



Barnsley Camra Pub & Club Survey Report

Area Club Survey
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Pub: Barnsley Conservative Club
Cask ales available Phoenix Wobbly Bob
Description:

Our club survey started in the town centre at a new outlet for cask ale. The Conservative Club on Pitt st is now run by Kevin & Irene former licensees of The Moulders Rest. Since taking over they have introduced a fast changing guest ale usually sourced from local micro breweries. On our visit we were welcomed by a cracking pint of wobbly bob

Pub: Barnsley Trades Club
Cask ales available John Smiths Cask
Description:

The Barnsley Trades Club is situated at the bottom of Racecommon road near to the town end roundabout. This large club proves very popular with locals and hosts regular events and concerts. The John Smiths cask although slightly cold was found to be in excellent condition. The club was very welcoming. Upstairs the club houses the 'Barnsley Brewery Bar' housing lots of memorabilia from the former Barnsley Brewery including the original brewery bar.

Pub: Shaw Lane Sports Club
Cask ales available Black Sheep Best Bitter, Acorn Barnsley Bitter, Guest Beer
Description:

The Shaw Lane Sports Club is Barnsley Camra's current club of the year and its easy to see why. Stewardess Sharron and the staff do a fantastic job offering the discerning real ale drinker a fine selection of quality real ales. The recent introduction of a changing guest ale has proved very popular on our visit this was the current Acorn IPA. The club situated near to Barnsley town centre is a hive of activity and well worth a visit.

Pub: Cawthorne Village Club
Cask ales available Theakstons Best Bitter
Description:

This was a first for all the Camra members on the trip. Cawthorne club lies in the heart of the village. The current club building was built in the mid 1990's. The previous pre fab building came from the near by Canon Hall where it has been used as housing during the war. The club comprised of one large room with a games area at one end. The single bar was well stocked and the Theakstons best bitter was found to be in excellent condition and great value. The club on our visit was quiet with few drinkers however this was mid afternoon. As with most clubs we were made very welcome.

Pub: Penistone Royal British Legion Club
Cask ales available Guest Beer (Marston's Ashes Ale)
Description:

This large club lies on the fringe of Penistone town centre. The club is very popular and has a large lounge/ concert room and snooker/ tap room. The club is immaculately presented and offers the discerning drinker a fantastic range of drinks including a fast hanging guest ale. The cask ale was found to be in excellent condition. The guest ale has only recently been introduced by the new steward to great success.

Club: Darfield Cricket Club
Cask ales available Guest Ale (Fuglstou Bradleys Best)
Description:

Darfield cricket club is situated in the heart of the old part of Darfield near to the main A635. The cricket club is popular with locals and members of the various sports teams. The club has in the past won Camra's Yorkshire club of the year. Over recent times the club has seen the demand for real ale drop hence the current single changing guest ale. The club welcomes card carrying Camra members and membership is very rates are very reasonable. the club offers good value food at weekends an hosts a quiz night every Wednesday. The guest ale is usually sourced from Yorkshire breweries. This is a great place to enjoy a relaxing summers day overlooking the cricket pitch.

Pub: Ardsley Oaks W.M.C
Cask ales available John Smiths Cask
Description:

Ardsley Oaks W.M.C is a typical W.M.C on the main A635 Barnsley to Doncaster Road. This two roomed club has a large concert room that hosts regular concerts. There is also a comfy tap room with TV showing major sports. The club is very popular and well supported by the local community. The John smiths cask was excellent value and in good condition

Pub: Harborough Hills
Cask ales available Guest Ale (Black Sheep Best Bitter)
Description:

Another club which has recently added cask ale so recent it was only added to the survey at the last minute. This was the last venue on our survey and the somewhat weary members weren't disappointed. The recently introduce guest ale has had a good response and we found it in excellent condition and at £2.20 a pint great value. The hosts also put on some welcome sandwiches for us. The club situated on Denton St is a large traditional club with two large rooms one a concert room the other a traditional tap room. The members made us very welcome.

This survey was a first for Barnsley Camra. It proved a huge success with lots of positive comments from members and club stewards alike. Cask ale in Barnsley club appears to be doing well and are very welcoming. The clubs on the survey all offered the discerning cask ale drinker a great pint and cracking value for money. So next you're passing pop in for a swift half you never know it may turn into a pint or two. Look out for next years survey and as numbers will be limited please make sure to book.

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