

# Timothy Taylor Times

SPRING  
2011



## Brewery Extension Takes Shape



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Work started last year on a £2.7million extension to the brewery. Once completed, the new building will house six additional fermenting vessels, an automated barrel washing system and a sugar store.

Head Brewer, Peter Eells, said "The new extension will enable us to do what we do now with greater certainty and consistency whilst leaving room for expansion in the future."



FEB

The structural work nears completion

## Introduction



Charles Dent

This issue marks a period of exciting development at Knowle Spring Brewery, both in terms of people and buildings.

The latest extension is almost finished and the new facilities will enable us to supply our existing customers with greater certainty of quality and consistency while leaving us room to grow our trade. It completes a 3 year programme which included a new office, new depot for transport, humidified cold hop store, barrel store and an effluent treatment plant.

It underlines our confidence in the future of cask ale as the essential point of difference at the heart of successful pubs: as witnessed by our own managed houses, which are trading a remarkable 10% up on last year.

This issue covers the retirement of Geoff Drinnan after 22 years as Chief Accountant, and his replacement in the office by Paul Tatterton. It also marks the appointment of Grant Simpson as Sales Director, as we re-shape our Sales Team to better serve our customers.

Tony Howlett, Sales Manager for 37 years and only the fourth at Timothy Taylor & Co., retires this April, as does Dixie Taylor who has been our agent in Scotland.

I would like to wish good luck to long serving employees as they retire and welcome new members who have just joined. I would also like to thank all our staff and suppliers for enabling us to deliver excellence consistently to our customers.

Charles Dent

# PUB NEWS

## SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

Just before Christmas members of the Managed Houses team dressed up in special santa outfits and set off, with their little helpers, on a mission to bring seasonal good cheer to the managed pubs.

A firkin of beer was given away in each pub and a free buffet was laid on for regular customers.

There was also a customers' raffle with a top prize of a Taylor's hamper and a free drink every day for a year.

All in all over £500 was raised for Manorlands.



1. Santa's helpers Belle Smith and Brogan Hird
2. Nicola Roberts, Gary MacIlhagga, Anthony Knowles and Pete Greensit
3. Marc Craddock, Belle Smith, Leah Ogrizovic, Brogan Hird, Mat Atkinson and Anthony Knowles

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN

The Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations organised by our managed pub team proved to be a huge success. Food bookings more than doubled in the build up to Christmas compared with the previous year and both staff and customers entered into the spirit of the fancy dress parties on New Year's Eve.

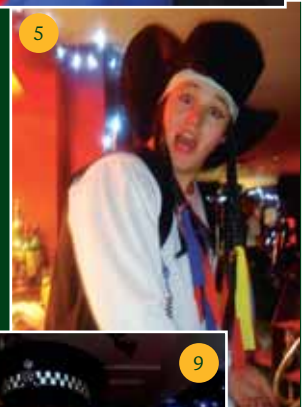
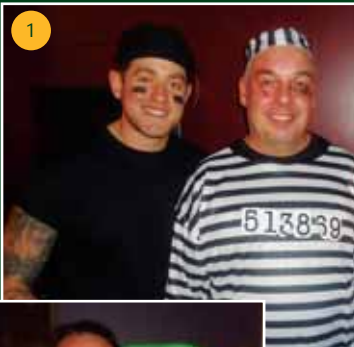
Prize winners included:

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Best Theme – Royal Oak, Keighley for Alice in Wonderland

Best Dressed Manager – Jimi Lea, Royal Oak, Keighley for the Mad Hatter

Best Dressed Staff – Ryan Platt Shepherds Arms for Boy George, Verity Yeaton, Royal Oak, Keighley for Alice and Loz Rushforth also the Royal Oak for the Rabbit.



1. Steve Andrews and Jon Newsham
2. Anthony Knowles, Nicola Dodds, Marc Craddock, Pete Greensit, Brogan Hird and Ferg Barry
3. Anthony Knowles, Marc Craddock and Mitch Dixon
4. Mark Evans and Renee Hughes
5. Ryan Platt
6. Nun but the brave
7. Freya Dixon and Dan Simcoe
8. Josh Birtwistle-Craine
9. Andy Goodall

## CHEFS STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Chefs representing nine managed pubs attended the first Chef Development Programme workshop held at the end of January.

