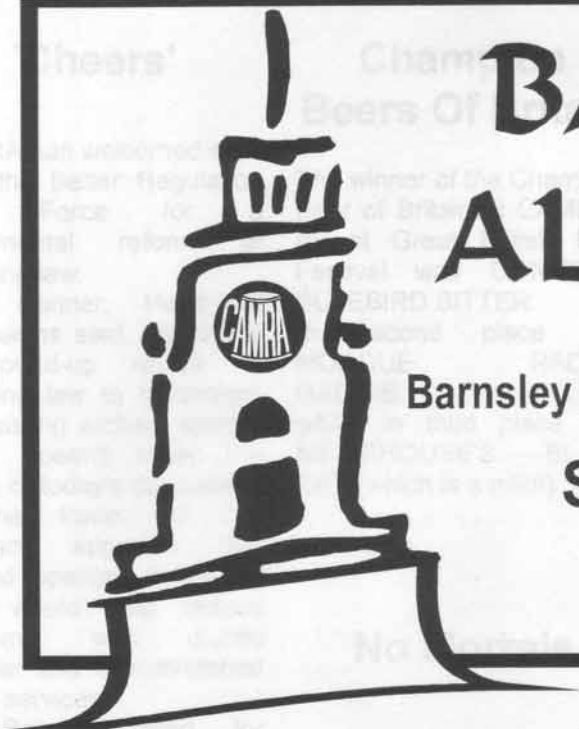


# BARNLSLEY ALE REPORT

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## Time for Action

### Major new report shows pubs are essential to communities

British people believe that pubs are an important centre of the community and are essential to rural communities. The findings of a major research project into public perceptions of the British pub have been released by CAMRA. The research shows that:

71% of people believe that the pub is one of the centres of the community

81% of people believe that the rural pub is essential to a rural community

80% of people visit a pub at sometime

41% visit a pub twice a month or more

Real Ale drinkers visit pubs the most - 61% visit a pub twice a week or more

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns said, "We have launched these important findings at the 21st Great British Beer Festival to drive home the message that community pubs are an essential part of British life. It's especially relevant that real ale drinkers are big pub users and are most committed to the future of our pubs."

The research shows that even 70% of non-pub users agree that pubs are essential to rural communities.

CAMRA is calling for the government to give equal status to rural community pubs as that given to village shops.

Mr. Benner added, "Village shops are eligible for mandatory rate relief and are even being considered for charitable status. In order for them to survive it is necessary to consider creative alternatives to supporting them."

CAMRA recommends that as well as moves towards the harmonisation of beer tax with our European neighbours, the Government should reconsider the introduction of a system of mandatory rate relief for village pubs, similar to that which exists for village shops.



## The Wortley Arms Hotel

Wortley Village, Sheffield

0114 288 2245

*Chris & Beth Welcome  
customers old & new to the*

New exciting chef, Martin Allen, formally of the Peacock, Owlbar. Extensive Bar Menu available 7 days, Table d'hôte Friday & Saturday. Exquisite servings of fabulous home cooked food. Specials available every day. *When frozen produce seems to be the order of the day, let this fresh home cooked food tempt you.* We don't do fast food, we do good food as fast as we can.



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Thursday from 8.00pm**  
Bookings taken for the Newly  
opened restaurant. Function Room  
available & Buffets catered for

CAMRA Pub of the Season Autumn 1998  
Up to 12 REAL ALES available

## 'Cheers'

CAMRA has welcomed calls from the Better Regulation Task Force for a fundamental reform of licensing law.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns said, "We need a ground-up review of licensing law to modernise the existing archaic system which doesn't meet the needs of today's consumers or the trade. All the evidence suggests that relaxed opening hours for pubs would help reduce problems with public disorder and over-stretched public services"

Mr. Benner called for caution with regards to the portability of licences. "While we welcome simplification and clarity, there need to be conditions attached to prevent pubs suffering from revolving door licensees, who don't stay in pubs long enough to make them work."

