

Skipton Real Ale Pubs Guide



**CAMPAIGN
FOR
REAL ALE**

Welcome to Skipton

Skipton, self styled 'gateway to the dales', is a small market town with a diverse population and a diverse pub community to match. Market days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Market days are still very much central to Skipton with some pubs only serving food on market days. Keighley and Craven branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) organises the successful Skipton beer festival, held in spring.

The aim of this leaflet is to introduce you to all those pubs close to the town centre that sell real ale, be it served through hand pump or electric pump as long as the beer is real and live, it's here. Some of the entries have photos, there is no particular bias towards those with photos, their inclusion is more to do with the layout than any comment on the establishment.

What is CAMRA?

We are an independent, voluntary organisation with over 150,000 members and have been described as the most successful consumer group in Europe. CAMRA promotes good-quality real ale and pubs, as well as acting as the consumer's champion in relation to the UK and European beer and drinks industry. We aim to: -

- Protect and improve consumer rights.
- Promote quality, choice and value for money.
- Support the public house as a focus of community life
- Campaign for greater appreciation of traditional beers, ciders and perries as part of our national heritage and culture.
- Seek improvements in all licensed premises and throughout the brewing industry.

Why not join us if you care about your local and the national drink?

What is Real Ale?

Real ale is a top fermented beer that, following fermentation, is put into a cask with yeast and some residual fermentable sugars from the malted barley. The beer undergoes a slow secondary fermentation in the cask to produce a gentle carbonation.

For more up to date information on individual establishments visit:

www.whatpub.com

What is LocAle?



CAMRA LocAle is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues. It helps support local breweries and reduces 'beer miles' i.e. The number of miles and the corresponding fuel used before a pint arrives in your glass.

This leaflet is for guidance only Keighley and Craven CAMRA have tried to keep the information as accurate and up to date as possible but cannot guarantee the information. It would be appreciated if any corrections or updates could be sent via e-mail to the Pubs Officer:- pubsofficer@keighleyandcraven.camra.org.uk or www.whatpub.com.

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www.welcometoskipton.com

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1. ACKROYD'S WINE BAR

1 Raikes Road, Skipton, BD23 2PD
 01756 799688
 thecoachhouseskipton.co.uk
 5-11 Thur-Sat



1 from Saltaire range [H]
 Wine bar serving one real ale from Saltaire range. Formerly the Royal Oak, now associated with Napiers restaurant across the road. This historic building has been refurbished with an updated interior.



2. ALBION

27 Otley St., Skipton, BD23 1EL.
 01756 794793
 11-11 (1 Wed, Fri, Sat); 12-11 Sun.



Butcombe Bitter; Caledonian Golden XPA; Theakston Best Bitter; 2 guest beers [H]



Small friendly stone built traditional Victorian pub just off the High Street and convenient for the central car and coach parks and away from the bustle of the High Street. Quiz night Wednesday. Food served lunchtime and some

evenings Pleasant patio to sit out in the sun.



