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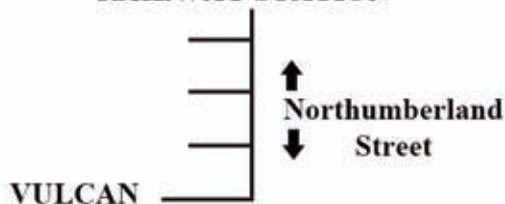
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## Beer Festivals Near & Far

### May

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> to Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**4<sup>th</sup> Dewsbury & Heavy Woollen Beer & Cider Festival** - Dewsbury Town Hall - <http://www.dewsburybeerfestival.co.uk/>

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> to Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Barrow Hill Rail Ale Fest - Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Chesterfield Tel: 01246 472450

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May** - DYB-DYB Beer Festival 2013 Pontefract Scout Centre - Contact 07984 930490

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> to Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Kirkburton Beer Festival and Village Fete - At the Scout HQ, Hallas Road , Kirkburton HD8 0QQ

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Bridge Beer and Pie Festival - Bridge Inn. Low Lane, Horsforth LS18 4HN

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May to Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Barnsley Beer Festival, St Edward Confessor Church.

### June

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Mirfield Round Table beer festival - Cricket Club, Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 9NE

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Three Valleys Festival – At a brewery and a number of pubs in Dronfield.

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> to Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Copper Face Jacks Festival - At Copper Face Jacks on Oxford Street in Manchester City Centre.

**Thur 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Navigation, Mirfield Beer Festival - over 30 ales, all handpulled and cellar-cooled, free admission.

### July

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Newmillerdam Scouts Beer Festival - Scout HQ, Newmillerdam WF2 6QQ

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> to Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Huddersfield Town Beer Festival – in training complex (canalside) in a Marquee

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July** - Bobtown Beer Bash – Roberttown Community Centre WF15 7LS

### August

**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Fourth Yarnbury Beer Festival - Yarnbury Rugby Club, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth LS18 5HB

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** - The Cross Keys – Siddal - more than 30 real ales on tap

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Garforth Lions' Second Beer Festival - Miners' Welfare Hall, 56 Main Street, Garforth LS25 1AA

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> to Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** - **CAMRA Great British Beer Festival** - Olympia London

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Keystones (beer and) Music Festival - The Keystones Scream, 4 Monkgate, York YO31 7PE

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Galtres Festival 2013 - Crayke, York YO61 4TQ

For more details please see our website [www.heavywoollencamra.org.uk](http://www.heavywoollencamra.org.uk)

# Great British Beer Festival 2013

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August

This year's Great British Beer Festival will take place between 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August at London Olympia. With over 800 real ales, ciders, perries and foreign beers to choose from we are sure there will be plenty of choice to suit everybody's taste buds!

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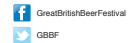


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## “Beer drinkers ‘ale’ the Chancellor for first Beer Duty cut in decades.”

**CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, responds to the abolition of the Beer Duty Escalator:**

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive said,

- “This is a momentous day for Britain’s beer drinkers, who will tonight be raising a glass to the Chancellor for axing this damaging tax escalator and helping keep pub-going affordable for hard-pressed consumers. This decision will keep the lid on the cost of a pint down the pub.”
- “Since the duty escalator was introduced in 2008, 5800 pubs have been forced to call last orders for good. What could have been the final nail in the coffin for our pubs has been decisively avoided by the Chancellor in a move that will spark celebration in pubs across the UK.”
- “Scrapping the beer duty escalator, combined with a 1p cut, is a massive vote of confidence in British pubs and will lead to an increase in pub going and more money in the Chancellor’s coffers.”
- “Today’s decision is a huge triumph for CAMRA’s pub campaigners who have been building overwhelming public support for a fair deal for beer and pubs, pub by pub and beer festival by beer festival. Over 108,000 consumers signed an e-petition and more than 8,000 consumers have written to their MP calling for a fair deal for beer and pubs. A Mass Lobby Day organised by CAMRA saw over 200 MPs meet with their constituents who highlighted the severe damage caused by the escalator.”

# 4<sup>th</sup> Roberttown Real Ale 'Bobtown Beer Bash'

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013

After the amazing success of the last year's festival, the organisers are pleased to confirm subject to licence approval the fourth 'Bobtown Beer Bash' at Roberttown Community Centre, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July (12noon onward)

Last year's event again exceeded all expectations "We were again staggered by the response we received" Robert Knapp, one of the festival organisers explained "the new layout & one way system allowed the public an overall better service and allowed everything to flow that much better"

Of great significance was the amount of money the festival raised for local charities and worthwhile organisations. The Community centre was one of the charities which benefited, and some of the proceeds from the festival went to a number of improvements the centre has enjoyed since.

The success of the festival was due to some hard work months in advance working within and around the community and alongside the Camra Heavy Woollen Branch who support the festival.

Ably assisted by Tim Wood the esteemed landlord of the Old Colonial Mirfield, whose experience and skill is always welcome, together with the commitment and support of Heavy Woollen CAMRA members, and the enthusiasm of all concerned the festival will be another success.

To keep the drinkers well fed at this year's festival, local proprietors Buckles Butchers and Pure & Natural Cuisines will again be providing a variety of good quality fresh food to cater for all needs.

The festival will provide live entertainment and we have enlisted the support of a new entertainment co-ordinator and with bands already earmarked to perform on the raised outside stage we are near ready to make things swing. So providing the weather remains fine (something the organisers can't guarantee) there is every reason to expect the continued success of the festival.

## So what will be different for 2013?

"For a start, we will have more Beer and Cider" explained Robert, "hopefully up to 35 real ales, but we still recommend an early attendance to avoid disappointment and ensure a full choice of all the brews we offer"

As far as beer goes the organisers are working hard to source a wide selection of beer styles from all over the country.

