

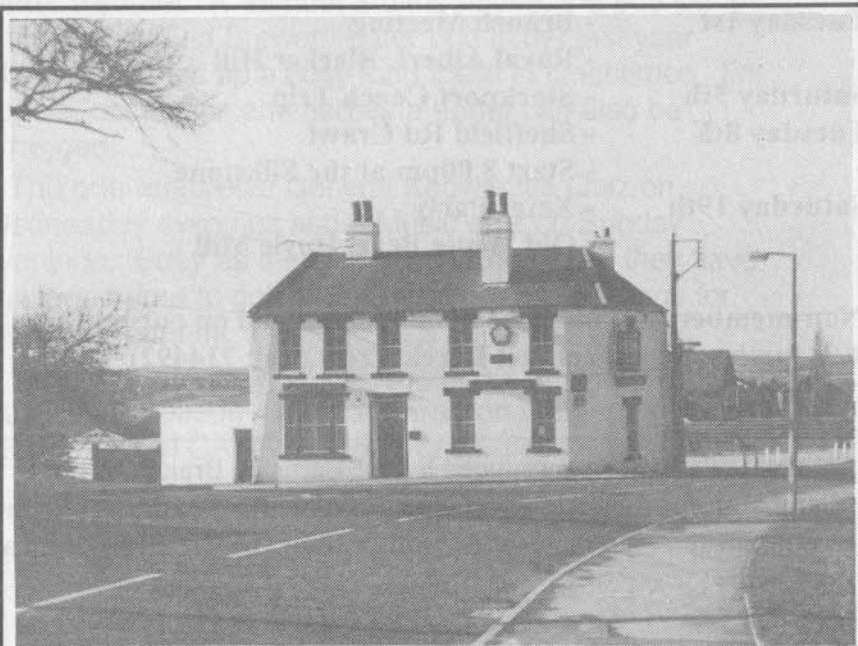
Campaign for Real Ale - Barnsley Branch



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# **BARNSLEY'S BITTER**

**NOVEMBER 1992**



**PUB OF THE SEASON**



# Branch Diary

## November

- Tuesday 17th - Normanton Crawl
- Friday 27th - Pub of the Season
- The Engineers Inn, Higham

## December

- Tuesday 1st - Branch Meeting
- Royal Albert, Blacker Hill
- Saturday 5th - Stockport Coach Trip
- Tuesday 8th - Sheffield Rd Crawl
- Start 8.00pm at the Silkstone
- Saturday 19th - Xmas Party
- Old White Bear, Hoyle Mill

Non-members are welcome at our socials and on our outings.  
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## PUB OF THE SEASON THE ENGINEERS

Our latest award goes to Denis & Marion Bunce of the Engineers Inn at Higham and is a token of appreciation for their efforts since arriving at the Engineers two years ago.

The Engineers has a comfortable lounge, retains a separate taproom and has a pleasant beer garden for the better weather. A Samuel Smiths house, the pub serves a fine pint of Old Brewery Bitter and in the last year Marion has built up a busy food trade at lunchtimes. For special occasions and parties a buffet can also be arranged.

The pub features a General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday evenings and a Music quiz on Sunday evenings. Busy as they are at the Engineers, they have still found time to collect £1000 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind recently.

We congratulate all at the Engineers on winning the Pub of the Season Award and also on their entry into the 1993 National CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

**Presentation of the award:  
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9.30pm**



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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Would Mr.B.Martin of Hoyland Common, who joined CAMRA at this year's Barnsley Beer Festival, please contact the Editor on Barnsley 248702 please.

## SABOTAGE!

The national brewers are sabotaging Government attempts to free the beer market with back door deals with pub chains. CAMRA research manager Iain Loe has compiled a list of all pub chains and their supply deals with the major national brewers. This clearly illustrates a mushrooming of the number of pub owning chains over the past year and the extent of their ties to the major brewers is disturbing.

Under the Beer Orders, national brewers had to free from ties half of their pubs above a 2000 limit by November 1st this year. While drinkers are seeing their pubs change hands the beer choice is the same and at times has been reduced. The big brewers are mostly selling their tenanted estates with the licensee gaining a new owner overnight. In the process the tenant often loses his guest beer right and finds all of his deliveries coming from the same big brewer's depot. Iain Loe commented 'These tactics make a mockery of Government attempts to widen choice and competition for Britain's drinkers.'

