

INN BRIEF

Autumn 2020

This article reflects the best of our knowledge at the start of November 2020 though most hours of opening are what they would be without the 10pm curfew and, of course, could differ when we emerge from the second lockdown.

The Inn at Eastburn changed hands in late August. Marsha Jones took over the licence and aims to “put this wonderful community pub back on the map”. Her partner Graham is also involved. Open from 12 to 10.30 Wed & Thu, 12 to 11.30 Fri & Sat, 12 to 10 Sun. It normally has Dark Horse Craven Bitter & Hetton Pale Ale alongside Theakston’s Best Bitter and up to 3 guest beers on handpumps (usually local).

Steve Gregory & Adam Davies bought Skipton’s Beer Engine in September. The pub now opens from 12 noon every day (no longer shut on Tuesdays). The original owners, Janet Langton and Steve Banks, had been in charge for 6½ years but will now concentrate on Gallagher’s Ale House in Cross Hills.

The Yorkshire Tap micropub opened in July, on Cavendish Street, Keighley. Opening hours 12 noon to 11, Thu to Sun. Three handpumps selling locally brewed beers.

Another micropub, the Tap & Tonic, opened on Main Street in Haworth in August (down the hill from the Fleece). Open from 11 to 9.30 Mon to Sat, 11 to 7 Sun. Two handpumps normally include a beer from Goose Eye Brewery.

The Old Silent, Stanbury, reopened shortly before the November lockdown started. Mark from the Flappit has taken it on. Stod Fold Gold and Goose Eye Spring Wells were in the cellar in November.

The Bronte Hotel, Cross Roads reopened in October after the previous owners, the Baileys, retired. Opening times 12 to 10 every day. Three handpumps, often with Goose Eye beers on sale. Liam from Keighley’s Tap on Worth is running the bar and Caroline, previously in charge at the Haworth’s King’s Arms, has moved to the Bronte to manage the hotel side.

The Fleece in Addingham was a casualty when its owners, Seafood Pub Company, went into administration in the Summer. The pub is now for sale with Christie & Co.

The Turkey at Goose Eye did not reopen after the first lockdown ended in July. Local residents set up a 'Save Our Turkey' group with a view to buy the pub as there was a risk of it being sold for housing. Instead new owners Steve and Faye got the keys on 4th November, and pub renovation work is already underway. Steve is a local - the family have a farm on nearby Fell Lane and the pub was in the family during the 1930s.

They have a business partner who is a trained chef and who has pub businesses in Leeds. They aim to open soon.

There was a severe fire at the Old Swan, Gargrave, during the Summer and the building remains closed.

During the second lockdown some pubs are advertising a take-away service for beer and/or food (as happened during the earlier lockdown). Please consult whatpub.com for further information, or look at individual pub Facebook pages to see what they are doing. Any support for pubs during this difficult time will be welcomed.

The Boltmakers Arms, Keighley, has remained closed while the family has been running the Lord Rodney in Keighley for Taylor's Brewery.

The Cloth Store, Haworth, and Burnt Bear, Cross Roads are new enterprises still undergoing work and will hopefully be opened in the near future.

BREWERY BRIEF

Copper Dragon Brewery is now back on Snaygill Ind. Estate, Skipton, BD23 2QR, very close to the original brewery site where they were 20 years ago. (The phone number is 01756 243243). Long term plans include a brewery shop. They will be able to recommence brewing by mid-November to satisfy orders from the Co-op for bottled beers. A pilot brew of a 6.5% chocolate orange stout is underway.