



BARNLSLEY'S BITTER

BARNLSLEY BRANCH

APRIL 1990



PUB OF THE SEASON

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SPRING 1990

North of Stocksbridge on the A616 lies Langsett and at the heart of the village is the Waggon and Horses. For sunny days there are tables and chairs in the garden and inside the sturdy stone walls of this fine old pub there is a traditional style lounge with a warming fire, wooden settles lining the walls and a gleam of brasswork around the room. Just the place for a comfortable chat and a pint.

The handpumps on the bar offer the choice of a fine pint of Stones Best Bitter or a pint of Draught Bass (quite a rare brew in the Barnsley area these days). For those with food in mind, the Waggon and Horses offers a variety of home cooked dishes at reasonable prices and has a separate dining room. Bookings are advisable for Sunday lunches I understand.

Good beer, friendly service and comfortable surroundings amply qualify the Waggon and Horses for Barnsley CAMRA's 1990 Spring Pub of the Season award. Congratulations then to licensees Cyril and Maureen Battye and their staff on winning this award.

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Visitors from Gorlovka, Barnsley's twin town in the Ukraine, have been so impressed with the Edmunds Arms in Worsbrough Village that they would like to build a replica back home. In it they hope to create the friendly atmosphere of a traditional Yorkshire pub and serve food such as roast beef and Yorkshire puddings.

There might be something to this Perestroika after all!



Andy

McCabe

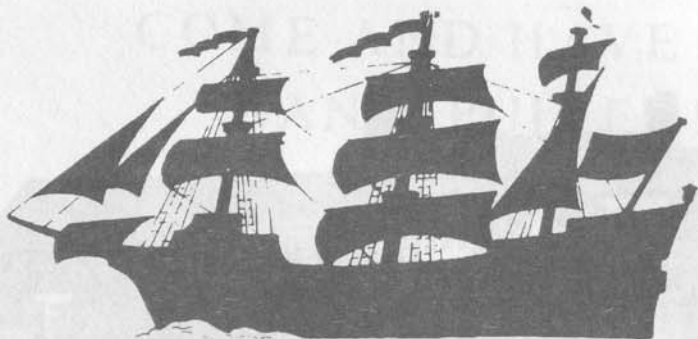
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— EXTENSIVE MENU —

THE WHEATSHEAF

The Wheatsheaf is due to close before the end of April and will be demolished to make way for the Western Relief Road. So if you fancy a last pint at this fine old pub before the bulldozers move in you'll need to be quick.



BARNSLEY BEER GUIDE

Have you got a copy of the new Barnsley Beer Guide yet? Costing only 30p its a bargain for real ale fans and lists the 86 real ale pubs in the Barnsley Met area and the range of ales on offer.

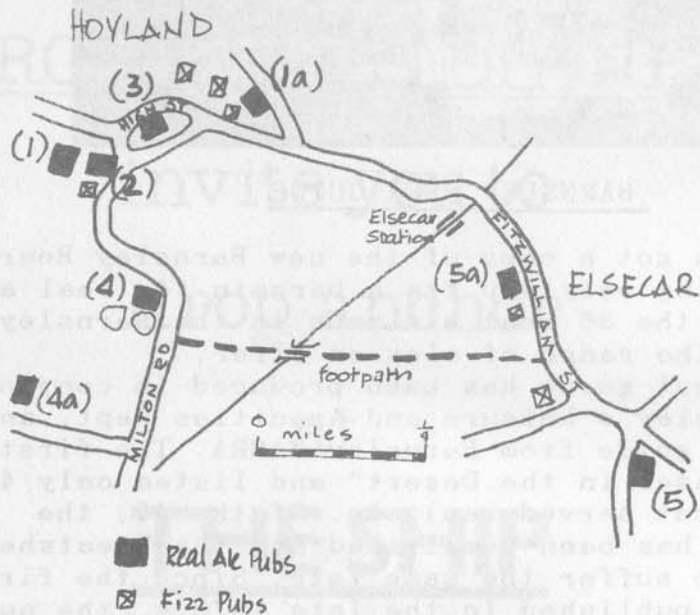
The latest guide has been produced in conjunction with Barnsley's Leisure and Amenities Dept. and is the third guide from Barnsley CAMRA. The first was titled "Oases in the Desert" and listed only 45 pubs locally that served real ale. Of the 45, the Gyngleboy has been demolished and the Wheatsheaf is shortly to suffer the same fate. Since the first guide was published in the late 1970's, the number of real ale pubs has almost doubled but, surprisingly, 11 of the original 45 pubs no longer serve real ale. When more and more people are choosing to drink real ale it seems a little odd to stop selling it!

One factor that hasn't changed in all those years is the very low proportion of our town centre pubs that serve real ale. Fortunately the outlying districts more than compensate for this lack of choice in the town centre.

HOYLAND TO ELSECAR

This may not be the most ambitious of beer crawls as its made up of predominantly national brewery pubs, but, on a sunny Saturday afternoon (as it was when we did it) its a pleasant walk between pubs.

Starting off in HOYLAND we chose BELMONT WMC (1) which serves Mansfield Old Baily and, considering the barmaid said only two customers drank it, the quality was superb. Shame its the only cask conditioned beer of the five available. You could just as easily start at the WELCOME INN (1a) on Barber St. which sells Whitbread Trophy and Castle Eden Ale on handpump.