Blocks of pubs are being sold, often to former executives of the big brewers, who then sign supply deals committing the new pub chain to taking beer from the same national brewer. For example, Midlands based Enterprise Inns was formed when 370 pubs were bought from Bass. A supply deal was immediately struck with Bass and tenants were told to stop buying guest beers.

The biggest supply deal of all was struck when Courage and Grand Met swapped breweries for pubs and resulted in almost 6000 pubs being supplied exclusively by Courage. This arrangement even won Government approval! More recently, chains with almost exclusive supply deals include Centric (Bass), the Allen Partnership, Scorpio and Trent Taverns (all Whitbread). Discovery was set up in October with the purchase of 223 pubs from Whitbread and 'no plans to alter existing supply arrangements'. Sycamore is a home Counties based chain of around 300 pubs and a supply deal with Allied struck when they sold the pubs during the Summer.

Several huge chains also have the bulk of their beer supplied by the major brewers, including Pubmaster which has substantial deals with Allied and Whitbread. Pubmaster control up to 2000 pubs, including 174 leased from Whitbread in June. Competition authorities have just approved a lease of 734 Allied pubs to Pubmaster.

All in all ... a carve up! The state of the 'guest beer' market is a scandal and needs sorting out.

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## CASTLE EDEN SAVED

Under threat of closure for some years, Whitbread's small Castle Eden brewery in Durham now appears to be safe.

Bought by Whitbread in the 1960's the former Nimmo's Brewery seemed doomed and it was just a matter of time before the brewery went into extinction along with the many other Whitbread acquisitions this century. A policy of centralising cask ale production in Cheltenham, Sheffield and Manchester was the chief threat. But .... sales of Castle Eden Ale continued to rise and the plant obtained a contract to brew the low alcohol White Label beer. Now Castle Eden is to take over brewing of Winter Royal, which has been brewed by Gales of Hampshire since the closure of the Wethered brewery in 1988.

The latest development for Castle Eden has been successful brewing of a Porter, test marketed in the Summer, which will be available next year. Castle Eden beat both of the larger Cheltenham and Sheffield breweries in trial production of the Porter from a 19th Century recipe.

A final note on Nimmo's brewery; I understand that the barrels of beer occasionally shown in Andy Capp cartoons carry a XXXX mark which is a reference to Nimmo's XXXX beer. Reg Smythe, the creator of Andy Capp, was born in Hartlepool, just down the road from Castle Eden so perhaps there is some truth in the tale. How would Andy have reacted if his favourite brewery had shut?

## BIDS & DEALS

**Philip Morris**, the American brewing giant (Miller beers) is again on the lookout for a European brewery group to buy. Attempts to buy Heineken have been firmly repulsed and **Courage**, who already brew Miller Pilsner under license, would seem a likely bet.

**Indian United Breweries** have launched a bid for the **Wiltshire Brewery**. Curry house devotees may recognise IUB's lager, Kingfisher, which is brewed by Shepherd Neame under license. While takeovers are always a cause for concern, this deal may be beneficial to Wiltshire, who need capital to expand their pub chain.

**Brierley Investments** bid for Salisbury brewer **Gibbs Mew** failed last month, with the purchase by Gibb's of UK D, the drinks distributor.



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## Bateman's Say Goodbye to Keg

After 22 years, Wainfleet brewer Bateman's is to close its kegging line. Installed at a time when keg brews were being heavily promoted by the big brewers, the line pre-dates the formation of CAMRA by one year. Now, 22 years on, the brewer can safely see a future for cask conditioned ales and needs the space occupied by the 'obsolete' plant for extra cask ale capacity. Devotees of the excellent XXXB and fans of Bateman's generally will applaud this move. Let's hope that Bateman's have started a trend that other UK brewers will follow.

## New Brews

Paul Theakston, great, great grandson of the founder of the famous T&R.Theakston's Masham brewery has re-entered the brewing trade. The new **Black Sheep Brewery** is housed in the former maltings that adjoin rivals T&R.Theakston's offices in Masham. Theakston's is of course now part of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries.

Black Sheep has used equipment from other breweries, notably Hartley's of Ulverston, which was closed by Robinson's last year. Hardy & Hanson of Nottingham have provided the Yorkshire Slate Squares in which the beer is fermented and which are now becoming a rarity.