"I'd like to think even the most dedicated 'beer tickers' will go home having enjoyed a number of beers they haven't sampled before" said Robert "I can't really confirm any particular beer at this stage, but I'm hopeful we will have beers from far and wide again together with brews from lesser known breweries from nearer home, as well as one- off festival specials".

The Community centre in Roberttown is ideally placed to hold the festival, and drinkers from further afield are able to use the excellent public transport options that Roberttown has. The 229 service (Leeds – Huddersfield) has a stop immediately outside the centre, and the village can also be reached by the 220, 253 services, full details of which can be found on the Metro bus website [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)



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# THE TAPROOM



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## BATLEY



## CLUB OF THE YEAR 2013 CLECKHEATON SPORTS CLUB

The Heavy Woollen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has awarded its Club of the Year award to Cleckheaton Sports Club.

The club's history dates back to 1864 when Hunsworth Mills Cricket Club was formed. Bowls were added in 1896 then in later years, amalgamation created a club covering the sports of cricket, bowls and rugby union, thus having year-round popularity. Many trophies have been won and there is a healthy attendance in the impressive clubhouse which has been totally refurbished in a pleasing and comfortable style.

As well as active participation in their sports, the club has a vibrant social scene with regular games nights, quizzes, dinners, as well as concerts, discos and speaking events with recent speakers including England cricketer, Steve Harmison and former World Snooker Champion, Dennis Taylor.

When the refurbishment was being planned, the committee decided to install facilities for real ale, initially thought by some as something of a gamble, but with help and advice

from Thwaites Brewery, four pumps were installed. Mick the steward set about learning the techniques for keeping the beer in the best condition, aware of the fact that such fresh beer has a limited useful life once the cask has been vented and tapped. There has to be much forward planning as demand reaches a significant peak at the weekend and varies greatly depending on which events are taking place, so it is tricky to order the right amount to avoid either over-supply or selling out. Thwaites Original and Wainwright now have a good following in the club and they are experimenting with guest beers with the aim of building up the real ale trade.

The club is open to the public; members receive discounts on bar prices as well as the benefit of the sporting facilities but anyone who feels like giving it a try will be welcomed.

Because of the excellent facilities and welcoming nature of the club and particularly for the special efforts being made to promote real ale, the Club has been awarded the Campaign's Club of the Year award for 2013.



## PUB OF THE SEASON - SPRING 2013 FLOWERPOT, LOWER HOPTON

The Heavy Woollen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has presented its latest Pub of the Season award to the Flowerpot, Lower Hopton.

Established in 1807, the Flowerpot sits by the banks of the River Calder on the opposite side from the town of Mirfield, with a bridge providing easy access to Mirfield railway station and the town beyond. A former Tetley house, the pub has been run by its fair share of characters over the years while remaining part of the community. Under Punch Taverns, trade was in need of a boost, so last year the pub company laid plans to refurbish the pub and extend the kitchen. Then the team at Ossett Brewery met and negotiated with them to take over the running of the pub and give it a change of direction. What followed was a thorough refurbishment of the pub with a good dose of creativity, in Ossett's usual style of enhancing existing features while adding new ones. In the case of this pub, the Flowerpot theme was promoted with a unique tiled feature in the central bar area together with glasswork and of course lots of flowerpots. The front lounge is decorated with in-house designed wallpaper featuring beermat graphics while comfortable seating, interesting features including pictures, mirrors and real fires enhance the

ambience. Managing the pub is Chris Osman, whose experience includes a decade at the Swan in Liversedge which spent a few years in the Good Beer Guide under his stewardship.

In common with other Ossett Brewery pubs, a good selection of real ales from their four breweries plus independent guests dominate the bar, eight ales plus a traditional cider being available. The range always includes beers of different styles and colours. Good turnover is vital to keep real ale in good condition but this is no problem here as the pub sells more beer every day than many other pubs can manage in a week. There is a really good mix of clientele; the pub appeals to all and the attraction here is the ambience and the opportunity to sit and relax, chat and enjoy some good quality drinks at prices which compare favourably with other pubs. This is not a foody pub but on weekday lunchtimes, five flavours of locally-produced Haigh's pies are available and there may be Ploughman's lunches on through the Summer.

Due to the great quality and range of beer on offer and to the fine atmosphere of the pub, the Flowerpot was voted as the branch Pub of the Season.





## PUB OF THE YEAR 2013 NEW INN, ROBERTTOWN

The 2013 Pub of the Year award has been presented by the Heavy Woollen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale to the New Inn at Roberttown.

Three years ago, the pub was put on the market by Enterprise Inns, one of the big two national pub companies, as trade had declined. Andrew Kenyon and Susan Walker successfully bid for the pub and after some serious cleaning and refurbishment re-opened it in Autumn 2010. An optimistic six handpulls were installed when the bar refitting was done. There was naturally some anxiety about how much trade there would be given the pub's recent history but from the day it re-opened it was popular and selling over a thousand pints of real ale every week. Because the pub is not tied to a particular supplier, they were free to choose from the many excellent independent breweries. Leeds Best and Abbeydale Moonshine have been on and popular from the start alongside Bobtown Blonde, specially brewed by Mallinson's of Huddersfield. The other three pumps have rotating guest beers with a variety of styles, colours and strengths which now include usually one of the excellent beers brewed in the pub cellar by Joe, Andrew's father, who gained a good reputation for

brewing at the Riverhead Brewery Tap in Marsden. Two of Joe's sought-after beers will be available at the Dewsbury Beer Festival from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

The pub has a popular taproom, the main lounge, a pool room and the function room/ restaurant which serves up some good, fresh food Wednesday evening, Thursday - Saturday lunch and evening and Sunday lunch. It has established itself as a fine community pub with a good, friendly atmosphere and proves once again that you don't need gimmicks, expensive satellite TV or a full-time restaurant to have a successful pub. The free Wednesday quiz provides a popular diversion. More information is on the pub's new website at [thenewinnroberttown.com](http://thenewinnroberttown.com).