Next its PORTERS (2), formerly the Ball Inn and Hoyland's oldest pub - hard to believe looking at today's modern interior. The John Smiths Magnet is in fine form and I know owner Tony Porter would like to sell cask conditioned Bitter as well, but doesn't possess the cellar space to rack up any more beer. Its interesting that a free house should sell only products from a national brewer, however, Tony believes that is what drinkers in Hoyland want!

Across the road is our next port of call, the GARDENERS ARMS (3), a busy town centre type of pub. Again John Smiths Magnet is the only cask conditioned beer and again the quality is very good.

A longer walk down Milton Road brings us to the multi award winning FURNACE INN (4). The Vaux Samson is okay and the others say the Wards Sheffield Best Bitter is splendid. Just as we are leaving, landlord Geoff Cooke arrives back from the vets (with the dog) and immediately starts ribbing us over the recent presentation night when our plaque failed to turn up and we gave him an I.O.U. scribbled on a piece of paper. Its obvious Geoff sees a lot more mileage in this mishap yet. A stroll up to the Cloughfields Estate would take you to the POTTERS WHEEL (4a) which sells both John Smiths Bitter and Magnet on electrically assisted handpumps.

However, we strike out down the footpath to Elsecar, which starts opposite the furnace pond. The path charts a straight line down to the Crown Garage at Elsecar and once was an inclined railway (c.1860) taking coal from Skiers Spring Pit and castings from the foundry at Milton on their way to be loaded onto barges on the canal at Elsecar. It was operated by a single winch which took the carts both up and down the line. At the end of the footpath you can go left up to the FITZWILLIAM ARMS (5a), recently acquired by Wards.



We choose to go right and down to the MARKET HOTEL (5) at the bottom of the hill. Our reward was another pint in sparkling form. Stones Best Bitter may not be everybody's favourite beer (certainly one of our group chose a black'n'tan), but, I can't imagine it could be served any better than it was this day.

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The Market Hotel itself dates from 1830 when it faced Elsecar market and a painted advertisement on the pub wall offers horse and gig hire. An extra treat is a cellar visit and the cellar is large with double vaulted ceiling supported by two cast iron columns, and in one corner are five barrels hissing away through soft spiles.

If anyone still wants more - a walk back up the hill will take you back to the GARDENERS ARMS (3) which is open all day. As I said at the beginning, beer wise its not a very adventurous crawl but the beer quality was superb.

JRS
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GUEST BEERS - THE NEW LAW

From May 1st tenants of brewers who own 2000 or more pubs will have their tenancy agreements changed by law. Firstly these tenants will be free to buy all non-beer drinks and low alcohol/no alcohol drinks from whoever they choose. Secondly, one cask conditioned beer (real ale) can be bought from whoever they choose ... a guest beer! This reduction in the power of the brewers to tie a tenant to their products exclusively has resulted from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the brewing trade.

In our area this change will apply to tenants of Tetley, Whitbread and Bass pubs. Whitbread are to make Marstons Pedigree available to all tenants we understand but landlords shouldn't be misled by this 'guest beer' from Whitbread and should be able to take the Pedigree and have another guest beer of their choice also.

What of John Smith's tenants? They appear to have lost out on the chance to stock a guest beer as parent company Elders have done a deal with fellow big 6 brewer Grand Metropolitan to form a joint pub management company ('Inntrepreneur'), which will control up to 8500 of the two groups' pubs. Elders will buy the Grand Met breweries as part of the deal and will be a 'brewing only' company. Thus the new pub company will have no brewery and the 2000 limit on pub ownership will not apply. Just one more loophole in the law that is working against the public interest.

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- Butchers Arms then Sun Inn

Friday April 20th - Pub of the Season
- The Waggon & Horses
- Langsett

Wednesday May 2nd - Branch Meeting
- The Dove, Barnsley

*** Friday / Saturday 11th/12th May ***
*** The 1990 Barnsley Beer Festival ***
*** Civic Hall - Barnsley ***

Saturday May 19th - Festival Helpers Trip
- Beverley

Wednesday May 30th - Social
- Highstone Club to The
Silkstone and the Oakleaf

Wednesday June 6th - A.G.M.
- Horse & Jockey, Dodworth

Saturday June 16th - Trip to Malton

Wednesday June 27th - Social
- Strafford Arms

For further details contact Nigel Croft (Tel:714492)

Melvin & Grace invite you to

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TO THE

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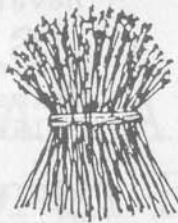
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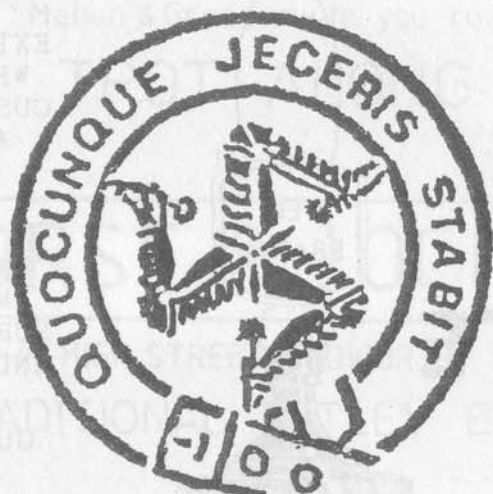
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