Beers from Black Sheep are **Black Sheep Bitter** (3.8%ABV) and the stronger **Black Sheep Special** (4.4% ABV).

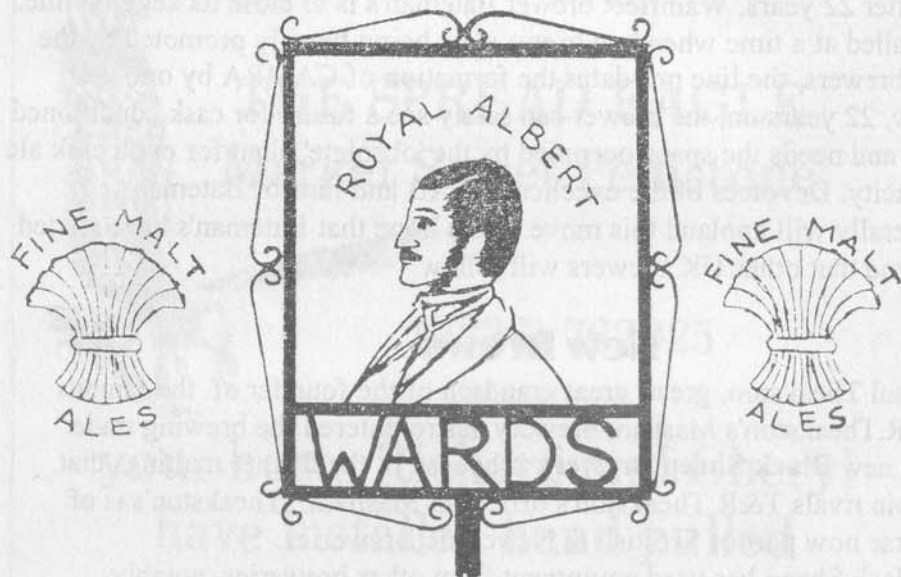
**Clark's** of Wakefield have a new brew specially for Wakefield Council's 14 bars, called **Kingswood**. The new beer is a session beer of 1037og.

**Hambleton Ales** of Thirsk is launching **Hambleton Porter** after a successful trial earlier this year.

**Bushy's Brewery** of the Isle of Man plans to export its beers to the mainland to continue the rapid growth of the company.

Are we to see a resurgence of Milds? Cain's, the Liverpool brewer has launched **Cain's Dark Mild**, Mansfield report a 90% increase in sales of its **Riding Traditional Mild** and Bass are launching their Highgate Mild into the South East as **Highgate Dark**. Hopefully the Bass move will help secure the future of the Highgate brewery.

Lichfield in Staffordshire has its first brewery fo 60 years. **Lichfield Brewery** opened in September and produces **Inspired Best Bitter** (4.0% ABV), named for Lichfield's three-spired Cathedral.



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### INN SIGN SOCIETY

Readers interested in subjects associated with beer and brewing may be interested in the Inn Sign Society. Started in 1990 the society has around 300 members to date. The objectives of the Society are to record all of Britain's pub signs on photographs, research the origins of the names and promote the hanging of Inn Signs. As they rightly point out, Britain's Inn Signs are a great, national, free, public art gallery.

The Society publishes a newsletter and members have access to the photographic archive which currently numbers 20,000 photos.

Membership costs £10 and enquiries should be directed to:  
The Inn Sign Society, 2, Mill House, Mill Lane, Countess Wear,  
Exeter, Devon, EX2 6LL (Tel: 0392.70728)

### Bass Assault on the Bottled Beer Market

Bass are launching their most aggressive assault on the premium bottled lager market to date with two new imports, TAG and Zeiss beer. While Bass dominate the standard lager market with Carling Black Label their product range is deemed to be a little lacking in the premium sector.

Zeiss is brewed with Champagne yeast and has an 8.0% ABV while TAG (Treffliches Altenessen Gold) will be their biggest premium beer launch in recent years. We can expect to be bombarded with advertising in the coming months but we suspect the adverts will not tell us that TAG will be brewed in Germany to a recipe specially for the UK market, since the German version is deemed too bitter for UK consumers. Once again we are getting the ersatz version in the UK it would appear.