3. BISTRO DES AMIS

1 Jerry Croft, Skipton, BD23 1DX.
 Entrance is on Jerry Croft next to Town Hall
 01756 797919
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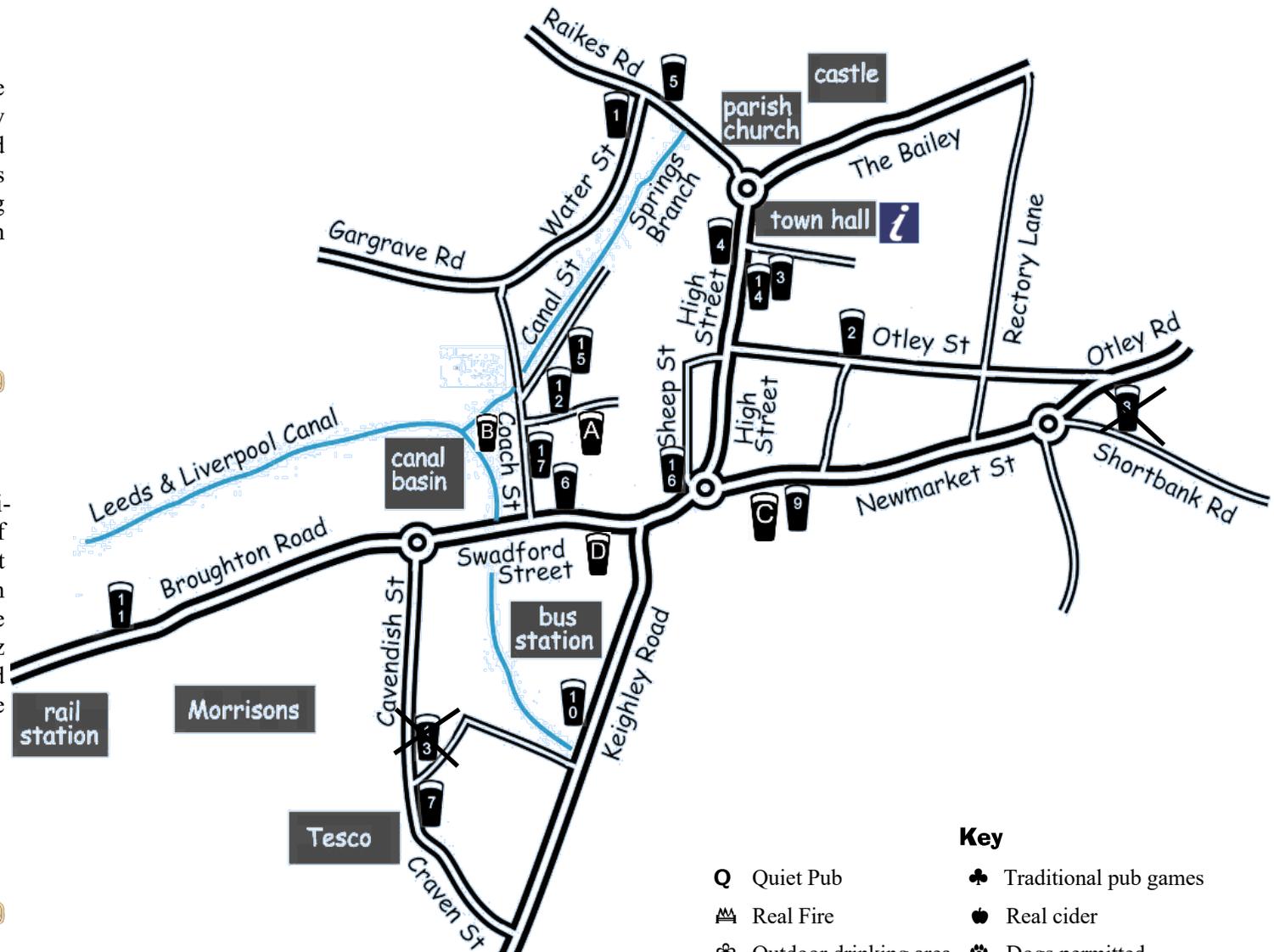
10-11 Mon-Sat; 11-10.30 Sun.

Ilkley Brewery Mary Jane; Timothy Taylor Boltmaker [H]

French style bistro focusing on quality food and comfortable relaxed dining. While the emphasis is on food; the drinker is made welcome. Food served 12-2.30, 5.30-9 Mon -Sat, 12-8 Sun.



Skipton Town Centre Map



Key

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| Q | Quiet Pub | ♣ | Traditional pub games |
| 🔥 | Real Fire | 🍷 | Real cider |
| ☕ | Outdoor drinking area | 🐾 | Dogs permitted |
| 🛏 | Accommodation | 🚭 | Smoking area |
| 🕒 | Lunchtime meals | 📶 | WiFi |
| 🍽 | Evening meals | P | Pub has car park |
| ♿ | Wheelchair access | | |

4. BLACK HORSE HOTEL

High St., Skipton, BD23 1JZ.

01756 792145

11-12 Mon-Thur; 11-12.30 Fri; 11-1 Sat; 12-11 Sun.

