



Barnsley Camra Pub Survey Report

Area Mapplewell & Darton
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Pub: Eastfield Arms
Cask ales available Black Sheep Bitter, Taylors Landlord, Tetley's Bitter
Description:

The start of our survey was the Eastfield arms Mapplewell. This large imposing 'foody' pub is situated on the main Wakefield Rd. The pub is a typical foody type pub. There is very little appeal for the person who wants just a drink. The pub interior is modern and clean and the beer was is ok condition and reasonably priced. The pub was quite busy with diners but very few 'drinkers.'

Pub: White Bear
Cask ales available No Real ale
Description:

A large rendered pub again on a main road junction that splits the villages of Darton & Kexborough. The White Bear is a huge pub with numerous rooms of varying size. To the outside is a large carpark with smoking area. Inside the pubs interior is tired and in need of refurbishment. The range of drinks on offer was to say the least pretty average and typical of a keg only establishment. The pub was quiet apart from a local society meeting and wasn't very inviting.

Pub: Kings Head
Cask ales available Tetley's Bitter
Description:

Situated on a corner this roadside pub has an pleasant rendered facade. To the rear of the pub is a large car park and pleasant beer garden. This traditional pub comprises of two room with a further conservatory to the rear. The bar was well stocked with a wide range of drinks including a very nice pint of Tetley's bitter. The Tetley's was found to be in excellent condition and good value. The pub was thriving with members of the local community and is a real asset to the area.

Pub: Talbot Inn
Cask ales available Black Sheep, John Smiths Cask , Guest Beer
Description:

Near to the Kings Head is The Talbot Inn. This pub is well known for its good food and good beer. The pub is often nominated for Camra awards and is popular with alot of members. On our visit we found the pub was fairly busy with a wide range of clientele. The three real ale's on offer were all excellent and the staff were extremely friendly.

Pub: Wentworth Arms
Cask ales available No real ale
Description:

The Wentworth Arms had only recently re opened after being closed for a long time. This traditional pub has a large

open plan layout. On our visit we found the landlady was welcoming but sadly the pub wasn't. The range of drinks on offer was poor and limited to keg only products. The pub was empty with no sign of trade which was in stark contrast to other pubs in the area.

Club: Masons Arms

Cask ales available No real Ale

Description:

A traditional stone pub situated on New Rd The masons is a small pub with a traditional interior. The range of drinks were poor and typical of a keg only establishment with nothing to excite the Cask ale drinker. The pub was fairly quiet as were most of the keg only pubs. It seemed a shame that such a traditional pub didn't offer just one cask ale. I'm sure that if it did being situated in a large residential area it would appeal to a much wider group of the local community.

Pub: The Limes

Cask ales available Guest Ale

Description:

The Limes is the club house at the Barnsley Golf Club On Wakefield Rd. The club house has recently undergone some refurbishment and re branding. The club is very nice with a small bar and large function room style layout. With views over the golf course and a terrace it makes an ideal place to enjoy a pint. The guest ale on our visit was John Smiths cask although more interesting brews have been available (such as Theakstons Old Peculiar in a wooden cask.) As it was the last stop and getting late the club was fairly quiet but the bar manager was very hospitable.

This was a mixed bag kind of survey. We had some excellent pubs and some pretty poor ones too. The main thing as is often the case is the busier more popular pubs all tend to offer Cask ale. With the large number of pubs in the area offering cask ale it seems a pity the others don't take note.

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