Bass have been active elsewhere also, taking the contract to market and distribute Canada's Moosehead lager from Whitbread. Also planned are increased support for US brand Schlitz and Tennants Gold Bier. They've even been test marketing a lager/citrus mix called Brubecker.

### A Competition With A Bite

We hear of a joint promotion between Cobra Lager and Tilda Rice which offers Indian restaurant punters the chance to win a year's free supply of curry to a value of £1000. Perhaps if Andrex were also a joint promotor the competition might attract more entrants. Faced with the prospect of a grand's worth of Chicken Vindaloo, a paraphrase of the old saying "Only the brave deserve the fare" would seem apt.

# GOOD BEER GUIDE 1993

At 512 pages the 20th Edition of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide is the biggest ever. Conceived originally as a list of good pubs to visit for members of the fledgeling campaign, the Guide has grown into an established feature of the publishing calendar. Britain's best selling Beer Guide features 5,000 pubs across the country, arranged in county by county order. Also included is the only annually updated listing of all of Britain's 200+ breweries and the cask beers they produce, most with tasting notes.

This year the Guide contains even more information but the principle has remained the same as in its earliest days, to direct beer lovers to the pubs serving the best ale. Given the present turmoil in the brewing industry and the major campaigning role of CAMRA, it is no surprise that the Guide has a strong campaigning content also. The Good Beer Guide addresses the issues facing Britain's brewing industry such as the farcical outcome of the Government's Beer Orders, the raw deal given to pub users with disabilities and the invasion of our market by imported bottled beers. Beers of the year are listed and the Guide includes a diary of UK Beer Festivals to help you plan your outings in 1993.

An invaluable tool for the travelling beer fan and a good read besides, the Guide makes a good stocking filler for Xmas also. Have you got your copy yet? Priced £7.99, the 1993 CAMRA Good Beer Guide is now available at good bookshops or direct from CAMRA, 34 Alma Rd, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 3BW (Tel: 0727.867201)

## PUB NEWS

The **Viking** at Low Valley has closed, as has the **Greenfields** in Goldthorpe. Other closures include **Redfearn's Social Club**. On a more positive note the **Rising Sun** on Sheffield Rd is serving Theakston's Bitter and, along the road, the **Coach & Horses** has John Smith's Bitter.

The **Dog & Partridge** at Hazelhead is serving Draught Bass and Worthington Bitter. In Barnsley centre, **Dolly's** has real John Smith's Bitter and the **Eldon** has Boddingtons, Trophy, Castle Eden Ale and the Whitbread Cask Collection.

The **Countryman** at Wombwell has Draught Bass while the **Fitzwilliam** at Elsecar has added Vaux Samson.

In Dodworth it seems to be all change. The **Travellers** is serving a fine pint of Darley Thorne Bitter and Vaux Samson, having recently been bought by Wards from Courage. The **Horse & Jockey** is now owned by White Rose Inns and is serving Tetley Bitter, Ind Coope Burton Ale and Stones Bitter plus Addlestons Cider on handpump. Across the road at the **Thorneley Arms**, now owned by Century Inns, a licensee change is expected in the near future, following the pub's purchase from Courage. At the **Dodworth Arms** the beers on offer are

Theakston XB and the Theakston Mild (which was on fine form when we called) plus Stones Bitter.

We understand that Century Inns now own the **Bonny Bunch 'O' Roses** at Silkstone.

The **Travellers Inn** at Oxspring has undergone a major refurbishment with the addition of a conservatory dining room. Licensees John & Pat Ellis now offer full lunchtime and evening menus with a selection of home cooked food.

What happens when the village hall closes and you have nowhere to hold your meetings? Move to the local pub of course! That's the tale in Wortley where Barry Hulme of the **Wortley Arms** has welcomed the WI and other local groups on the announcement that their village hall is to be sold.

**Cubley Hall** near Penistone has a new venture with the opening of a Carvery/Restaurant named the 'Workhouse'. Fitted out to a high standard, the restaurant offers a menu of traditional carvery style main courses and a range of starters and desserts. The desserts including a choice of traditional puddings. The bar offers a choice of real ales. Open every evening except Monday, the restaurant also opens from 12.00 right through until 11.00pm on Sundays. Something else that's new is the electronic pianola., which seems to be some form of robot!