The programme, consisting 12 modules, covers everything from food safety and hygiene through to tailored kitchen expertise for specific pubs and will include several practical sessions such as butchery, bread making and sauces. Classroom sessions, under the guidance of Training Manager, Abi Burton, will be held at the brewery whilst the practicals will take place in the catering kitchens of Craven and Harrogate Colleges. They will be run by Group Food Manager Adrian Sykes and Jonathan Murray.

At the end of the course the successful candidates will come out with the equivalent of an industry recognised NVQ qualification.



Back Row: Jonathan Murray, Ferg Barry, Mitch Dixon, Steve Doane, Adrian Sykes  
Front Row: Matthew Hogg, Sarah McMonagle, Liam Barnes, Becky Mazurke, Sarah Crossley & Abi Burton

## WOOLLY SHEEP MAKE-OVER

The Woolly Sheep in Skipton re-opened in October after an extensive refurbishment. As well as being completely redecorated, new lighting has been installed and smart bespoke furniture introduced.

Many years ago the pub was called The Brick Wall so to acknowledge this little piece of history the back bar has been returned to its original brickwork.

Outside a fully covered and heated courtyard beer garden has been created. At the same time Head Chef James Rose introduced a brand new menu based around classic English pub dishes with the emphasis on fresh, locally sourced produce.



The Courtyard

The Bar

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Abi Burton

## ALL OUR STAFF ARE WELL TRAINED!

Abi Burton has spent all her working life in pubs! She started serving behind the bar then ran a number of successful pubs before moving across to general management and training with the Slug and Lettuce group. Now she has taken up a new challenge as our Managed Pubs Training Manager and will work closely with managers and staff to ensure customers receive the very highest standard of service.

OCT



The Woolly Sheep, Skipton

## OXENHOPE STEAM, BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Operations Manager, Marc Craddock, organised a special Taylor's bar at the Oxenhope Beer Festival. All five beers were served together with a delicious hog roast. The festival was again held at Oxenhope station which is the end of the line on the famous Worth Valley Railway.



1. Trains and beer - popular pulling power 2. Drayman Phil Kay and Linda Atkinson, Goose Eye Brewery 3. Mike Field, West Riding Refreshment Rooms, Stuart Agar and Charles Dent 4. Sam Grimston and Jo Williams with organisers Mark Collinson, Mark Croasdale and Paul Brown 5. Simon Snowdon, Mick Young, James Kirby, Geoff Selby and Phil Kay 6. Ben Lumb and Rob Oxe 7. Simon Cotterill, Stuart Cotterill and Rosie Clifton 8. Anthony Knowles, Steve Andrews, Sam Grimston, Ferg Barry, James Hare, Mat Atkinson, Sean Kirkley, Jo Williams, Mitch Dixon, Helen Bousfield and Ella Copperwaite.



Kevin Robinson

## THE CROSS ROADS IS UP TO THE MARQUE

Since the Cross Roads Inn at Wainstalls re-opened, following a complete refurbishment, landlord Kevin Robinson and his team have built up a reputation for serving excellent food and cask ales. Now their hard work has paid off for they have picked up the prestigious Cask Marque award for the quality of the beer they serve.

The rigorous tests, carried out by independent assessors, cover both the keeping and serving of beer.



Fine Dining

## COUPLE CELEBRATE NAME CHANGE

Barry Taylor, landlord of the Brown Cow on Cross Leeds Street, Keighley never knew his father as his parents parted when he was just a toddler. When his mother remarried, Barry took his stepfather's name of Taylor. Now, however, after a long and difficult search he has finally found his natural father, Mark Smith, and has decided to revert to his birth name.

Commenting on his search Barry said, "As you can imagine, with a name like Smith this was not an easy task! Finally though, after a great deal of research I found him and decided that from now on I want to be known as Barry Smith." This left Carol, his wife, in a bit of a quandary: does she stick with Taylor or follow Barry and become Smith? In the end she decided she'd like to be known as Carol Taylor-Smith.

In October, Mark, who lives in Jarrow, came down to Keighley to help celebrate Barry's 49th birthday.



Barry and his dad Mark Smith

## FOOD TO THE FORE

Three managed pubs have launched regular Food and Wine Tasting evenings. Head Chefs Jonathan Murray at the Royal Oak, Ripon, James Rose at the Woolly Sheep, Skipton and Peter Greensit at the Lord Rodney, Keighley, have all created special five course menus with each course being complemented by a wine carefully selected by a specialist local wine merchant.

