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## New beer for July...

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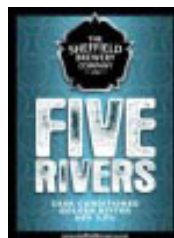
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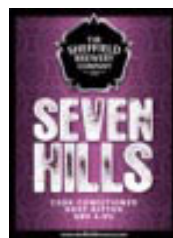
Continental lager style beer delicately flavoured with aromatic Saaz hops from the

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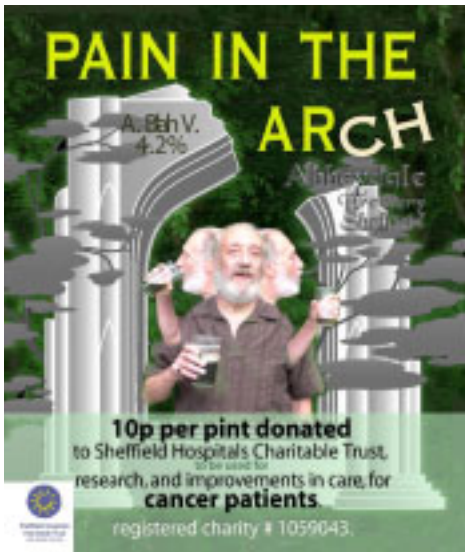
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## Abbeydale



Abbeydale are brewing a new charity beer called “Pain in the Arch”. 10p from each pint sold will go to Sheffield Hospitals Charitable Trust to benefit cancer patients at the Royal Hallamshire hospital. The beer is in honour of Rising Sun regular Roger Crookendon Johnson who features on the pumpclip. He has been treated at the hospital for pancreatic cancer on two occasions and has survived to continue to be a “Pain in the Arch”.

The name for the beer was suggested by Roger himself who is a well-known character around the city’s real ale pubs. He has been a loyal customer at the Rising Sun since Abbeydale took it over, although he doesn’t like most of Abbeydale’s beers, preferring his beers darker and maltier than most of the Abbeydale beers, so he does like Black Mass! The brewers have been set a challenge to produce a 4.2% beer to Roger’s taste.

The beer will be launched at The Rising Sun’s second annual beer festival 10th to 13th July and will then be available in the trade. Roger has been actively promoting the beer around Sheffield to maximise the donation to charity so the beer will be found in many local pubs. Sheffield Hospitals Charitable Trust is also the designated charity for the Beer Festival. Last year over £700 was raised for Edale Mountain Rescue.

## Bradfield



Bradfield Brewery have brewed a beer in connection with the Sheffield Tigers speedway team. The beer named Sheffield Tigers features the Tigers logo on the pump clip and is dark amber coloured ale at 4.8% ABV.

The beer was launched at The Rawson Spring Wetherspoon pub in Hillsborough. Joel Parsons a Sheffield Tigers rider attended the launch with his speedway bike.

John Wall the Rawson Spring manager is keen to support the Tigers and raise their awareness as they are based close to the pub. Neil Machin the Sheffield Tigers owner also backs the campaign.

The beer can be found in Wetherspoons outlets and free house pubs across Sheffield.

## Acorn



Acorn has rolled out clear wheat beer Summer Pale (4.1%abv) to - hopefully - greet the sunshine.

Straw coloured ale with a floral aroma and slight bitterness, Summer Pale is brewed using wheat malt together with Mount Hood and Styrian Goldings hops. A well received seasonal ale in previous years it will be available until September and is listed with the SIBA Direct Delivery Scheme (DDS).

Managing director and head brewer Dave Hughes said: "Summer Pale is a light refreshing brew and excellent seasonal addition to our regular range. Back by popular demand, it has been a big hit in previous years and when the sun shines will

do particularly well. The hops used work very well with our traditional yeast strain."

## Kelham Island



Kelham Island Brewery was one of the main sponsors at this year seventh annual atmospheric Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival. With over 120 Ales available it is an extremely popular annual event that attracts real ale lovers and train enthusiasts. As you sample the wide range of ales available you can tour the last remaining operational Roundhouse in Great Britain. They also feature a range of Steam and diesel locomotives.

As you can see from the picture, the bar was in front of the famous Blue Peter train.

