Outgang Brewery All brewing vessels are clad in oak and linked with stainless steel pipe (no snaking hoses across the floor. Test brewing took place in late March.

Tigertops Brewer Barry Smith has created Western Hero 6.2% a very very hoppy and fruity beer. He's also due back in Holland this Spring to exhibit, and collect an award because of his success in the North Holland Meibockfestival 2011: 1st De Praght Corpulentebock, 2nd Tigertops May Bock, beating the 2010 winner Fastenbier from world-renowned Schlenkerla into 3rd place!

GET HELP HERE:

Who's now to blame for what in the Wakefield Branch:

I've got a general enquiry or one about the Beer Festival :

June Bradbury, Branch Secretary 01977 792813 or june.wkcamra@tiscali.co.uk (note: wk not wak)

I'd like an ad or a plug in O-K:

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I'd like to go on one of your branch trips, or I've got an idea for one:

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I want to join CAMRA:

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My pub could be a LocAle pub contact our Vice Chairman, Dave Owen 01977 703112 or downen93@hotmail.com

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Ale on the Web

A new site that looks worth visiting regularly is www.hand-pumped.co.uk and if it looks professional that's because it is. It covers all aspects of

brewing and pubs for the drinker and for the trade, is very easy to navigate and keeps itself bang up-to-date.

Just been looking at beer and brewing happenings in March 10/20/30 years ago on Jeff Evans' www.insidebeer.com -another site to bookmark.

Search for "Jamie Oliver Visits Leeds Brewery" on YouTube or follow the link from www.leedsbrewery.co.uk and you'll see Jamie in the brewhouse meeting 26 year old head brewer Venks from Mumbai and then see how their pubs reinventing pub grub using beer everywhere that chefs would normally use wine. "Oh the French can stick their wine up their a*se. This is sort of like most blokes' heaven".

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Updated A to Z of Local Pubs & Clubs



If a pub's not listed, there was no cask at time of last survey. We'll make the usual amends if you have better news. It's letter **S** next time, so do get in touch if you've any news of recent changes with regard to **S** pubs. If it's *your own* pub, we really would like to hear from you.

The ownership of a pub by a brewery or pub company, if known, is shown in italics. A number of pubs now have phones that don't accept incoming calls, or just licensee's mobile, so we can't always verify absolutely latest details of cask ales (or not). IF YOUR PUB HAS CASK ALE BUT ISN'T LISTED, GET IN TOUCH AND WE WILL PRINT A PHOTO OF YOUR PUB AND ALE DETAILS.

Red Kite 1 Denby Dale Rd Durkar WF4 3BB 01924 251542 *Vintage Inns* BlackSheepBB

Red Lion 73 Dewsbury Rd Ossett WF5 9NQ 01924 629530 *Inns 2B Inn* Bob's White Lion, 3 guests often inc York Brewery

Redoubt 28 Horbury Rd Wakefield WF2 8TS(01924) 377085 *Punch* TetleyBtr, Landlord

Reindeer Inn 204 Old Rd Overton WF4 4RL 01924 848374 Cap House beers, at least 4 changing guest beers

Rhubarb Triangle Paragon Business Park Herriot Way Wakefield WF1 2UJ *Mitchells & Butlers*

Black SheepBB, Hook Norton Old Hooky

Rising Sun Bottomboat Rd Stanley WF3 4AU 01924 822297 *JSmithBtr*

Robin Hood 4 Wakefield Rd Pontefract WF8 4HN 01977 702231 East Coast, Abbeydale, Bass & others

Rock Inn Rock Hill Glasshoughton WF10 4RD 01977 552985 *JSmithBtr*

Rocking Horse Barden Rd Eastmoor WF1 4HP TetleyBtr

Roundhill WM Rec Club Roundhill Rd Castleford WF10 5AE 01977 552450 *JSmithBtr*

Royal Oak Front St Glasshoughton WF10 4QE *Punch* up to 2 cask ales, including Golden Sheep when last surveyed

Royal Oak Owl Lane Gawthorpe WF5 9AU 01924 273965 Black SheepBB + changing guest ales

Royal Oak 25 High St Crofton WF4 1NF (01924) 863433 *Little Tap PubCo* Ossett Big Red or Treacle Stout when available

