

CAMRA Survey of Wombwell Part Three 2/4/08

King George

Cask Ales: None

The first pub on our survey and a disappointing start! This pub was once highly regarded by CAMRA members for real ale and traditional features. Sadly the real ale has gone along with some (but not all) of the original features. The pub now has an open plan layout with comfy traditional upholstered seating, but fortunately the original tiles still remain. That was the only good news as the pub was empty with no atmosphere.

Royal Oak

Cask Ales: John Smith's Cask

After the disappointment a pint of John Smith's in good condition was a welcome relief. The beer was in great condition and good value. Located just off the main Wombwell centre pub circuit the pub was well used but clean and pleasant with various drinking areas.

KG's Sports and Social Club

Cask Ales: None

We had previously heard reports that KG's club were selling Cask ale. However on our visit we found a typical sports and social club, big screen TV and sadly keg only.

George Hotel

Cask Ales: John Smiths Cask

This small busy local also has John Smith's cask on offer. The pub has an open plan layout that is split by the bar into two areas a traditional style tap room and lounge area with comfy seating. The real ale was in good condition and good value. The pub catered for a wide clientele mix and overall was a great local community pub.

Prince of Wales Hotel

Cask Ales: John Smiths Cask

Yet another busy community pub situated in the heart of the Wombwell centre pub circuit. The large multi room pub was very busy with a good clientele mix. Like others in the area the decor was well used but clean. The large screen TV's showed the latest sports. The pub offered the real ale drinker one cask ale John Smith's Cask and it was found to be in average condition.

Barley Sheaf

Cask Ales: Tetley's Cask

We then took a quick trip on the bus to the Barley Sheaf. A large two roomed pub on the fringe of the large Aldham House estate. The pub has two rooms both pleasantly decorated with comfy seating. The pub although quiet was very friendly and offered the Camra stalwarts a refreshing change with a great pint of Tetley's Cask, good value too.

Perrywinkle

Cask Ales: None available

We then made our way down through the Aldham house estate to the Perrywinkle. We entered the pub and found it to be keg only. This wasn't a surprise given the condition of the pub. Probably the most run down pub of the night and one of the quietest. The interior was tired and fusty. It's easy to see why since the survey the pub has been put up for sale (delicensed) paving the way for development. If only the owners took a look at other pubs in the locality.

The Ash Inn

Cask Ales: Black Sheep Best Bitter, Speckled Hen

This recently refurbished and impressive gastro pub has always had a reputation as being a quality pub. With what we saw on our survey this looks set to continue. The guest beers on offer were in great condition although pricey. The pub was very comfortable and a nice place to be with fresh bright decor and a really cosy feel.

Overall the survey was quite good and positive. Most of the pubs were clean and welcoming .The centre circuit pubs were all very similar and it was just a shame the range of Cask ale's available was limited.

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