Kelham Island Brewery were delighted to be awarded the accolade of fastest selling sponsor of the weekend.

## Thornbridge

The Thornbridge Hall annual charity garden party takes place on Sunday 6th July, and features fun for all the family. The brewery will be open for tours and there will be a beer tent open selling the beer. Thornbridge are offering a special 2 for 1 ticket deal for

groups of CAMRA members that book in advance by phoning 01629 640617.

A new beer from Thornbride is Sapphire, which at just 2.7% ABV is Challenging to brew, and extreme at the other end of the scale compared to the usual Thornbridge output! Sapphire is a light ale brewed with Maris Otter and Vienna malts and hopped with Saphir and Hersbrucker from Germany and Styrian Goldings from Slovenia. It also spends a full week dry hopping on whole Styrian Goldings flowers for a week in conditioning tank. Aromas of fresh lemon combined with soft utteriness. In the mouth it shows more character than many around of higher strength, though the body is light and crisp, as you'd expect. Finishes with malt and herbs (evident oregano) and a faint strawberry note.

Last month we told you about the Thornbridge Brewers Challenge - David Pickering's beer has been launched - Barbary 4.6%, and next to launch in June will be a beer from Stef Cossi.

## Sheffield Brewery Company

Look out for a new beer to be launched at the grand opening of the Wig & Pen on Campo Lane in July. The Sheffield Brewery Company was approached to brew a special beer for the exciting new bar and restaurant development. Head brewer, Tim Stillman, says: "the new beer name is still under wraps until nearer the launch date but we are very excited and delighted that one of our quality real ales has been selected as the core range. The demand by customers for locally produced fine cask ales continues to drive business from landlords to supply our superb range of quality beers brewed by The Sheffield Brewery Company.

The University of Sheffield's English department recently helped The Sheffield Brewery by completing an in-depth marketing project. No surprise that the students jumped at the chance to get "hands on" experience of carrying out some commercial market research in this sector.

The brewery's range of beer names and cask ales are proven to be very popular amongst residents and tourists visiting the city. One student reported The Sheffield Brewery Company beers and iconic beer names have quickly become established as representative of this fabulous city's heritage and geography making the beers popular choices when made available by landlords.

The brewery also provides beers and a bar for outdoor corporate BBQs, private parties and wedding events. The Sheffield Brewery's facilities for onsite brewery tours have been improved with the installation of its very own bar at the brewery. In keeping with the directors' green ethics the bar was salvaged from the Ranmoor Halls of Residence which have just been demolished. Eddy Munnely, one of the directors of The Sheffield Brewery says:

"Its been a fantastic restoration project and the "new" bar will play a central role in promoting our brewery tour events for private parties, corporate and charity events. We think students and graduates alike will also want to visit the brewery just to see how we've preserved their "old" bar."

The brewery was recently commissioned by fine artist Alex Hislop as part of his final degree course at Hallam University to brew a special mild which he named "Art Jock". Alex's degree show culminated on the closing weekend of the Arts Campus at



Psalter Lane and attracted over 1000 visitors who all enjoyed the new delicious mild. Alex said: "The experience of working with The Sheffield Brewery team was brilliant and I've learnt a great deal about designing and producing a product in a very competitive market".

## pub news

The **Devonshire Arms** in Dore has made a change to it's beer range. Abbeydale Moonshine is no longer available, and two new beers have been introduced, both from Thornbridge Brewery. They are Jaipur IPA and Devonshire Bitter.

The **Nags Head** at Castleton is under the new management of Ian Yates, who previously helped his parents Graham and Beryl run the

Anglers Rest at Millers Dale.

The **Shiny Sheff** has closed and there are to let boards outside.

The current management of the **Rutland Arms** on Brown Street leave on the 4th July. It is unclear whether Punch Taverns have anyone else lined up to take the pub on yet.

The Inn at Troway is due to open on 18th June. It's a Brewkitchen pub, with real ale from Thornbridge Brewery plus guests.

## letters & emails

Through the pages of this august journal, we would like to thank all those who contributed to our party on Saturday 31st May.

In particular Diane and Duncan and all the staff at the Fat Cat for hosting the event and to the Harlequin for joining in the celebrations with numerous extra beers.