Rustic Arms Long Lane Ackworth WF7 7EZ *Enterprise* Black SheepBB

As far as we know these pubs, bars, and clubs don't offer cask ale: Railway Club in Ossett, Railway Hotel Knottingley, Railway Hotel Pontefract, Rainbow Inn Wakefield, Red Lion Pontefract Red Lion Alverthorpe, Redhill Sports & Social Club, Reflections Wakefield, Reflex Wakefield, Religion Wakefield, Rileys Snooker Clubs, Rising Sun Whitwood, Robin Hood Altofts, Rocco's Wakefield, Rovers at Fitzwilliam, Rubylou's, RAFA Club at Castleford, Legion Clubs at Cas, Kinsley and S Kirkby and the Raven was still boarded up as we went to press



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Pub food reviews, beer poems and anecdotes, or stories about local pubs are welcomed. If you have an idea but feel you need help to lick it into shape, do still get in touch with us.

Can you help deliver O-to-Ks to local pubs?

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LOCAL PUB NEWS

Ackworth The Rustic Arms is reported to be busy again and offering Black Sheep as the cask ale.

Castleford The Junction has bought a batch of traditional wooden casks and has arranged for chosen brewers such as Simon Bolderson at Ridgeside to supply their beers in them. Members of the Society for the Preservation of Beers From The Wood will be beating a path to Neil's door!

Carlton/Rothwell There's now a regular Castle Rock beer at the smartly refurbished Queen's.

Crofton The Weavers Green looks to be closed. The Royal Oak now has a regular beer from Ossett.

East Ardsley It is reported that Clover Taverns, owners of the Bay Horse at East Ardsley have gone into administration.

Great Houghton Beers from Imperial Club Brewery at Mexboro' are finding their way to the Old Hall

Heath The Horse & Groom, currently vacant has been sold prior to the intended auction. It doesn't look like a potential Tesco Metro location, and it was sold "with the benefit of a premises licence". As we go to press a banner proclaims "The Horse & Groom Rides Again Soon!"

Hebden Bridge A group of local supporters is hoping to rescue the landmark Fox & Goose as the country's eighth co-operative pub.

Horbury Boons Horbury has dropped John Smiths! The Cricketers which has been offering platters is expecting to be offering more food soon. The Shepherds Arms can be regarded as the regular outlet for Caledonian beers in the area (usually two).

Kinsley Beers from Theakston are being added to the range at the Kinsley Hotel.

Newmillerdam The Fox & Hounds' Bradfield pump, usually offering Farmers Blonde has been trialing Moorhouses Blonde Witch.

Newton Bar The Vine Tree is reported to be up for sale, boarded-up. A lot of people who used to frequent it might come back, if a new licensee can get it right. Not really a Tesco Metro candidate.

Normanton Members report the best bet for good quality ales in Normanton as the Black Swan, and that the Hark to Mopsey doesn't seem to be on the real ale map any more.

Old Snydale Ten years ago the Cross Keys was reviewed for its food and Google keeps finding that web page with the old phone number which is now private. The Cross Keys is on (01924) 892253.

Ossett The Brewers Pride has been listed by Oakham Ales of Peterborough as one of the Northernmost *Oakademy* pubs, with a dedicated hand-pump. Bier Huis is selling Revolutions Beat Red and Manifesto in bottles.

Outwood At the Rhubarb Triangle Hook Norton Old Hooky seems now to be a regular beer.

Overton The Black Swan Inn has regular Black Sheep Best Bitter.

Pontefract The Grove Lea has been turned into a "One Stop" (a Tesco branding). The Old Church Tavern has Black Sheep at a good price, and across the road Caledonian Flying Scotsman was spotted at the Olde Tavern.. The Golden Ball usually has four real ales, and the Liquorice Bush three. The Blackmoor Head is back in the cask ale market and Nook Cherry Stout was spotted!

Sandal You can get Landlord in plenty of pubs nowadays but the Star near Asda has been offering Taylor Golden Best alongside its John's and Theakstons.

Thorpe Audlin The Fox and Hounds has now re-opened after the fire, with John's and A.N.Other

Wakefield Bar Street continues to offer Ossett Silver King at a very good price. The city centre had a treat during the recent Rhubarb Festival when the Cricketers Arms parachuted itself into the Bull Ring - fortunately the fountain didn't get switched on! Congratulations to David Burns whose Inns of Court has been named as Cask Ale Pub of the Year (Northern) by the Marstons Pub Company

Warmfield The Pineapple does now seem to be opening regularly again.

Wrenthorpe It's quite a battle, with the determination of Tesco, Britain's largest supermarket group to crush the spirited defence by locals of their village's leading cask ale pub, the New Wheel. Who is going to succeed?

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