Details of future dates can be found on each pub's website.



## FLEECE INN IS CAMRA PUB OF THE SEASON

Since taking over the tenancy at the Fleece Inn on the Main Street of Haworth four years ago, Nick Hindle has picked up a number of awards for the quality of the beer he serves.

These include Cask Marque, Beautiful Beer Gold Award and the much coveted Beautiful Beer Platinum Award – the Fleece is the only pub in Yorkshire to reach Platinum standard.

Now the Fleece has been awarded Keighley & Craven CAMRA Pub of the Season for Winter 2010/11.

Fred Barker, Keighley & Craven CAMRA hands the plaque to Nick Hindle watched by Club Chairman Colleen Holiday, front left, and Fleece Inn regular customer

# PUB NEWS

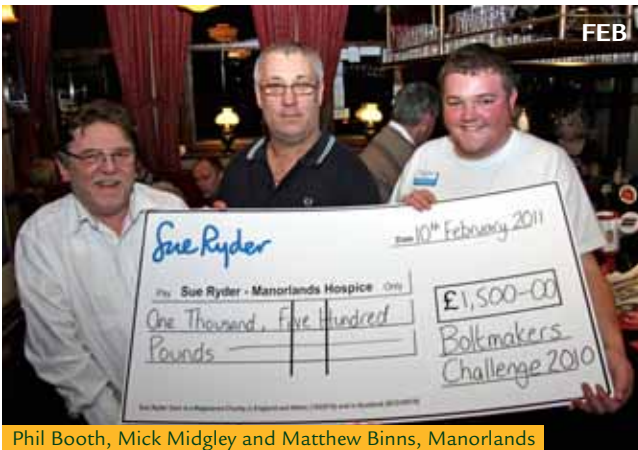


Phil Booth hands a cheque to Matthew Binns watched by staff and customers

## BOLTMAKERS HELP FOR MANORLANDS

Regulars at The Boltmakers Arms on East Parade, Keighley have once again dug deep to support Sue Ryder Care Manorlands Hospice, raising £4,643 over the last 12 months. Phil and Val Booth, who have run the popular community pub for 6 years, organise various events and raffles throughout the year including the weekly "One Question Quiz".

At the same time, Mick Midgley handed over a cheque for £1,500 raised when he and fellow Boltmakers' regulars Mick Rhodes and Nigel Harrison made a mad 1,500 miles 5 day marathon drive across Europe in the 2010 Screwball Rally.



Phil Booth, Mick Midgley and Matthew Binns, Manorlands



Mike Bramley

## EVERYTHING BECOMES CLEAR FOR TENANTS

Tenanted Estate Manager, Andrew Daykin has been working with law firm Gordons to achieve a "Crystal Mark" from the Plain English Campaign.

Launched in 1990, the Crystal Mark is the standard all organisations aim for if they want to provide clear, concise information.

Andrew instructed Gordons commercial property solicitor, Steven Scott, to achieve the standard when it became time to update and rationalise the existing tenancy agreements.



Andrew Daykin and Steven Scott

## BOLTMAKERS BEER IS TOP NOTCH

During their time at the Boltmakers Arms, Phil and Val Booth have picked up numerous awards for the quality of the beer they serve. However, they broke new ground when Alan Cole from the Society for the Preservation of Beer from the Wood called in and presented the delighted couple with the West Yorkshire "Pub of the Season" award for Summer 2010.

This accolade is a first in a number of ways. Not only is it a first for Phil and Val but it's also the first Keighley pub and the first Timothy Taylor pub to win the prestigious SPBW award.



Alan Cole, Phil and Val Booth

## MIKE BRAMLEY JOINS PUB TEAM

Former Mitchells and Butlers' Managing Director, Mike Bramley, has joined the Tied Estate team as a consultant. Bringing his extensive trade experience, he will help with strategic planning and also becomes a member of the pubs' executive board.

## KEITH VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY SANTA

A casual pre Christmas meal out with the regulars of the Volunteers led to landlord Keith Wilson playing Santa at a local school. Liz Rutherford had a small wager with Keith to dress up as Father Christmas for the big night out. Everyone was so impressed they persuaded him to provide the entertainment at the Laycock Primary School Christmas party. If he took up the challenge, Tracey Bailey promised she would dress up as an elf and go along as his little helper.