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## **Facts and Figures from Around the World**

Competition problems in the UK are bad enough but spare a thought for the poor Canadians. In a beer market worth \$9.1 billion, Labatt brands claim a 42% share and Molson brands a further 52%. Budweiser takes a further 4.5%. So 98.5% of the market is controlled by three brewers. The remaining 1.5% sounds a bit more interesting.

The European beer market was valued at US\$43.2 billion last year with the UK and Germany accounting for \$33.7 billion of the total and 56% of the volume drunk. Despite this, the largest brewers in Europe are Heineken of Holland, BSN of France and Carlsberg of Denmark. Five British brewers feature in the top ten list. The top ten account for over 45% of all beer sold.

Beer demand in Japan is growing fast and now stands at 7 million kilolitres, an increase of a million kilolitres in the last three years. The biggest brands in Japan are Budweiser, Corona Extra and Miller.

Romania is putting a Transylvanian brewery up for sale in its first privatisation of a state run brewery. The brewery in question produces 10 million gallons of lager a year.

Beer brewing in Spain declined by 3% during 1991 as the number of brewing plants fell from 37 to 30. Consumption levels remained fairly static however and imports are filling the gap. The Spanish beer industry is largely controlled by Guinness and Carlsberg.

USA giant Anheuser Busch, brewers of Budweiser, control 44% of the US beer market. Interestingly, the UK accounts for 80% of its European sales and we are currently in the middle of a £10 million advertising push. Around the world, A-H produce around one in ten of all pints sold. Back in the States an unprecedented price war is raging.

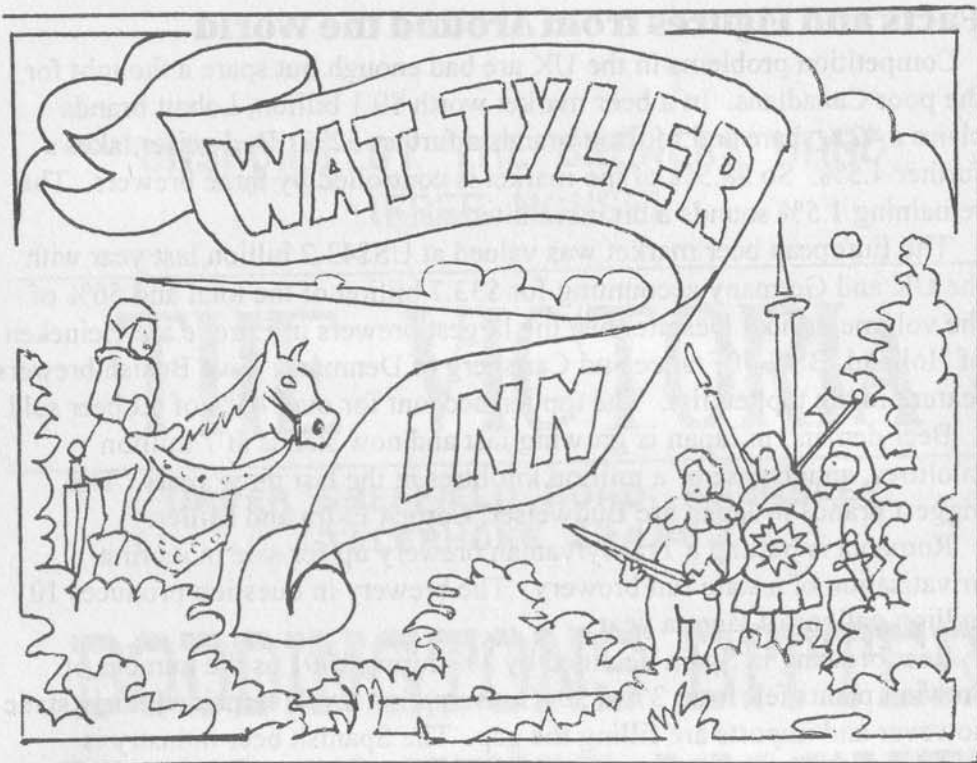
Heineken, with partners Fraser and Neave, who control Singapore brewery Asia Pacific are to build a brewery in Viet Nam. Beer consumption is low in Viet Nam currently but the Ho Chi Minh City brewery is being constructed in anticipation of a major expansion for beer.

Who are the biggest breweries in the World? Anheuser-Busch lead, followed by Heineken, Miller, Kirin and Fosters.

In Australia, Toohey's are launching Classic Bitter to consolidate their 60% share of the draught beer market.

