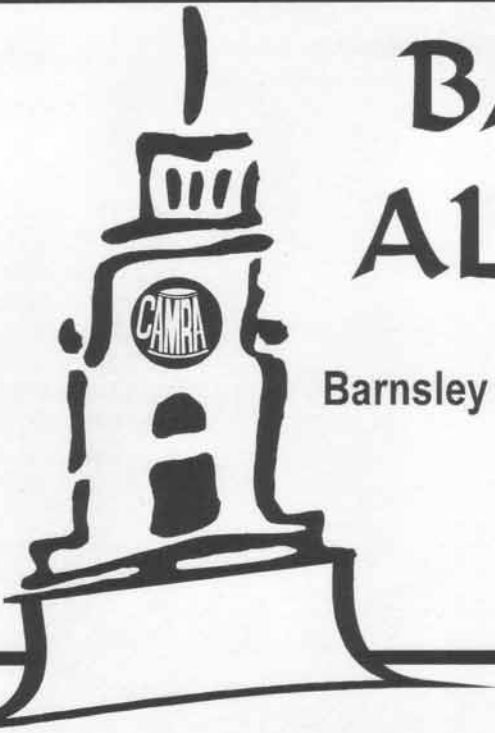


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The End is Nigh

On Monday 17th May, Barnsley CAMRA visited Ward's Sheffield Brewery, in the knowledge that this would almost certainly be for the last time.

Only a few days before hand, the staff had been told that the latest attempt at a management buy-out had failed, and that the previously issued redundancy notices, that all the employees had hoped would be rescinded would now take effect on July 2nd. In fact, as we toured the brewery, it was obvious that things were winding down, and that hopes of a last minute reprieve would be dashed. The brewing plans when we visited stood at

only five more brews, three that week and two the next. After that the existing brews, conditioning away in the cellars, would be dispatched to Ward's pubs with all stock expected to be used by the end of June.

What happens at Ward's then was unsure as I wrote this, but the rumours circulating Sheffield were not good.

If it goes to the rumourmongers plans, Punch Taverns will buy all the pubs and be organising a supply deal with Bass, not a company who's recent record in real ale (they shut Stones in Sheffield last year) is anything to cheer about. I

hope this doesn't come true, the thought of Ward's being replaced by Worthington doesn't bear thinking about. But why is a profitable brewery being closed? Simply so that corporate greed can continue in the modern world. The livelihoods of Vaux (in Sunderland) and Ward's employees and the choice of beers they offered their customers is being swept away to keep shareholders

in Swallow hotels (the owners of Ward's & Vaux) happy.

Up in Sunderland fans are refusing to buy their teams new strip because it is sponsored by Swallow Hotels.

Around here many might not miss Ward's but I for one will be taking my money elsewhere if the closure goes through and the rumours turn out to be correct.

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