It was such a success it looks as though Keith and Tracey now have a regular booking!

The Volunteers, in the middle of Keighley, was the first pub Timothy Taylor bought in 1859.



Tracey Bailey and Keith Wilson



Owen & Lisa O'Sullivan with Simon Lyons

Santa's Grotto

## VILLAGE CHILDREN ENJOY CROSS'S CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

Like Keith, Owen O'Sullivan of the Cross Inn, was persuaded by his wife Lisa to play Santa Claus at their local school - Heptonstall Primary. They then went a step further and organised their own children's Christmas party and built a special Santa's Grotto within the pub. Simon Lyons played Father Christmas and it proved to be a huge success!

# NEW FACES

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Mat Atkinson and Renee Hughes

## TOWN HALL TAVERN WELCOMES NEW LICENCEES

Mat Atkinson and business partner Renee Hughes have taken over the running of the Town Hall Tavern from long standing managers John and Lorraine Mitchell. The popular city centre pub will undergo refurbishment in May and, on completion, Chef Anton Scones will unveil a new menu offering good quality seasonal dishes; and Mat will be shaking up an exciting choice of cocktails.

## DONNA LOOKING TO LIVEN THINGS UP AT THE ALBERT

Leeds girl Donna Barker has moved across to Keighley to take over the running of the Albert Hotel. The classic town centre tavern is noted for its choice of beers and Donna is looking to complement this by introducing good traditional pub food. The Albert also has an upstairs function room with its own bar, ideal for both business and social events.

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Donna Barker

# BREWERY NEWS

## GEOFF HAS A SEND OFF TO REMEMBER

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Popular Company Accountant Geoff Drinan retired in January after 22 years with the brewery. Nearly 100 colleagues and friends gathered at Keighley Golf Club to wish him well and a long and happy retirement. Glasses were raised as various colleagues paid tribute to a man who was universally liked and respected. Stepping into Geoff's shoes is Paul Tatterton who joined the office team in September.



1. Geoff mashes in 2. Enjoying another mash with brewers Ewan Sneddon, Nick Berkovits, Tom Slack and Andrew Leman 3. John Bryden and Jean Stockbridge 4. Kath and Mick Roper, Dog and Gun Oxenhope, and David Akesson 5. Marlene and Geoff Drinnan, Charles and Annie Dent 6. Head Brewer Peter Eells 7. Four generations of Accountants, Paul Tatterton, Steve Drinkwater, Geoff Drinnan and Eric Pickles 8. Anita Walker, Dog and Gun, Malsis, and Geoff Selby 9. Tina Peacock, Burlington Arms, Keighley 10. Kerry Page, Andrew Leman & Helen Lloyd 11. Allan Robertson, Karen Priestley and Peter Hatton 12. Sales Manager Tony Howlett 13. One of Geoff's many presents 14. Marlene and Geoff Drinnan 15. The X Factor! Margaret McMorrnan, Darren Gregory, Dale Walsh, Rosey Prince, Paul Marklew, Geoff Drinnan, Steve Drinkwater, Chris Weatherhill, Wendy Newhouse, Paul Tatterton, Helen Lloyd and Marlene Drinnan

# BREWERY NEWS

## SALES TEAM CHANGES



Grant Simpson



Tony Howlett

After 11 years as Sales Agent in Scotland, Dixie Taylor, is also retiring. Dixie has spent over 30 years in the trade and everyone at the brewery wishes him a long and happy retirement.

Sales Representative, Rob Oxe, will take over responsibility for sales in Scotland.



Dixie Taylor

## NEW SALES DIRECTOR

Grant Simpson took up the appointment of Sales Director in February taking over from Tony Howlett who has retired this year after 37 years with the company.

Grant has spent his whole working life in the drinks trade initially with Carlsberg Tetley followed by 10 years with Enterprise Inns where he headed up the Buying and Marketing team.



Sam Grimston

Following the successful completion of an 18 month brewing and pub industry training programme Sam Grimston has been promoted and moved South to support sales in London and the South East.



## SNOW FAILS TO STOP DELIVERIES

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For the second winter running the bad snow and ice has failed to stop our determined draymen. Throughout December's awful weather they never missed a drop and completed deliveries to wholesalers, pubs and supermarkets all over the country.