Biggest seller in the French beer market is Kronenberg with 25% share overall and up to 40% in the cafe market.





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## **BOTTLED BEERS**

The list of imported bottled beers arriving in the UK is growing ever longer. Fullers subsidiary 'Classic Ales' is to introduce Norway's No.1 lager **Rignes** (ABV , 4.5%). The Global Beer Co. is to introduce a 5% ABV lager from the Minnesota Brewery which goes by the name **Pig's Ear**. Closer to home, Sheffield Importer 'Barrels and Bottles' is introducing a range of Bavarian beers brewed at the Scherdel Privatbrouerei in Hof (Northern Bavaria). Not to be outdone, good old Sam Smiths are making three of their Export beers available to the UK off trade, they are **Taddy Porter, Oatmeal Stout and Old Brewery Strong Brown Ale**. All three are in 550ml bottles.

Scottish & Newcastle have also been busy on the bottled scene with a launch for three of its Scottish beers in 550ml bottles, the three are **William Younger's No.3, McEwan's 80/-** and the stronger **McEwan's 90/-**.

## **Clubs Change**

**Courage** have sold 31 **Social Clubs** to independent brewer **Mansfield**. To comply with the

Government Beer Orders, **Courage** had to take the Clubs they control into account along with their pubs and perhaps this latest sale was inevitable. As usual the club-goers had no say in the matter. We understand that some of the clubs wished to buy themselves out of their **Courage** commitments but weren't given the option.

Faced with this imposed change, how will the club members react? Will they be happy to change to **Mansfield** beers? No disrespect to **Mansfield** but I suspect that after years of drinking **John Smiths** beers the transition might be a slow one for the members concerned.

## **Bass Mislead Public**

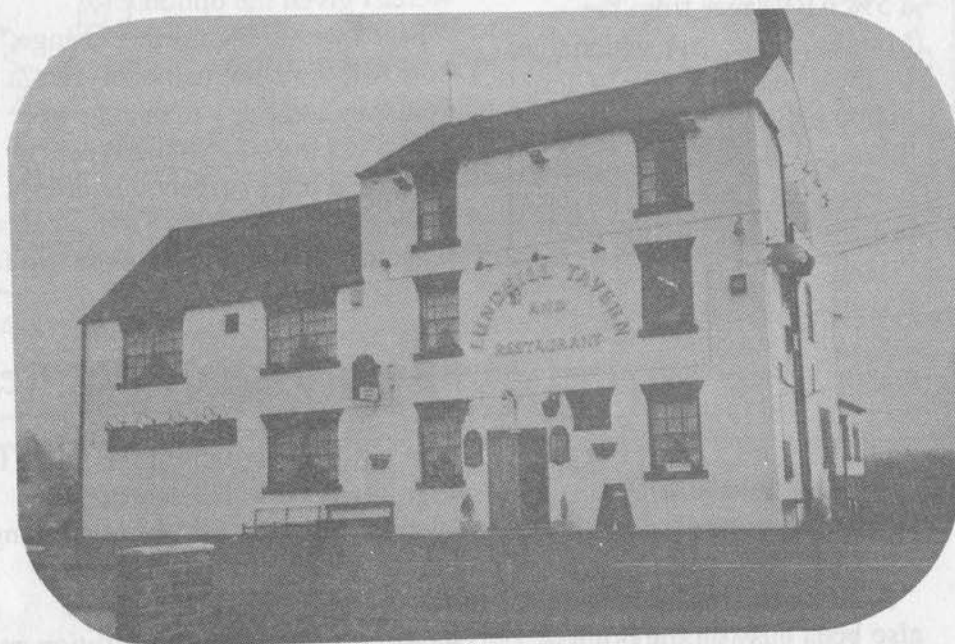
CAMRA has criticised the use of the term 'draught', in the context of 'draught beer in a can', as misleading. Now, to further compound this mis-use of the term, **Bass** have included a handpump illustration on their cans of **Draught Bass** and **Worthington Best Bitter**.