The award was presented and gratefully received by Andrew and Susan, who thanked the regulars for their support and the hard-working staff for their contribution to success.

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# Real Ale tasting afternoon *with Annabel Smith* *Beer Sommelier and of Cask Marque*

As part of the Campaign for Real Ale the Dewsbury and Heavy Woollen branch decided to organise a tasting event to thank the people who joined at our last beer festival and also to show our appreciation to our female members for their support in what is a growing sector of the Beer Drinking Market.

We had nearly 40 people, the vast majority of them ladies, join us at Dewsbury Town Hall for a Beer Tasting afternoon with Annabel Smith from Cask Marque. Annabel is renowned in the Brewing and Pubs Industry for her expertise and recently became one of the first women to qualify as a Beer Sommelier by the Institute of Brewing and Distilling. Annabel gave a presentation on the history of brewing and beer in this country and then gave the guests a brief talk on how beer is brewed and kept in pubs.

After the discussion Annabel then paired three different styles of beer (A traditional Yorkshire Bitter, a pale hoppy beer and a Stout) with three different cheeses and three different chocolates to demonstrate how these food types changed the way the beers tasted. The guests were then asked to vote for their favourites and interestingly all 3 beers had their supporters.

The event lasted approximately two hours and was deemed by the audience to be an enjoyable afternoon. As a branch we are keen to encourage new members and events like these are an integral part in growing the Real Ale Industry, supporting our local pubs and making sure we have sufficient staff to support our annual Beer Festival at the Town Hall. This year it is from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> May and we would love to our numbers continue as over the last 3 year we have had nearly 200 new members join at our event.



## The Real Ale Talk Word Search

Please find the ten Cumbrian breweries hidden in the wordsearch

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# Real Ale Talk Pub News

**Batley:** Scott at the Union Rooms is keen to promote real ale in his new role as Ale Champion, meanwhile the Taproom next door is going from strength to strength with a mini-fest with music, 7pc folk band and 9 ales, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and a celebration of their first year 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May, while the Cellar Bar continues to care for five ales and a traditional cider.

**Birstall:** In April, the Pheasant held a mini-festival with two beers from each of Pennine, Partners and Elland Breweries alongside regulars IPA and Old Golden Hen from Greene King. Beer and food are well presented by keen management.

**Briestfield:** The Shoulder of Mutton is being significantly refurbished ready for new licensee Melanie, formerly of the Little Bull at Middlestown, where good food and great ales went hand in hand so this should be well worth a visit.

**Carlinghow:** The Victoria is establishing itself, adding three more pumps and regularly having a York beer alongside Tetley's and its range of Partners beers including best-seller Ghost. Tabatha (6%) sometimes makes an appearance and is a wonderful taste experience for under £3/pint.

**Cleckheaton:** The Old House at Home has new keen licensee Donna Roberts, who is a qualified chef. Real ale has been restored with Greene King IPA at £2.10 and Black Sheep Bitter at £2.40, the latter likely to rotate. The Wickham now offers the option of an extra-cool cask ale, currently on Sharp's Doom Bar, alongside well-kept Tetley's, Landlord, Golden Pippin and varying guests. Look out for the monthly special ales at the Marsh alongside a good range of Old Mill beers.

The New Pack Horse has established itself as a good beer pub with four handpulled ales including Black Sheep Bitter and Leeds Pale and a selection of quality continental beers on tap and in bottle.

**Dewsbury:** The regulars of the Old Turk, one of Dewsbury's few remaining pubs and which is currently under threat, are attempting a community buyout bid. Time is limited; locals may buy shares but the pub could disappear if not enough people participate. Anyone interested in being a part of it please pop in and speak to the landlady, Charlotte, to see how you can be involved. The West Riding have had some great beers and some unusual styles on in recent times, including a Nordic-style beer with pine needles included in the recipe. New manager of

the Shepherd's Boy, Stuart intends to refresh the pub and create a new beer garden around the back since the re-arrangement of the car park, while a priority is to maintain consistent quality of the beer and traditional ciders. Leggers Inn is just the place to be on a warm day; lovely beers and cider to sip by the waterside at Dewsbury's refurbished canal basin; good value, simple food is available too.

**Dewsbury Moor:** The Woolpack has been demolished for housing.

**East Bierley:** The New Inn has Black Sheep, Tetley's and 2 rotating guests, Saltaire Blonde proving popular.

**Gomersal:** The White Horse appears to have been sold, we don't yet know to whom, rumour says Tesco, however it has re-opened. Meanwhile the village is well-endowed with good, established pubs with good beer, including the Bull's Head, the West End and the Wheatsheaf, with promise shown at the California and the Saw. The West End, almost ten years under the present management, currently has John Smith's Cask, Golden Pippin and Ossett Silver King with Sharp's Doombar coming on shortly.

**Hekmondwike:** Six Lanes End WMC is now a pub, all are welcome and major refurbishment is in progress. At least one real ale is available at weekends, not always on mid-week. Recently McMullen's AK was on at £1.80 with Clark's "Bob-a-Job" at £1.50.

**Hightown:** The Cross Keys has Old Speckled Hen, Bombardier and Young's Bitter.

**Liversedge:** The Swan continues to provide four lovely beers under Clare's management. Quizzes, live music and karaoke keep the weekends rocking.

**Lower Hopton:** At Lower Hopton WMC, Tetley's is still a strong seller while recent guests included some excellent York Guzzler.