Take a bow boys!

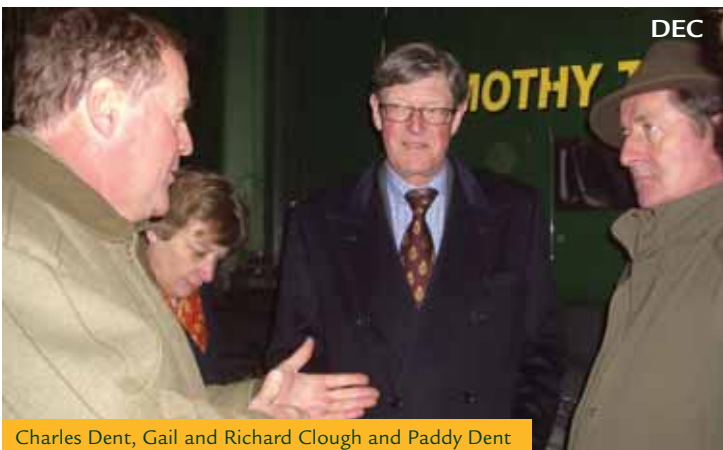
Draymen Paul Clark, Jason Brown, Phil Kay, Miles Clay, Dean Metcalfe, Andy Beck, Ian Colley, James Maude and Mick Young

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Richard Clough, High Sheriff of West Yorkshire and a fan of Timothy Taylor beer, was given a guided tour of the brewery just before Christmas.

The title of High Sheriff of Yorkshire has existed for over 1,000 years. In 1974 the title was split to cover the newly created Yorkshire counties and the incumbent is changed annually. Patrick Dent, brother of Managing Director Charles Dent and husband of Timothy Taylor Director, Diana Dent, held the honour in 2003/4.

Richard's visit was followed a couple of months later by the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, Sir Norman Bettison. Having enjoyed a career of over 37 years in the police force, in 2006 Sir Norman was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours list and the following year was appointed to his present post.



Charles Dent, Gail and Richard Clough and Paddy Dent



Peter Eells, Sir Norman Bettison and Charles Dent

# BREWERY NEWS

## LATEST BREWERY DEVELOPMENT NEARS COMPLETION

After the old office block had been demolished work started last year on the new brewery extension. This is the latest development that has seen Knowle Spring transformed in recent years, all designed to ensure the ever increasing demand for our beers can be met. R.N. Wooler & Co, Keighley has been the principal contractor for the building work. Bibbys of Halifax produced the stainless steel fermenting vessels and Microdat the barrel washer.

SEPT - The Foundations are laid



OCT - The framework is in place and the flooring goes down



OCT



DEC - It's cold work up on the roof



JAN - The stonework takes shape



NOV - The fermenters are craned into position



FEB - installing the lift



JAN



FEB - Laying the flooring

MARCH - Working in the fermenting



MARCH - Nearly Complete!



Wooler's Site Foreman Ian Sunderland

## GOING THAT EXTRA MILE FOR MANORLANDS

Last year a team of seven runners took part in the Great North Run but this year the number has more than double to fifteen. The half marathon, from Newcastle to South Shields, raises millions for charity and our team will be running for Manorlands. They are hoping to more than double last year's total of £3,500. You can make a donation logging on to Just Giving site [www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/timothytailors](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/timothytailors)



Back Row: Pete Greensit, Marc Craddock, Anthony Knowles, Clint Magrah, Matthew Hogg, Jimi Lea, Simon Turner, Sean Kirkley, Ben Smith  
Front Row: Rosey Prince, Sally Metcalfe, Carly Brunskill, Nicola Dodds and Jessica Towers

NOV



Steve Neurauter, Peter Eells, Karl Fobes, Debbie Blackie and Andy Blackie

## ANDY WINS TOUR OF BREWERY

Keen Timothy Taylor beer fan Andy Blackie couldn't believe his luck when his bid of £100 for a guided tour of the brewery was successful in a Stray FM "Money Can't Buy" Charity Auction in aid of St Michael's Hospice, Harrogate. The tour was arranged through Jennie Eells, daughter of Head Brewer Peter Eells, and was one of many prizes on offer when the Harrogate based radio station ran the special one day auction.