Mr. Benner, commenting on plans to change the way that current licences are issued added, "There is no real evidence that transferring control of liquor licensing to local authorities would improve matters. Licensing Justices are experienced, dedicated people who don't have to answer to voters. But whoever looks after licensing, it is important that there are national guidelines to ensure consistency and transparency."

## Champion Beers Of Britain

The winner of the Champion Beer of Britain at CAMRA's recent Great British Beer Festival was CONISTON BLUEBIRD BITTER.

In second place was MORDUE RADGIE GADGIE

whilst in third place was MOORHOUSE'S BLACK CAT (which is a mild!)

## No Morrels

### CAMRA slams stripping of viable brewing favourite (Oxford Blues for Beer Drinkers)

"A scandalous attempt to wreck a viable, profit-making company", is how Mike Benner, CAMRA's Head of Campaigns responded to the proposed sale of Morrells Brewery in Oxford.

The directors of Morrells have announced that they are to sell the business and have already received interest from various organisations.

Mike Benner added, "The management of this affair has been outrageous. It was obvious that they intended to strip the business when long-standing family member Charles Eld was forced out in June, quickly

# The Shaw Inn

## Racecommon Road

### Barnsley

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John Smith's Bitter  
and an ever changing range of  
**GUEST BEERS**  
usually 4 changing during the week  
*at prices so low you wouldn't believe that you were only just out of the town centre!*  
CAMRA Pub of the Season  
Summer 1996  
Function Room Available

followed by Margie Eld only a few days ago."

Morrell's has been brewing fine beer in the heart of Oxford since 1782. Its sale risks the loss of the brewery and Oxford favourites such as "Varsity" and "Graduate". "The Directors claim that "by selling the business they are acting in the best interests of the greatest number of people concerned." It appears that they have forgotten, not only about their own workforce, but about the thousands of devoted consumers who have stood by Morrells through thick and thin. It's time to put something back by selling to an organisation with credible plans to keep the brewery open."

CAMRA understands that the directors have already received an offer for the business from the Eld family. We believe that the future of the brewery and its beers would be safest in their hands and we strongly recommend that a sale is agreed without delay.

### 2nd Wombwell Warmer Beer Festival.

Thursday November  
12th to Saturday  
November 14th, (open  
11 -11 -Subject to licence).  
Community Centre,  
rear  
St Michaels RC  
Church, Park St,  
Wombwell

## Midhonestones Arms



Mortimer Road, Midhonestones. Tel: 01226 762305

17th Century Inn set in the surroundings of a bygone era  
OPEN LOG FIRES

FRESHLY COOKED FARMHOUSE FOOD

Tue - Sat 12-2, 6-9 pm & Sun 12-2.30 pm

The Midhonestones Arms

The pub with the permanent beer festival



TETLEY  
*cask*  
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Produced in Yorkshire Square  
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with traditional ingredients.

  
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## **The Lundhill Tavern**

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Bar meals served Tuesday to Friday, 12-2.30pm & 5-8.30pm.

Every two adults, one child eats FREE from kids menu.

Evening Special - Choice of starter and main course or main meal and sweet, 2 for £6.50

Sunday Lunches, in the restaurant, £6.95 all inclusive (children under 12 - £3.95)

Four times winner of CAMRA's Pub of the Season.

A fine selection of cask ales including Barnsley Bitter, John Smith's Bitter, Guest Beers and

**Sam Smith's OBB at only £1.14 per pint, ALL THE TIME**

## **Beer & Curry**

Inspired by Fat Les's rendition of 'Vindaloo' for the England World Cup Squad, the National Hop Association recently joined forces with one of London's top Indian restaurants, Tamarind, to match eight beers against five different curries in order to show that the wide range of available bottled beers are an excellent alternative to lager or wine. Two of the beers had been entered into the curry competition which was part of the Beauty of Hops awards which took place earlier in the year. These were Ultimate Curry Beer from Wolverhampton & Dudley and IPA from Shepherd Neame. The sixty guests sampling the goodies on offer consisted of beer and wine writers and buyers (and some bloke from *Brewworld* who was placed near the kitchens), and most agreed that a well chosen beer was a super accompaniment to curry. The Ultimate Curry Beer from W&D was as its name suggested and was obviously very well formulated. Also finding favour was Young's Double Chocolate Stout, which went very well with the Bhindi