**Mirfield:** Mirfield Round Table beer festival is due on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 12-10.30 each day at Mirfield Cricket Club, Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 9NE. Around 20 real ales from breweries near and far. Free entry to the event, a commemorative glass can be purchased on the day. See [www.mirfield.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.mirfield.roundtable.co.uk). The Flowerpot has shot to popularity under its new guise as a well-refurbished Ossett pub. Sales of cask ale are through the roof.. No food except Haigh's pies which are available weekday afternoons. The Old Colonial has numerous

events such as curry and quiz nights, horse race nights and fund-raisers for charities including Help for Heroes, with up to six ales, always with an interesting variety. The Thirsty Man has no prospect of real ale while the Saville Arms continues to have five well-kept ales at modest prices. The next Navigation beer festival takes place on the last weekend in June; this is one not to miss!

**Roberttown:** The New Inn's tiny brewery is getting more widely known for its quality beers including Bombay Bob, a spicy 6% ale which should be available at Dewsbury Beer Festival and Bob Meister, a German-style beer which doesn't hang about. A beer festival at the pub in August will showcase beers from small breweries. The Star has Taylor's Landlord and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin which are good accompaniments to the fresh food on offer.

**Shaw Cross:** We send our best wishes to Ian Mann who, after many years as owner of the Huntsman at Chidswell, has sold the pub and is having a well-earned rest before planning what to do next. We welcome new owner Simon who is continuing the tradition of providing four cask ales including Taylor's Landlord and a regular from Black Country Brewery, BFG or Bradley's Finest Golden plus interesting guests; starting with Adnams Lighthouse and Ghost Ship.



**Scholes:** The Stafford Arms has re-opened under new ownership, offering Thwaites Nutty Black (a tasty mild), Thwaites Wainwright and Taylor's Landlord; open 4-12 Mon-Fri, 12-12 weekends, while the Rising Sun under new management has more beers than before and food is being franchised to the renowned Wheatsheaf at Gomersal.

**Thornhill:** In March the Saville Arms' new pub sign was blessed by the former rector of Masham, the home of Black Sheep brewery, whose Bitter is the regular beer with other pumps having ales from different Yorkshire breweries and from further afield. The following month David and

Hilary celebrated eleven years in the pub by presenting commemorative badges to their customers. The Alma has Taylor's Landlord and a rotating, usually local guest beer such as those from Partners and Pennine, looked after by new managers David and Gaynor, while opening hours are now all day from noon.

**Thornhill Edge:** The Flatt Top has Tetley Bitter, John Smith's and Leeds Pale.

**Upper Hopton:** Recent guests at the Hare & Hounds under new management have included beers from St Austell and Itchen Valley with Black Sheep Bitter as regular.

**White Lee:** The Black Horse serves Tetley's, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and a rotating guest.

**Whitley:** The Woolpack has Old Speckled Hen, Greene King IPA and Whitley Bitter.

**Woodkirk:** The Babes in the Wood is now open all day, has Black Sheep Bitter; quiz night Thursday, Friday is steak and fish night, Sunday lunches are popular.

### Over the border...

In **Huddersfield**, beer choice on the six pumps at the Vulcan is even better recently and at keen prices while the food is among the best value in the area.

In **Drighlington**, the Spotted Cow has six pumps with a varied selection including beer from associated brewery Partners of Dewsbury. If you missed their May bank holiday beer festival, their website has details of any future events.

With four pubs to buy for, some rare and interesting beers keep popping up at the Sportsman, Huddersfield; Cricketers, Horbury; Stalybridge Buffet Bar and Dewsbury's West Riding.

The White Cross at Bradley has six pumps with four rotating guests and has been in the Good Beer Guide for ten years; Sunday lunch recommended.

Is your favourite Heavy Woollen pub missing from the news? Whether customer or management, please give us your news items.

For details of lots of local pub and community beer festivals, see [www.camra.org.uk/wakefield](http://www.camra.org.uk/wakefield).

### Partners Brewery

Sales of Partners Pure Gold have gone through the roof since its appearance on the Strangers bar on Budget Day. On budget Day me and my wife were treated to a tour of the Houses of Parliament and a pint of Pure Gold in the Strangers bar by Dewsbury MP Simon Reeve. Simon requested Pure Gold for the Guest ale pump in the MP's bar to showcase his local brewery and as we all know now it was a great day for the brewing industry and beer drinkers as the duty escalator was scrapped. Back in Dewsbury and Partners Mungo has just been launched a 4.4% Mild named along with Shoddy Porter to celebrate Dewsbury's history of textile manufacturing. The Victoria on Bradford Road now permanently stocks Tabatha alongside other Partners favourites and is getting quite a following with real ale drinkers in the area, look out for more guest ales as Dave and Anita add more wickets to the bar. The Spotted Cow in Drighlington now stocks six Real ales with a great selection of Partners Ales alongside some great Guest ales from around the country.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Morley Beer festival organised with the help of Partners was a great success and we look forward to helping Morley cricket club with next year's event. On Mayday Bank Holiday weekend we are once again hosting Drighlington Beer Festival at The Spotted Cow showcasing the entire Partners range alongside Beers from all over England and a special selection from Tryst Brewery from Falkirk Scotland over 50 Real Ales and 15 Ciders will be available at the festival on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Now in its third year and growing every year all beers are served in a heated marquee so the weather will not be an issue.

We look forward to meeting everybody at Dewsbury Beer Festival starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and hope the festival is as successful as last years event.

