

CAMRA Survey of Wombwell Part one 6/2/08

Low Valley Arms

Cask Ales: Camerons Strongarm

The first pub on our survey and real ale to start! The pub had recently reopened after being damaged with the July floods. The pub has an open plan layout. The pub offers one cask ale a day however the Camerons Strongarm on offer was found to be of poor quality and after a swift pint we moved on.

Thawleys

Cask Ales: None available

Thawleys is another pub in Low Valley that was damaged in the July floods. The pub in the past has offered Cask ales. On our visit we found no Cask ale on offer but after a conversation with the landlady found out that they had been offering Theakston's Old Peculiar recently but due to poor sales had removed it from sale. She did however say that the pub was hoping to do more food trade and the extra trade would hopefully allow them to sell Cask ale so fingers crossed.

The Railway

Cask Ales: None available

Apart from the England match the main topic of conversation on the evening was The Railway pub. The landlord had recently applied to convert the pub into bed sits and CAMRA had opposed the plans. The pub was the busiest of the evening with a great age mix. The pub sadly is Keg only which is a pity as such a community pub would be a fantastic place for cask ale.

The Anglers Rest

Cask Ales: None available

The Anglers rest is a small Keg only pub that has little to offer the discerning drinker. The pub was quiet with just a handful of drinkers. After a swift half of Guinness we moved on.

The Last Orders

Cask Ales: None available

The Last Orders were the biggest surprise of the night. On entering the pub we discovered that it had been recently taken over by Liverpool brewer Cains. Sadly keg only the pub did however offer two Cains bottled beers and keg mild. After a conversation with the barmaid and the landlord we had a swift half and left. Since the survey I have contacted Cains and they hope to introduce Cask ale in the near future so again fingers crossed!

Locky's Bar

Cask Ales: None available

Nitro keg and bottle only town centre style bar popular with younger drinkers. The pub has a loud music policy and is notably rowdy.

Squires/Churchill's

Cask Ales: None available

On entering the pub we found it to be keg only. This was a surprise as it's owned by FGL who own other outlets in the borough most of which offer cask ale. We decided to have half a Guinness but were then told it was off and would we like half a smooth instead. On hearing this we said no thanks and left without having a drink. We then finished the night at The Horseshoe for a chat and a lovely pint of Old Moor Porter, Heaven!