Thanks also to the following local pubs and breweries for laying on/supplying special beers:

Kelham Island Tavern, Wellington, Abbeydale, Acorn, Kelham Island, Sheffield, Church End and Clark's.

Also, a big thank you to Mike Knowles for sourcing a number of new and unusual beers from further afield and to the breweries from whom he obtained more specials for the day, in particular, Norfolk Cottage, Bull Box, Beeston, and of course, the Morton Brewery. Hope all those who attended enjoyed it as much as we did."

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# "AeriAle" reconnaissance sortie report by Group Captain Mitchell and Bomber Berryman.

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16th May 2008 - Dambusters 65th Anniversary



Memorial fly-past at Derwent Dam and Pub Tour around Glossop and surrounding villages

Sixty five years ago to the day in May 1943, Bomber Command crews of 617 Squadron launched "Operation Chastise" This involved night-time, low level attacks on dams of the Rhur valley in Germany using Barns Wallis' famous "Upkeep" bouncing bomb. Mission aim: to breach the dams and paralyse much of the area's industrial production which was essential to the Nazi war machine. Derwent Dam in the heart of the Dark Peak was chosen for the newly formed 617 Squadron to conduct intense practice sorties due to its close resemblance to dams in the Rhur valley.

To commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Dambuster" raids the Group Captain Mitchell and Bomber Berryman joined veterans from the raids, including Les Munroe, the sole surviving Dambuster pilot and Richard Todd who played Guy Gibson in the legendary 1955 film. Along with thousands of other spectators we watched the splendid fly pasts over Derwent Dam, involving the Battle of Britain Memorial flight Lancaster, Spitfire, Hurricane and Dakota complimented by Tornados of the present Day 617 Squadron.

As the crowds dispersed we were left with an overwhelming desire to raise a pint to the brave crews of Bomber Command, so

we struck a Westerly bearing to seek a suitable tippie – a pint of Lancaster Bomber!

As we took off on a direct bearing to Glossop a spiffing chap from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight offered us a lift across the Snake Pass. How could we refuse? So we buckled up, released the brakes and pushing the throttle fully open made an immediate take off to the West.

Upon landing in the centre of Glossop we taxied straight to the nearest hostelry, the **MARKET TAVERN** (15 Victoria St.) which is a Cain's of Liverpool pub. The hand-pulls offered us **Cain's Dark Mild (3.2% ABV)** and **Cain's Finest Bitter (4.0% ABV)** we both opted for a pint each of the Bitter and at a wallet pleasing £1.60 a pint we commenced refueling.

Albeit a very satisfying pint, tanks remained somewhat dry. Setting the radar to "beer" mode we followed Victoria St. a little further to reach Good Beer Guide (GBG) listed **CROWN INN** (142 Victoria St.). Entering this alehouse one noticed that we could indeed have stepped back to 1943 only one conclusion could arise, this must be a Sam Smith's pub. Huzzah! Neither had the price of ale changed much either as the **Old Brewery Bitter (3.8% ABV)** came in at a

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mere £1.31 a pint.....take note Mr. Darling. We were met with a friendly welcome from the regulars who listened with great interest as we recounted the day's earlier proceedings at Derwent Dam. The beer was on fine form, as was the company in this local and traditional pub.

So we had quaffed Cains from Liverpool, Sam Smiths from Tadcaster, but what about something a little more local?

Taking a back bearing down Victoria St. we arrived at the imposing **NEW NORFOLK ARMS** at the town's central crossroad. A **Joseph Holt's** pub, but modern and large in it's interior. Somewhat lacking in the traditional feel of its sister pubs in Manchester. On tap were **Holt's Bitter (4.0% ABV)** and **Holt's Mild (3.2% ABV)**. We tried one of each however Bomber Berryman picked the Mild and after taking a sip almost gagged. "Vinegar is for cleaning aircraft canopies, and flying goggles, certainly not for drinking!" he exclaimed. Sadly as is often the way with the larger pub the staff are often not educated with the finer details of serving real ale. The young bar maid looked perplexed when told the error of her ways. She declined to try the said pint as she "doesn't drink beer" and nor did the duty manager – perhaps a reflection on the lacking quality control. After asking her to pull a couple of pints through Bomber Berryman was finally appeased and rewarded with a decent pint of Mild. However at £2.00 a pint for each it seems Holt's may have lost their way a little here, perhaps recouping the cost of a "trendy" refurbishment. It's a shame that more couldn't have been passed on the "Carling Moron" fraternity as opposed to those with more sense.