Thank you to everyone at Heavy Woollen Camra and our Brewery liaison officer (BLO) Mike for your support.  
Cheers

**Paul Horne**

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*Dear Constituent,*

*My apologies for the standard nature of this email but I wanted to get in touch with all those who have contacted me in the past with their concerns about beer duty. I am particularly pleased that on the day that I welcome staff from the Dewsbury-based Partners Brewery to Parliament to view their Pure Gold Ale which is currently being served in the Strangers' Bar, I can also confirm that the Chancellor has announced a 1p cut in the tax on beer and the abolition of the beer duty escalator.*

*This is a great result which would not have been possible without the campaign of which you have been a part.*

*Kind regards,  
Simon*

**Simon Reeve MP**



## Haworth Steam Brewing Company

The Heavy Woollen Branch now has its 5<sup>th</sup> Micro-brewery with the Haworth Steam Brewing Company recently moving to Quarry Road in Cleckheaton (DB19 5HP). Here is a message to all our readers.

*"Haworth Steam brewery was founded in 2011, by the Gascoigne family and is unique in many ways. It was built by the owners themselves from discarded stainless steel vessels awaiting the scrap man, and is one of the smallest family owned breweries in the country, our family have been brewing for over two decades producing traditional top fermented ales, however the word Steam in our name means more than just a word, we were inspired by a much larger brewery from America's west coast, Anchor Steam Brewing Co. who were the first to produce steam beers. Here at the brewery we can produce either top or bottom fermented ales and lager styles by using the same pressurised closed fermentation vessels but with the uniqueness of either fermenting at a cooler 10 degrees C for our lager style beers or at a warmer 25 degrees C for traditional real ales but with the same yeast strain. This is the challenging part for us as small brewers and what makes our brewery very unique indeed. Cheers!!!"*

## The New Inn Brewery

Brewing continues to go from strength to strength at the New Inn Brewery at Roberttown with Joe Kenyon now having established a range of 6 beers which he continues to rotate and at least one is always available at the pub.

Also in March Joe brewed a new beer called Bombay Bob (6.0%ABV) which tasted of Ginger, Cardamom, Oregano and Mint. The flavours were so subtle and the beer left you with a warm glow afterwards with none of the tastes too overpowering. The beer soon sold out as it proved a perfect antidote to the Cold Snap we had that weekend. We are hoping to have that beer available for the Dewsbury Beer Festival in May along with another from the Brewery so if you get a chance to try it then do not miss the opportunity.

Over the last 3 months the Brewery has continued its reciprocal agreement with Boggart distribution with the beers going regularly to Lancashire and as far as field as Cambridge. Also the West Riding recently took Golden Bob, Rusty Bob and the Bobmeister which was the first time the beers had appeared in one of our local pubs. The Golden Bob proved so popular that it sold out within 3 hours on a Saturday.

Finally, early notice of an event of a Micro-Brewery Beerathon which the pub and brewery hope to hold in August this year at the pub. This event will feature all of the New Inn beers along with a selection of other Micro-breweries. Dates will be announced in the near future.

Andy Kassube - BLO

## Pennine Brewery

Due to pub company deals, the beers are found more out of the area than within it and brewing was up to capacity from last Summer onwards.

Core beers are the original Amber Necker(3.8%) and best-seller Real Blonde(4%) with the third core beer now called Natural Gold (4.2%)

Seasonal beers have included Wheatley Nice (4.2%), a clear wheat beer with hints of citrus and pine; Ruby Mine (4.4%), Black Fell Porter (5.1%), Yule Pride Black IPA (5.5%), Sun Stone (4.4%), Street Party (4.8%), Plat Num (3.6%), Tawny Storm (3.7%) and currently available Phools Gold (3.9%).

# UNCLE JACK'S GUIDE TO FESTIVAL FUN

Uncle Jack is once again in his local with his nephew Jordan. The Dewsbury and Heavy Woollen Beer and Cider Festival is the subject of conversation, although it is a one-sided affair, with Uncle Jack holding court whilst Jordan listens with his customary feigned interest. Jordan finds this subterfuge productive as his uncle in full flow has a pleasing tendency to suspend enforcement of the strict round system. This invariably results in a bonus pint for someone like him coping with his student loan.

Jordan noticed that their glasses were down to the last inch, and his round was well overdue. A diversion strategy was called for.

*"Is the beer free at the festival ? Only I've heard them being called exhibitions, so I thought that it might be like museums - they have exhibits and they're free"*

It sounded weak, but it got the attention of Uncle Jack who gave him a look usually described as old-fashioned, but more importantly ordered two more pints.

*"Well, entry to the Town Hall is free to Camra members for just one session and other times cheaper for them and O.A.P.s and you too being a student, but that's where the resemblance to museums ends. Anyway you wouldn't expect to take home the exhibits from a museum. No, you get charged for the beer, but not overcharged."*

There won't be much chance of taking the beer home, thought Jordan, but instead asked,

*"Will there be some beer there that I like?"*

Eager to air his knowledge Uncle Jack replied,

*"I'd be surprised if there wasn't. There's going to be at least 80 ales plus ciders and perries. In any case there will be beers from all over the world, mainly bottles, but you're used to that."*

This remark was a reference to Jordan's preference until recently for a well-known American bottled beer whose name was anathema to Uncle Jack, who added expansively,

*"Look, I'll pay for you in and stand you some beer tickets. We'll have some grub, there's always something worth eating."*

Stunned by this unexpected promise of generosity, Jordan replied with the first thing that came into his mind.

*"With all those beers we'll need something to soak up the ale!"*

Uncle Jack's next pronouncement stopped Jordan in mid-sup.

*"Bear in mind we won't be on pints"*

This from the uncle who once told a barmaid on enquiring whether he would like a pint or a half that *"I can get half down my tie!"*

*"It's a different game at festivals. The idea is to try different ales which you wouldn't normally come across. That's why we'll be on halves. We could go on thirds, a new idea but a useful one if you're on strong brews."*

Remembering that his nephew was an amateur Rugby League player and coach, Uncle Jack baited his hook.