Andy was accompanied by his wife Debbie, a Canadian, and two Americans, Steve Neurauter from Chicago and Karl Fobes from Los Angeles. All were regulars at the Old Bell Tavern in the centre of Harrogate, which always has at least one Taylor's beer on the bar. Sadly, they are now back in the USA where they are lamenting the fact they cannot get our beer.

## BEEF AND BEER DINNER RAISES £25,000 FOR MANORLANDS

The annual Beef and Beer Dinner organised by the Keighley Challenge Committee was once again held at the Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley and raised over £25,000 for Sue Ryder Care Manorlands Hospice, Oxenhope.

The popular dinner was a sell out with 260 guests enjoying prime sirloin of beef courtesy of Dovecote Park, Pontefract and fine cask ales.

This year's guest speaker was well-known Keighley businessman Gordon Black who entertained everyone with anecdotes about his business career.



Gordon and Louise Black and Charles Dent

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Emma Packer

## A WARM WELCOME

There's a new face behind the brewery's main reception. Emma Packer is now likely to be the first person to greet you on arrival at the offices having taken over from Kerry Page who is now working part time for the Managed Pubs team.

Emma is also busy improving her secretarial skills, passing level 2 in text production and gaining a distinction in word processing.

MARCH



Rob Oxer, Jamie Allen, Rudgate Brewery and Peter Wadsworth, York Brewery

## IT'S ALL A MATTER OF TASTE

A "Call my Bluff" Beer Night proved popular for North Yorkshire pub, the Crown Inn at Great Ouseburn.

Representatives from local breweries, including our very own Rob Oxer, challenged customers to identify each beer from their description, which could either be the truth or a bluff. Participants were also able to use the taste and aroma of the beer to help them make their choice.

Since re-opening the Crown just over a year ago Paul and Liz Jackson have restored the quintessential village pub back to its former glory. They have been shortlisted for the prestigious Publican awards in two categories – Newcomer of the Year and Food Pub of the Year.

Their excellent choice of beer includes Landlord and Golden Best.



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John Grogan

## CUSTOMER BUYS THE SLUBBERS

John Grogan and his wife Kathleen have bought The Slubbers Arms, Huddersfield which has been a Taylor's pub for quite a number of years. John said, "I am living a dream. I've been a customer for many years but I never dreamt Kathleen and I would actually own it!"

The Slubbers is a popular community pub which is a favourite with Huddersfield Town football fans on match days. John has every intention of continuing to serve Taylor's beers.

## BRIAN STEPS DOWN

Brian Lindley, who has retired after 42 years as secretary of the Grafton Club in Keighley, was presented with an engraved tankard by Ben Lumb at a special evening organised to mark the occasion.

The Grafton Club is a long-standing supporter of our beer and serves an excellent print of Golden Best.



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President Tony Finnie, Graham Jackson, manager of HB Clark brewery, Keighley, Brian Lindley and Ben Lumb.

## ST VINCENT ARMS ADDS TO CAMRA COLLECTION

The family run St Vincent Arms at Sutton upon Derwent, York is the only pub outside the city itself to have won York CAMRA Pub of the Year twice. Now, having recently won York CAMRA Pub of the Season, they are hopeful of making it a hat-trick.

The picturesque country pub, which has been in the Hopwood family for 21 years, is noted for its food and choice of cask ales. Apparently Landlord is the only beer that has been on the bar since the Hopwoods took over in 1990. Landlord has now been joined by Golden Best.



Landlord Simon Hopwood and Pat Burlington, York CAMRA



JAN

Michael Robinson, Chairman Huddersfield & District CAMRA and Guy Brook

## CAMRA CLUB OF THE YEAR

The Marsh Liberal Club has once again won Huddersfield and District CAMRA "Mild Club of the Year". This is the third year running that steward Guy Brook, who runs the club with his wife Wendy, has picked up this much-coveted award.

It goes without saying they serve an excellent pint of our mild beer Golden Best, plus Landlord and Best Bitter.



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CHAMPIONSHIP BEERS

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Why not catch up with all the latest news from the Brewery by logging on to our website. It has details of all our Tied Estate pubs including job and pub tenancy opportunities plus many Free Trade outlets throughout the country, as well as a virtual tour of the Brewery itself. Log on today - you won't be disappointed.

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