

On Wednesday the 7th of November members of Barnsley Camra visited Elsecar to conduct yet another pub survey. The survey proved a popular one with a great attendance.

Pub 1: The Fitzwilliam

Cask ale available: Adnams Broadside, Tetley's Cask

This traditional two roomed pub (lounge and tap room) has a great cosy welcoming feel. The tap room has a pool table, tv and juke box. To the rear of the pub is an outdoor seating/smoking area. The pub has successful medal winning pool. Children are welcome in the pub. Just prior to our visit the pub had a change of licensee, however I found the beer good and great value at £2.20 per pint. The staff were very friendly and made us all feel welcome.

Pub 2: Ship Inn

Cask ale available: none

This traditional two-roomed pub is typical of the area. The pub does occasionally have real ale however this is mainly on weekends. Sadly on our visit the pub was keg only.

Pub 3: The Market

Cask ale available: Farmers best bitter, Crown traditional bitter, Thornbridge white swan and Wentworth pale ale (permanent.)

The market is Barnsley CAMRA's pub of the year, and it's easy to see why. This alehouse has four fast changing real ales always available. Above the bar in the snug are the pump clips (usually a dozen or so) of the upcoming ales. The Market is a multi-roomed pub, the walls are adorned with old pictures of Elsecar and the surrounding area. All the cask ales are fantastic value at £2 per pint and always in excellent condition. All the staff were extremely friendly and helpful.

Pub 4: The Milton Arms

Cask ale available: Wentworth Bumble Beer, Wentworth Harem Scarem, Stones Cask.

Phil the landlord of The Milton opened specially for us, (as the pub is closed Wednesdays) a gesture that was greatly appreciated. The Milton recently won the summer pub of the season award and it's easy to see why. The three cask ales are always in good condition and served in lined glasses. The multi-roomed pub offers good food and has an award winning beer garden. Due to the success of cask ale Phil has recently increased his range to three ales one permanent (Stones) and two guests usually from Wentworth.

Pub 5: The Crown

Cask ale available: Black Sheep Best Bitter, Tetley's Cask.

This two-roomed pub offers two cask ales both good quality. The pub has an outside seating area to the front and is typical of a village local. The walls are adorned with sporting memorabilia. The pub has a large TV and games room

Overall, Elsecar is a real ale drinkers heaven, with just the odd exception. A great choice offered and at reasonable prices too.

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