*"I'll tell you what you won't want to miss. A one – off, it's a bar dedicated to Dewsbury Rugby League Club to commemorate winning the Championship 40 years ago. I was there at Odsal, half the town was."*

That clinched it. Jordan asked,

*"How long will we be staying?"*

This caused Uncle Jack to reflect before answering.

*"Longer than I usually do at other festivals. There aren't any pubs round here that I don't know, so I shan't be adopting my usual M.O. for when me and my mates have an away-day on the train to attend another branch's effort. Well it is really to have a good look round that festival, then explore the pubs round about there. I reckon that's what the visitors who have come a fair way will want to do round here."*

Knowing that flattery was never wasted where Uncle Jack was concerned, Jordan hinted,

*"They ought to ask you. What would you recommend?"*

Nostalgia welled up in Uncle Jack. How many pubs of his youth were no longer open?



*"There are still places in walking distance in the town centre that sell real ale, but not so many. I'd tell them to try the Central Station, just by the covered market, then perhaps the Time Piece. Ted at the John F. Kennedy will be open by 8 o'clock for Glentworth ales from Doncaster. The festival is a Heavy Woollen District affair, so they could call in at the West Riding before catching a train to Batley or Mirfield."*

"What's in Batley?", asked Jordan

*"Straight across from the station is the Cellar Bar, and up Hick Lane are the Union Rooms and the Tap Room. That*

*used to be a Bass house, the Wilton. In Mirfield the station is practically on top of the Navigation, that's famous for its own beer festivals. Just over the river bridge is the Flowerpot, an Ossett Brewery place."*

Jordan gave this some thought. A trip to the festival and a day out!

*"I wouldn't mind seeing them all. Any chance of you acting as native guide, uncle?"*

With a knowing smile, Uncle Jack ordered two more pints.

## The definitive guide to drinking in Bruges

**Around Bruges in 80 Beers, Chris Pollard & Siobhan McGinn (Cogan & Mater, £9.99)**  
[www.booksaboutbeer.com](http://www.booksaboutbeer.com)

Can there really be 80 outlets for good beer in this tiny town? "Podge" Pollard and Siobhan McGinn have found them in the third edition of their seminal guide. They have pounded the pavements, careened over the cobblestones and left no glass un-emptied in their quest for outlets that serve the finest that Belgian brewers can offer.

It's a guide that wears its heart on its sleeve: "If it is lager and chips you are after, put us down and move on, as we will be of no use to you," the duo state firmly in the introduction. In short, it's a stellar book but not for Stella drinkers.

As someone who finds it difficult to leave Daisy's bar, I must make a greater effort on my next trip to follow in Podge's and Siobhan's footsteps and take out some of the outlets they have discovered. I use the term "outlets" deliberately, for this is more than just a pub guide. It covers restaurants, De Halve Maan's brewery and museum, beer shops, hotels, a boat and even a bookshop that sells beer – Waterstone's take note.

As well as the listings, the guide is helpfully broken down into the different categories of outlets. This means that when your stomach rumbles you will know where you

can eat as well as drink. On my recent visit, I passed Bron in Katelijnestraat and had no idea it was a vegetarian restaurant that sells the sublime beers from Dupont, including the impeccable Saison. I shall not make the mistake again.

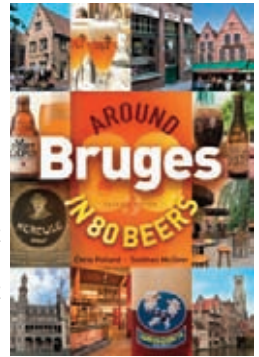
Helpfully, the guide lists the main types of dishes you will find in Bruges restaurants – I discover that sea bass is called *zeewolf*, which is rather alarming, while monkfish is sea devil: I'll stick to *pannekoeken* or filled pancakes. For the first-time visitor, Podge and Siobhan also run down the main Belgian beer styles, so you can sort your Dubbel from your Tripel and will never mistake an abbey beer for a true Trappist.

As with all Cogan & Mater guides (proprietor Tim Webb of Good Beer Guide Belgium fame), the book is also shot through with a dry and acerbic wit – or *witte*, if you prefer. It's excellent value for money and handsomely designed by Dale Tomlinson, who enjoys a glass or two himself.

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# So the *Germans* are better than us

At least that is the impression the governments of the last few years give us. You know when the budget is going to be announced and the beer duty was going to go up, they would roll out the so-called experts to argue against too much drinking and the violence that goes with it, so drinks prices should be out of reach for most people.

With UK drinks prices, the cost of a pint carries a levy of 46% tax, in Germany it is 8%, so if the high tax is to stop us drinking too much and getting violent, why don't the German or French and Spanish people roll around all over the place on so called cheap drinks, **or are they better than us?** It has taken the government some time to realise that Germany collects more revenue at the lower rate than the UK at a very high rate. All the increase does is to make smuggling more worthwhile and the big brewers to find ways to make their beers and lagers cheaper with poor ingredients and close pubs down.

Next binge drinking. Yes a problem, but nothing to do with the price as in Scandinavia they also have a binge drink problem and they have almost as high tax as UK, but do you see a drunk rolling around the streets in Germany? No unless it's a tourist from UK or Scandinavia, WHY?.

My theory goes back a long time in the UK when the closing times in pubs would be 10.30 or earlier and some places such as Scotland pubs did not open Sundays due to puritan led laws. By the time you had left work, got out, it would be 8 to 9 o'clock before you got a drink and Britain became a country of fast drinkers which gets you tipsy quicker. While in Germany pubs did not close until 1 in the morning or later at weekends so the culture of slow drinking is the norm in most European countries.