(Okra) dish, whilst the Belgian ales, Rodenbach Alexander and the Gordon's Scotch Ale (actually made by Scottish and Newcastle but only sold in Belgium) were, when served slightly colder than usual, excellent, much to several people's surprise. Once again a hugely successful exercise for the increasingly influential National Hop Association  
*Brewworld*

## **Full Pints**

"Visitors to the 21st Great British Beer Festival are guaranteed an honest pint". That was the pledge of Mike Benner, CAMRA's Head of Campaigns offered Britain's beer drinkers. After Dennis Turner MP's Private Members Bill to ensure full liquid pints for all was blocked, CAMRA is re-launching its popular 'Beer Rip-off Calculator'. Mike Benner added, "It's a credit card sized beer meter that drinkers can carry with them to pubs to see if they are getting what they pay for. They'll soon see that even with a beer with an average sized head, they could be losing out by nearly 20p a pint. That quickly adds up to pounds if you buy a round."

"Britain's beer drinkers are being ripped off by £1million a day through short measure because most pubs include the froth on beer as part of the pint. In a standard brim measure glass this means less beer for your money."

The Great British Beer Festival which attracted around 40,000 beer lovers promised a full pint of liquid whichever of the 300 beers available visitors chose to try. Oversized lined glasses are used at all CAMRA beer festivals which leave room for a pint of liquid with the froth on top.

## **Wobbling Along**

Having been to Barnsley's first home match of the new season against West Brom, and then away to Crewe, a decent pint was called for after both of these games. I decided to call at the Wortley Arms at Wortley on my way home. The Wortley is one of Barnsley's few true free houses and serves a range of beers from nationals as well as small

## **The Huntsman**

A Clark's Traditional Ale House  
136 Manchester Road,  
Thurlstone  
01226 764892

Ian & Sheila welcome you all  
Quiz Suppers Tuesday &  
Thursday  
Live Entertainment Friday  
Open Log Fires

A wide range of real ales from breweries large & small, over a century of different ales in the last year

breweries and always has a mild available.

The latest addition to the bar is Wortley Wobble, specially brewed for the pub by the Abbeydale Brewery in Sheffield. Unfortunately at over 6% abv I was unable to try this and chose the Vaux mild instead. It was, like all the beers at the Wortley, in excellent condition and soon took away the previous few hours problems.

If you've not been up to the Wortley recently then I suggest you try it, but please don't go trying the Wobble if you're driving!

*Dulcanise your tastebuds at  
The 24th Sheffield*



# **Steel City**

## **Beer & Cider Festival**

**10-12 September 1998**  
Organised by Sheffield Branch of the Campaign For Real Ale

**hollam**  
UNION

**Nelson Mandela Building (NMB)**  
(opposite Midland Railway Station)

### **Over 120 Beers and Ciders**

including Rare Brews, Festival Specials & Bottled Beers  
Plus British Fruit Wines, also FREE soft drinks for children & drivers

**Admission\* £3.50 (Thursday & Friday), £3.00 (Saturday)**  
(Reductions for CAMRA members)

opening times: Thurs: 6.00-11.00pm, Fri: 12.00-4.00pm & 6.00-11.00pm  
Sat: 12.00-11.00pm

\* Includes commemorative glass and readmission to all other sessions

**Food available until 10pm throughout the festival**  
Children Welcome in 'The Cooler' until 9pm

### **Festival Entertainment**

Friday Evening 11th Sept. Saturday Evening 12th Sept.