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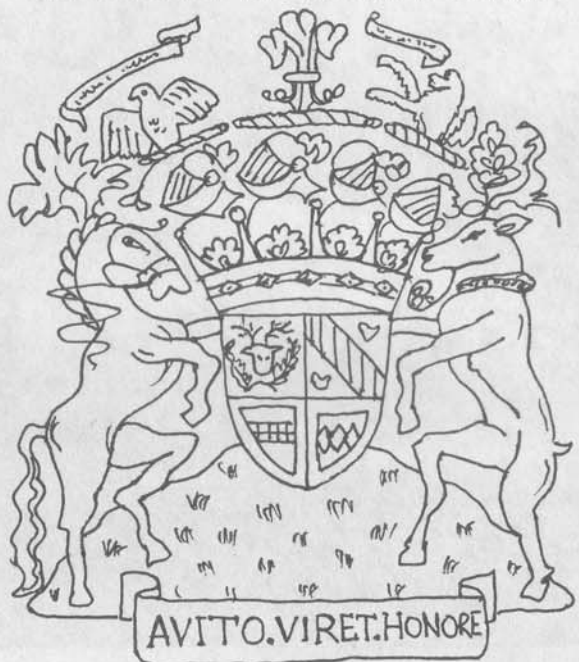
No Beer & Buses this issue I'm afraid but by way of consolation try a tram. Seen here on the streets of Prague is one of city's excellent trams that advertise a local beer ... Staropramen. Czech beers are predominantly of the pilsner type and are known by the locals as 'light' beers due to their colour, no surprise then that dark beers are the other main type. In strength terms the 'light' beers are anything but light and come in at around 5% ABV for starters. Staropramen, to my taste, was one of the better of the type we tried.

I'm no expert on trams but suffice it to say this vehicle was made at the large tram works on the outskirts of Prague. I say 'large' tram works as the factory was built in the latter days of communist rule and planning. According to our holiday guide the factory can produce over 7000 trams a year, or around double world demand! Being a 'green' mode of transport, perhaps the state system was looking to the future. As a user I certainly had no complaints and wish we had some of them over here.

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## Rich Pickings

Dutch brewer Grolsch is reaping a rich reward from British consumers. Sales of their lager have risen from £1 million in 1979 to around £80 million this year. Grolsch of course bought UK brewer Ruddles from Grand Met earlier this year as part of their expansion into the UK.

## PUB NEWS

The **Miners** at Higham is now serving Tetley Bitter, Theakston's Bitter and Old Peculier.

Dan and Barbara are holding another mini-beer festival next month at the **Wat Tyler**, Low Valley, to feature a range of "Winter Warmers". The festival commences Friday 11th and runs to Sunday 13th December.

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### Who's Knocking Who?

The latest series of Carling Black Label adverts on the box copy the style of advertising of four of the brew's major rivals. At the end of each ad the tag line knocks the rival and points out the greater strength of the Bass brew among other things. Time will tell but have Bass shot themselves in the foot? The original ads from their rivals are so familiar that viewers may not notice a difference. With Carling Black Label worth an estimated £778 million a year perhaps they can afford the risk.

### Review - Good Beer Guide to Belgium & Holland

"Life is too short and the liver too brittle,  
to bother oneself with second rate drink."

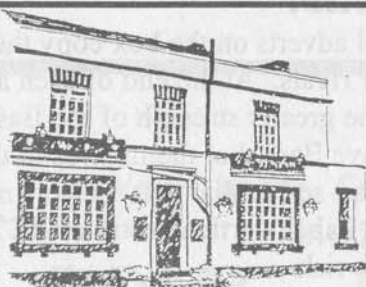
Jan de Bruyn

A worthy sentiment with which to open a beer guide and an excellent guide it is. Compiler Tim Webb starts with some advice on how to get to Belgium or Holland and travelling once there. There are also tips on the local food and the general 'form' when drinking in bars and cafes.

The guide provides a comprehensive list of breweries and covers the growing beer tourism industry in Belgium and Holland. Useful info includes a section on the beer styles and an index of beers. The bulk of the guide is given over to a town by town guide to the best bars.

The guide has been compiled using a good deal of local knowledge from both Dutch and Belgian beer experts and is more than a purely visitor's view. From my own limited knowledge of Belgian beer and the bars of Ghent I found the guide gave accurate descriptions and provided a few snippets of information which I wish I'd known when I visited Ghent, such as where to fill the car with beer for the trip home!

The Good Beer Guide to Belgium & Holland is available from CAMRA, 34 Alma Rd, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 3BW, priced £8.99 or from good bookshops.



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