What about the city centre disorder problem? In most of Europe it is not a problem, in Germany for instance, if you are drunk and acting in a disorderly fashion, the police don't mess around, you are arrested and put in cells, heavily fined to cover the cost of arrest and hospital costs if needed. If you cannot afford the fine you will spend up to 21 days in prison done at weekends, so Monday morning you come out and go to work, Friday you are back in prison until your time is complete. Also you are not fed and your family must supply your meals. In my mind the lesson from this is that the punishment is too soft here and the German police do not have one arm tied behind their back has we have with the fear of been sued.

When ever some blinkered puritan tries to tell me that drinking causes violence I quote the Germans (who are

the biggest beer drinkers in Europe) and the Camra beer festival in London that with over 700 different beers and 20,000 people passing through, the worst you will see is a cheesy grin. Let us fine the trouble makers, not the responsible drinker. This country has bigger problems with obesity and a lot of that is due to people buying cost price tinnies with all the additives from supermarkets and then sitting in front of the telly. They are the people who drink too much, no exercise, no social contact.

The other problem is that due to high drinks cost, a lot of people, especially the young, will buy a cheap bottle of spirits from supermarket and have several drinks quickly before going out so they are well on their way before they even have left the house. Now you might not agree with me but I think the facts we all see every day speak for themselves, and the cure, I really don't know but a real change in attitude towards drinking is needed, not tax duty that is making it worse year on year.

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# The Real Ale Rail Trail

## Have we created a monster?

The West Yorkshire Rail network from Leeds to Manchester and in particular from Dewsbury to Stalybridge on the Huddersfield Line has become synonymous with the Rail Ale Trail. Love it or hate it, it has become a popular day out for many social groups and the saviour of many pubs during the current economic climate. To others, it has turned Marsden and Slaithwaite into no-go areas for the local villagers. Likewise, the thought of using the local train service at weekends has become a nightmare with overcrowding, drunkenness and loutish behaviour in the carriages.

Like many good ideas, the Rail Ale Trail was dreamt up to promote local beer tourism and the use of the railways. With the region justifiably famous for its brewing heritage supporting both regional Manchester based family brewers such as Lees, Holts and Robinsons and small independent microbreweries such as Golcar, Linfit, Empire, Riverhead, etc on the Yorkshire side, it has highlighted Huddersfield as one of the major brewing capitals of the North.

Following the success of the Penistone Line Partnership Pub Trail, Northern sponsored and published its "Explore the Rail Ale Trail on the Huddersfield to Manchester Victoria Railway" guide in 2008. It was a great success and was actually promoted in the Summer edition of Ale Talk.

Basically, the guide invited you to stop and experience the hospitality of one or all of the great real ale pubs along the line, not forgetting the discounts and special offers (food) available. For real ale drinkers this was a chance to sample the ales and to visit some of the wonderful pubs along the Colne Valley.

Originally, the Rail Ale Trail started at the Kings Head, the Head of Steam and the Grove in Huddersfield. It was then onto Slaithwaite to visit the Swan at Crimble and the Wharfeside Inn. At Marsden there was the Riverhead brewery Tap and the Tunnel End Inn, before the train disappeared through the Diggie Tunnel towards the famous Stalybridge Buffet Bar, stopping briefly at the Railway at Greenfield and the Britannia Inn at Mossley. Since then, it has expanded to take in more pubs as times changed.

So what went wrong? Well, perhaps the visit from Oz Clarke and James May in 2009 which was popularised in their BBC television series had something to do with it?

During their drunken spree through Yorkshire in their quest for the perfect pint, they travelled along the Rail Ale Trail calling first at Dewsbury Station. By all accounts after their stop at the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms, they were too inebriated to finish off their beer in the 'Tavern' and nearly missed the train to Stalybridge Buffet Bar. However, they did call in at three of the best Real Ale buffet bars along the line so the BBC researchers must have done their homework!

Think what you may of Oz and James' boozy pub crawl but it did put the Rail Ale Trail on the map with all the pubs close to the stations reporting increased visits and beer sales. Unfortunately, it also seems to have set the tone of the trail with excessive drinking and drunken behaviour being the norm. What was once a leisurely rail pub crawl by real ale drinkers has now become a frenetic and loutish day out on the lash by large groups of mainly lager drinkers. The Rail Ale Trail appears to have been hi-jacked by stag and hen parties often in fancy dress, birthday revellers and people old enough to know better – all tanked up on cheap lager, wine and alcopops.

It is not uncommon to see grown men dressed as school-girls or as "Farmer Giles" types in flat caps, wax jackets and green wellies minus the whipplet! Even Batman and Robin, Superman, Spiderman, Billy Banana and his bunch have been seen staggering around.

Nobody wants to be a killjoy and stifle a fun day out but when it deteriorates into drunkards invading old ladies' houses, women and men urinating in gardens, dumping half filled pint glasses of lager onto the station platforms, then it's hard to see the fun in it and of course it benefits no one. Some pubs have resorted to supplying plastic glasses to avoid broken glasses and injury and to putting up notices reminding revellers to use the toilet before returning to the station.

Let's be clear, Real Ale drinkers are not the cause. It is the Media who have perpetuated this myth that all Rail Ale Trailers are Real Ale drinkers. Any sensible drinker will tell you they're not.

Somehow, Locomotive Lager Trail doesn't have the same ring to it as Rail Ale Trail.

CAMRA – the Campaign for Real Ale - supports responsible drinking. All the CAMRA branches along the Rail Ale Trail deplore the action of the minority of irresponsible individuals who have spoilt it for the rest of the sensible law abiding drinkers, whose only wish is to enjoy a decent pint of ale. Our campaign is for a Real Ale Rail Trail which actively promotes Real Ale Pubs along the line and not the behaviour associated with the current Rail Ale Trail.