Black Sheep Best Bitter; Copper Dragon Golden Pippin; guest beer [H]

Grade 2 listed building with frontage built in 15th century. The front bar area caters mainly for drinkers, with fixtures and fittings in Elizabethan style, using reclaimed church furniture. There is another full size bar towards the rear in the large dining area. Further seating can be found on the balcony terrace overlooking the canal in summer. A lively place at weekend.

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5. CASTLE INN

2 Mill Bridge, Skipton, BD23 1NJ.

01756 796304

🌐 castleinnskipton.co.uk

11-11 Mon-Sun.

Theakston Best Bitter, Old Peculier; Thwaites Wainwrights Ale; guest beer [H]

Imposing late Georgian building adjacent to the church and close to the eponymous castle at the top of the High Street. Single bar with three separate drinking areas. An outside seating area on the cobbles at the front is especially popular on warm sunny days. Parking is limited. Quiz night Sunday.

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6. COCK & BOTTLE

30 Swadford St., Skipton, BD23 1RD.

01756 794734

🌐 cockandbottleskipton.co.uk

11-11 Sun-Thur; 12-12 Fri-Sat.

Theakston Best Bitter; 4 guest beers [H]



The pub is steeped in history which you can read about on the back of the lunch menu. The unusual ground floor beer "cellar" is visible through windows from both the bar and the street outside. Taller customers should beware of the low beam above the step



half-way along the bar! The guest beers are from the Enterprise-SIBA list, sourced from a wide variety of breweries around the country. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Secluded garden.

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7. CRAVEN HOTEL

Craven St., Skipton, BD23 2AP.

01756 792595

12-11 Sun-Thur; 12-12 Fri-Sat.

Thwaites Original Bitter [H]

Large imposing square Victorian former railway hotel built to serve the original railway station. Large main room and smaller enclosed room with a pool table and darts to one side. Sky sports shown and regular music on Saturday nights. Lancaster Bomber occasionally available.

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8. CROSS KEYS HOTEL

Otley Rd., Skipton, BD23 2JR.

No real ale

9. DEVONSHIRE

22 Newmarket St., Skipton, BD23 2HR.

01756 692590

🌐 jdwetherspoon.co.uk

8-12 Sun-Thur; 8-1 Fri-Sat.



Greene King Ruddles Best Bitter, Abbot Ale; 6 guest beers [H]

Sympathetic Wetherspoon's conversion of the Grade 2-listed former townhouse of the Duke of Devonshire, dating from 1702. Four rooms of varying character give a choice of drinking environments and

several original features have been retained. The impressive Queen Anne-style facade overlooks a large patio drinking area.

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10. FLEECE INN

Keighley Rd., Skipton, BD23 2NS.

Real ale not always available.

11. HERRIOTS HOTEL

Broughton Rd., Skipton, BD23 1RT.

01756 792781

🌐 herriotsforleisure.co.uk

11-11.30 Mon-Sun.

Theakston Best Bitter; 2 guest beers [H]

Imposing Victorian former railway hotel situated opposite Skipton station. A single modern bar serves a large 'L' shaped split level lounge and separate restaurant. An extension to the rear encloses a sheltered courtyard drinking area. Licensed to perform civil ceremonies and also has conference facilities.

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12. NARROW BOAT

38 Victoria St., Skipton, BD23 1JE.

Alleyway off Coach St. near canal bridge

01756 797922

🌐 markettowntavems.co.uk

12-11 Mon-Sun.

Black Sheep Best Bitter; Ikley Brewery Mary Jane; Okells Bitter; Timothy Taylor Landlord; 4 guest beers [H]

Civilized beer drinkers' emporium near canal basin. Guest ales, usually including a dark beer, are mainly from Northern independents and there is a good range of foreign bottled and draught beers plus up to 4 real ciders and perries. Folk club on Monday evenings and quiz night Wednesday. Well behaved dogs welcome. Children under 14 only admitted when dining.

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13. RAILWAY INN

13-15 Carleton St., Skipton, BD23 2AJ

Closed.

14. RED LION HOTEL

27 High St., Skipton, BD23 1DX.

01756 790718

10-11 Sun-Thur; 10-12 Fri-Sat.

Greene King IPA; 6 guest beers [H]

Built in 1205 it's probably Skipton's oldest pub. Consists of a large main room and a small dining room.