**John Otway**

**Kingfisher Blue**

Charity Quiz Saturday Afternoon - Proceeds to St. Luke's Hospice  
Quiet sessions Thursday Evening & Friday Lunchtime



**When the beer starts to fuddle your brain,  
let the bus, train or tram take the strain.**

## Pub of the Season

### Summer 1998

# The Millers Inn, Low Barugh

There are very few true free houses in Barnsley. You may see signs with "John Smiths Free House", but all that means is that the owner owns the pub, and a brewery has lent money towards its purchase. Usually pubs such as this have a tie to a particular brewery, which means they have to take a percentage of their beers from that brewery. This restricts the choice the consumer has at the bar.

The Millers Inn at Low Barugh is not one of these. It is a true free house, with its owner, Alan Dyson, able to take beers from wherever he fancies. He shows no fear or favour in dropping beers if they fail to meet the required standard!

This season we are celebrating Alan's actions in persuading the Oakwell Brewery, not only to allow their beers to be sold at the Millers, but also to launch its beers there. He also sells beers from the Barnsley Brewery. You can therefore do a taste test on the two "Barnsley Bitters", and decide for yourself which one takes your preference.

Our congratulations to Alan and the team on winning our award for the second time, which is testament to the consistently high standard of the beers and the pub itself.

Chris and Alan Ramsbottom

### Trading Standards.

If you're not getting a full pint after you have asked for it to be topped up, try the Trading Standards Department. Give them a ring on 772532

### APPLICATION TO JOIN CAMRA

I/We wish to become members of the Campaign for Real Ale and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign

Name (s) .....

Address .....

Post Code .....

Signature .....

Telephone .....

I/We enclose remittance as detailed below

Single Membership £14 Joint £17

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Under 26 £8 (date of birth .....

Life membership please ask

Please send remittance (payable to CAMRA Ltd) to

Membership Secretary, CAMRA Ltd., 230 Hatfield Rd, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 4LW



## Take-overs

Many years ago, CAMRA fought to get landlords the right to sell a real ale of their choice as well as being told what to sell by the breweries that owned their pubs.

This was subsequently improved to allow landlords to also sell a bottled beer that was naturally conditioned (ie the beer continues to ferment in the bottle, just like real ale does in the cask).

Unfortunately, the Beer Orders (as they were called) only applied to pubs that were owned by breweries with more than 2000 pubs, of which there were then many.

Since then breweries have been closed and in many cases the pub side has

been off loaded to a non-brewing company which is not covered by the orders.

Recently another brewery, Whitbread, who are planning to sell off two of their three remaining real ale breweries, sold virtually all their Barnsley area houses to a pub chain.

Lets hope that the new owners of these pubs realise that getting people into pubs is a good way of making money (obvious really) and that by denying landlords and landladies the right to continue to offer their customers a choice, rather than telling them what they can serve, will result in many people taking their custom elsewhere.

## Dates for your Diary

### September

Friday 4th (5 - 11pm) & Saturday 5th (11 -11pm), Huddersfield CAMRA Beer Festival, Zeneca Club, Leeds Road, Huddersfield

Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th. CAMRA Sheffield Steel City Beer Festival, NMB (opposite the Railway Station) Sheffield see advert inside for opening hours.

Tuesday 28th at 8.00pm. Open committee meeting and social at the Fitzwilliam, Elsecar

### October

Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th. 5th Scunthorpe CAMRA Beer Festival, Baths Hall, Scunthorpe. Open 6.30 - 11pm Thur, 11 - 4 & 6.30 - 11 Fri & Sat, 12 - 5 (and FREE) Sun

Tuesday 27th at 8.00pm. Open committee meeting and social at the Butchers Arms, Monk Bretton

### November

Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th (11 - 11pm all days). Second Wombwell Warmer Beer Festival, St Michael's & All Angels RC Community Centre, Park St, Wombwell

Tuesday 24th at 8.00pm. Open committee meeting and social at the Millers, Low Barugh

### December

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