

## Pub Survey of Summer Lane and Pogmoor September 5th 2007

### George & Dragon

**Cask Ales:** Black Sheep Bitter, Tetley Cask, Deuchars IPA

Camra members were impressed with the George and Dragon. Beer quality was good and we were made very welcome the pub was comfy although the decor was slightly dated. The pub had a good clientele mix with a good atmosphere and good value for money (oversized glasses).

### The Commercial

**Cask Ales:** None available

Typical two roomed pub sadly keg only. The decor was tired looking and the clientele mixed was limited. A small bar serves both rooms. This was probably the quietest pub on Summer Lane and considering the others in the immediate area serve real ale this maybe something the licensee should look at.

### The Moulders Arms

**Cask Ales:** Marston's Pedigree, John Smiths Cask.

Open plan pub which feels much larger than its actual size. Recently under new management Conrad has settled in well. Camra members were impressed with the quality of the beer. Although the new Burtonwood brewed John's Cask wasn't to everyone's taste, the quality was good. The pub had a good clientele mix, to conclude by quoting one member 'a top pub.'

### The Polish Club

**Cask Ales:** None available

Noted for its live music the polish club was our next stop. The pub did have Sam smiths but sadly keg only. The pub has tried real ale in the past but it didn't sell. Members were made to feel welcome and the staff were very friendly. Although quiet the club had a good clientele mix.

### Barnsley Hospital Club

**Cask Ales:** None available

This was the worst pub of the night. A Strictly members only club and hard to see why. No real ale, un-welcoming hospitality and a poor clientele mix. The club ought to look at other clubs in the area for ideas.

### Tom Treddlehoyle

**Cask Ales:** Deuchars IPA, Black Sheep, Tetley's

This was the busiest pub of the night, and a pleasant surprise. The open plan layout with conservatory off was nice and inviting. The quiz night looked successful and the free food went down very nicely. The beer quality was good. Member's comments echoed this with lots commenting on it as a 'lovely pub.'

### The Travellers

**Cask Ales:** Thwaites Bomber

The final pub on our survey. The pub is open plan and bright with a separate restaurant room. The beer quality was good and members also commented on the quality of the cider (a first for the survey.) Second cask ale was in the wings waiting to go on. The pub has plenty of outdoor space and had a good clientele mix. A great pub to end the evening.

Overall a great survey with the odd surprise thrown in. As with other similar surveys of the town suburbs real ale seems to be doing well. It would have been nice to see more micro brewery ales available but any cask is better than none.

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