

Barnsley Camra Survey of Brierley, Shafton and Cudworth 4/7/07

Situated in heart of Brierley village The Three Horseshoes was the first pub on our survey. The pub scored an average of 86.5 points (out of as possible 130.) At the time of our visit the cask ales available were John Smith's Cask and Greene King IPA. The beer was found to be in good condition and the pub scored highly on its atmosphere and decor style. The pub has a semi open plan style layout with small drinking areas. Food is served throughout the pub as well as in the separate dining area. Outside the pub has got two beer gardens with plenty of seating and a designated smoking area, which at the time of our visit along with many other parts of the borough was flooded.

The second pub on our survey was The Fox & Hounds at Shafton. The pub scored an average of 42 points this mainly consisted of the high score for good value. Sadly this is where the survey started to go downhill. The pub was deserted and was sadly Keg only. Members commented on the tired decor and the fact that most of the tables and chairs were chained to the floor; this could be a reflection of the clientele the pub attracts.

The third pub on our survey was The Great Dane at Shafton. The pub scored an average of 48.6 points. From the outside the pub looks very nice with a large car park area. On entering the pub the single hand pump in the lounge was found to be out of use. The lounge area was pleasant but looking a little tired. We proceeded into the games room area where the majority of the clientele were. The room had a small bar and Pool table. The pub had a good clientele mix. Members remarked how more could be made of the pubs facilities. The only sign of possible sanity was the Theakston's Old Peculiar on sale but sadly by the bottle.

The third pub on our survey was the Dard's at Cudworth. The pub scored an average of 48 points. The pub was very well presented with modern decor. The pub offers good value food. Sadly this once real ale pub is now keg only. The clientele mix sadly let the pub down with one customer constantly on the phone swearing. Something the staff should have acted upon as it was very offensive and off putting.

The fourth pub on our survey was The Victoria at Cudworth. The pub scored an average of 63 points. The points were mainly made up with the John's Smith's Cask on offer which was found to be in good condition. Sadly this is where the good parts end. The pub interior was very tired. Members comments reflected this with comments such as 'Mole eaten furnishings', 'the sticky threadbare carpet is legendary and worthy of inclusion into the national inventory'. One member asked if the pub had been flooded with the recent bad weather! It was noted that the pub is due to undergo a refurbishment shortly (and not before time!)

The fifth pub on our survey was The Star in Cudworth. The pub scored an average of 88 points. Members gave this pub rave reviews. At the time of our visit the John Smiths Cask was found to be in excellent condition. The pub is currently undergoing a large extension programme. However the current pub decor is very nice with a good clientele mix.

The sixth pub on our survey was the Pinfold at Cudworth. The pub scored an average of 53 points. This Sam Smiths pub was sadly Keg only. The Pub had a pleasant interior and large car park. The lounge is complimented by a large function room at the rear. Pub scored high on value for money with good value food also available. Members remarked that with other pubs in the area offering Cask ale what a shame it was that the Pinfold didn't do the same.

The Final pub on our survey was the Sprinters. Sprinters bar is situated at the Dorothy Hyman sports centre in Cudworth. The pub scored an average of 72 points. The council run pub offers John Smith's Cask. The pub scored well across the board. The pub has a club feel to it with a large function room and comfy lounge. The pub got rave reviews for its fresh popcorn machine a first for this area?

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