We would ask all Rail Ale Trailers to respect the pubs and villages they visit and enjoy themselves in a reasonable manner. The last thing we want is to see is extra British Transport Police guarding passengers, or street Marshals herding people from the pubs to the stations and back, or placing temporary urinals on street corners. So, please THINK before you DRINK.

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*High property values and planning laws mean that more and more pubs are being targeted for conversion into supermarkets, betting shops, and housing developments. Housing aside, these conversions can happen without planning permission, leaving many communities powerless to keep their local pub.*

CAMRA is arguing for Government to close these loopholes, and live up to their promise to give communities power over their neighbourhood, including the opportunity to object to a new development and fight to retain their pub.

Until such a victory is achieved, the Localism Act has provided councils with new powers to list Assets of Community Value (ACV). Once a listed asset goes up for sale it gives the power to "stop the clock" and give time to communities to put in a bid to buy the asset, transfer it into community ownership and protect it from change of use.

CAMRA has launched a campaign to encourage communities to list their local pub as community assets. Our *List Your Local* campaign aims to get 300 pubs in England listed as ACVs in 2013. We support the growth in community-owned pubs and provide guidance for our members interested in pursuing this route.

However we also advocate that listing a pub as an ACV has value in itself and is a small step in helping with some of the problems attributed to the planning loopholes.

Firstly we hope listing an asset will help deter developers looking for a hassle free purchase.

Secondly its ACV status could be used as a material consideration against a planning application. We are awaiting a case study to set this as a precedent.

Most importantly it will put the sale and potential conversion of the pub in the public domain and present the opportunity for the community to have a say. Too often sales of pubs to supermarkets, for example, take place with no community consultation because planning permission is not required.

Listing a pub does not guarantee the conversion won't take place but it at least means the sale and loss of a community pub does not happen behind closed doors and gives the community or another publican the chance to put in a bid to buy it.

So far around 50 pubs have been listed around the country. One of the most successful of these is the *Ivy House*

in London which was the first pub to be listed as an ACV and has subsequently led to a successful buy-out from the community.

We look forward to the campaign developing over the next year and are working to increase awareness around the existence and benefits of these new powers, not just among our members and pub goers but also among local authorities. Despite the scheme coming into play last September many councils are still not prepared to receive nominations.

There are a lot of people out there who are passionate about protecting their valued local pub. We expect to reach the 300 challenge with ease, so we urge councils to find out more about the campaign, and get ready to receive those nomination forms.

For information about the campaign and guidance notes please go to [camra.org.uk/listyourlocal](http://camra.org.uk/listyourlocal) or call the Government-funded Locality advice line on 0845 345 4564

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One enterprising local landlord, at Vinstue 90, advertises "Slow Beer". Customers are advised to sip a conventional beer while they wait for the fifteen-minute pour of his special offering, which most of the customers were drinking. What arrives is a glass of beer with a very smooth, creamy top over beer which, while not packed with flavour, is much easier to drink than the usual fizzy stuff.

What they have done is taken standard Carlsberg and poured it from high and agitated it until the fizz is removed! Apparently locals say that it is not unlike "the old Carlsberg". Leaving the pub reminded me of the old days around here, as my coat had picked up the stink of stale cigarette smoke.

I know airports are expensive places, but I had to snap a sign as we were leaving for home; advertising Carlsberg at what I calculated to be £10.94 / pint. Cheers!





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 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
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	Direct Debit	Non DD
Single Membership (UK & EU)	£23 <input type="checkbox"/>	£25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Membership (Partner at the same address)	£28 <input type="checkbox"/>	£30 <input type="checkbox"/>

For Young Member and concessionary rates please visit [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk) or call 01727 867201.

I wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale, and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications will be processed within 21 days

### Partner's Details (if Joint Membership)

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and send to:  
**Campaign for Real Ale Ltd, 230 Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 4LW**

#### Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society Service User Number

To the Manager Bank or Building Society  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

#### Name(s) of Account Holder

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Branch Sort Code

\_\_\_\_

#### Bank or Building Society Account Number

\_\_\_\_

#### Reference

\_\_\_\_

**9 2 6 1 2 9**

#### FOR CAMRA OFFICIAL USE ONLY

This is not part of the instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Campaign For Real Ale Limited Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Campaign For Real Ale Limited and, if so will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

### The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay by Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
  - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

# Contacts & Diary

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## HEAVY WOOLLEN BRANCH DIARY

Branch Meetings and Socials, 8:00pm unless otherwise stated (please check the branch web site, above, for any possible changes)

<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Meeting at Black Bull, Birstall.
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Social at Cellar Bar then Taproom and Union Rooms, Batley
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Meeting at Flowerpot, Mirfield (TBC)
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Social, start at Swan, Liversedge.
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	Meeting at Cleckheaton Sports Club (TBC)
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul</b>	Social, start at New Inn, East Bierley (253 & 283 bus routes)
<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Meeting at Leggers (TBC)

(TBC = to be confirmed. Please check website or What's Brewing)

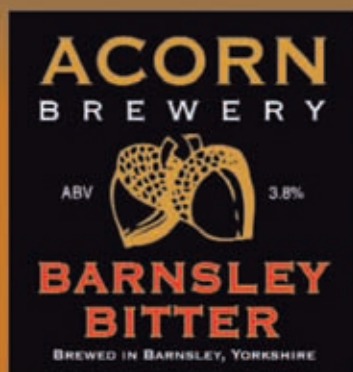
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Quiz Night: Every Wednesday - 8.30pm Open Mic Night: every second Sunday of the month