It can get busy at weekends and when major sporting events are shown on TV. Smoking area behind the pub also has a TV so as not to miss the action.



15. ROYAL SHEPHERD INN

Canal St., Skipton, BD23 1LB.

01756 797507



12-11 Sun-Thur; 12-12 Fri-Sat. (In summer opens at 11am)

Theakston Best Bitter; 2 guest beers [H]



A canal-side, town-centre local with a traditional layout and a small garden to the side. The main bar has an interesting stained-glass window on a canal theme. The food menu offers basic good-value pub grub. The

real cider is usually from Westons. Additional choice is likely to be available in summer.



16. WOOLLY SHEEP INN

38 Sheep St., Skipton, BD23 1HY.

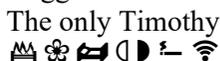
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woollysheepinn.co.uk/

10-11 Mon-Wed; 10-12 Thur; 10-1am Fri-Sat; 12-11 Sun.

Timothy Taylor Dark Mild, Golden Best, Boltmaker, Landlord, Ram Tam; guest beer [H]

Large 18th century pub in town centre. Predominately dining it has a comfortable lounge at the front, stone flagged bar and sheltered decked beer garden at the rear. The only Timothy Taylor's pub in Skipton.



17. YORKSHIRE ROSE

10 Coach St., Skipton, BD23 1LH.

01756 793884

yorkshirerosekipton.com

10.30-11 Mon-Thur; 10.30-12 Fri-Sat; 10.30-10.30 Sun.

Bridgehouse Blonde; Sharps Doom Bar; Tetley Cask Bitter; Timothy Taylor Landlord; guest beer [H]



Formerly the Rose and Crown. Guest beers usually include a blonde. Food served throughout the day every day. Situated near the canal basin and Coach St. car park.



New

A. BEER ENGINE

1, Albert Street, Skipton, BD23 1JD

Closed Mon & Tue; 12-10 or later Wed & Thu; 12-11 or later Fri & Sat; 12-9 or later Sun

5 Changing beers [H]

This micro-pub opened on the May 2014. Always one blonde/pale ale and one dark beer, plus a frequent 'character' beer. A still cider and a fruit cider are also available on tap. Keighley & Craven Pub of the season summer 2015.



B. BOAT HOUSE

19, Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1LH

12-10 Mon-Sun

5 Changing beers [H]

Situated by the canal tucked away it is accessed through an arch from Coach Street. The latest addition to Skipton's pub scene opened in March 2016. The bar is light and airy with windows looking out onto the canal basin and has Leeds-Liverpool canal theme. A pleasant cobbled outdoor drinking area offers the opportunity to enjoy a beer while watching the boats go by. Keighley and Craven Pub of the season summer 2017.



C. EARLY DOORS

14, Newmarket Street, Skipton, BD23 2HX

Closed Mon; 12-8 Tue-Sat; 12-5 Sun

Moorhouse's Blond Witch; 5 Changing beers [H]

Opened in February 2016 by two former landlords who don't want 'normal' pub hours. It's named after the sitcom about a Manchester pub and nothing to do its opening hours. No frills, no music, no WiFi and no food, just good beer and conversation. A long narrow

room with a bar with 6 hand pumps, without fonts and other clutter on the bar. The beer range is mostly from local breweries or from Lancashire. The regular beer is Moorhouses Blonde Witch and they always endeavour to have a dark beer. Real ales are all priced the same no matter what strength.



D. SOUND BAR

15 Swadford Street, Skipton, BD23 1RD

Closed Mon & Tue; 12-8 Wed-Sat; 12-5 Sun.

Wensleydale Semerwater Summer Ale; 1 Guest beer [H]

Established at the end of May 2015. An enterprising business combining vinyl record sales in the main with a variety of cask ales, bottled continental beers, wines, gins, vodka, brandy, Jack Daniels and coffee/tea. The regular beer is badged as Sound Bar Pale Ale but is Wensleydale Semerwater Summer Ale. Friendly, and popular with locals and visitors alike. Very therapeutic to flick through the album sleeve racks while sipping your drink and listening to your favourite music on request.