A little disappointed in Holt's offering we headed up the hill to the **STAR INN ALEHOUSE** situated by the bus and rail station. According to the GBG this was to be the town's real ale HQ. Five hand-pumps greeted us with a range of interesting beers we went for the **Pictish Brewery - Cluster (4.1% ABV)** at £2.35 a pint and **Howard Town - Wren (4.3% ABV)** at £2.40 a pint. **Howard Town Brewery** is the local Glossop Micro-brewery and they do produce some reliably good beers, however even with the rising raw material costs and the omni present "Darling Levy" this did seem a little steep for such a local beer. Never the less the palate did less complaining as both were on top form.

By now it was approaching 5pm and we wanted soon to take off once again to Hayfield – 3 miles further South to sample a few more pubs. However we managed to drop into one final Glossop pub, the **GLOBE INN** (144 High St.). The Globe on the inside was quite a fusion of old ornate architecture and decoration with a trendy live music scene vibe. Whatever the mismatch of the décor said, the beer certainly spoke for itself. The in-house **Globe Brewery** offered 4 beers on tap. We went for the **Amber (3.8% ABV)** and **Porter (3.8% ABV)** both priced at a far

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more Yorkshireman friendly £1.80 a pint. Both were very high quality beers, well worth seeking out on a visit to Glossop.

The time had now come to part company with Glossop and take flight south for the second phase of this epic sortie. Sadly by now we had lost our wings and were deemed unfit to fly so we made do with the next best thing. Thumbs outstretched and makeshift cardboard sign caught us a new craft in which to travel south – the Ford Transit Van. Bomber Berryman drew the short straw and had to be put in the bomb bay as the flight deck was full with the kindly local plumber and his missus and could only accommodate the more senior officer: Group Captain Mitchell. Bomber Berryman found it hard to recount much of the journey over the bruising windy road to Hayfield given the lack of any aperture to the outside world from his position; however it was interesting to note that this particular craft was carrying an large ordinance of silicone sealant and ball valves. We made a low pass of the **Grouse Inn** on approach to Hayfield but pressed on to our destination.

We alighted at Hayfield, a picturesque village set at the Western shadow of Kinder Scout. Despite the turbulent descent into Hayfield from the bomb bay Bomber Berryman's beer radar remained undamaged and guided us to our first rendezvous point. The **ROYAL HOTEL** (GBG listed) in Hayfield sits with fine views of the church, river and cricket ground. After our trip across from Glossop we were greeted at the bar by a rather fine filly. This brief distraction however was momentary as we perused the five beers on offer: **Kelham Island Best Bitter (3.8% ABV)**, **Kelham Island Easy Rider (4.3% ABV)**, **Acorn Brewery Old**



**Moor Porter (4.4% ABV)**, **Hydes Original Bitter (3.8% ABV)** and **Dunham Massey Light Mild (3.8% ABV)**. We settled on the Hydes Bitter and Dunham Massey Mild both at £2.35 a pint. Sitting in the evening sun by the river we suddenly came under heavy attack. The enemy Fockers were coming at us from all angles, panic ensued we had run out of counter measures and with no where to purchase mosquito repellent we made haste to the next pub. We had always been under the impression that mosquitoes were friendly aircraft....not these.

The **GEORGE HOTEL** sits just a couple of hundred yards from the Royal on the main street, and looked upon entry as welcoming as on the exterior. A locals' pub, we were met with a warm welcome from the landlady and the obligatory local supporting the bar. **Youngs Special (4.5% ABV)**, **Banks' Bitter (3.8% ABV)** and **Jennings Cumberland Ale (4.2% ABV)** were all on offer. Settling for the Banks' Bitter at £2.20 a pint we settled back at the bar and began putting the world to rights with the bar propping regular. Despite him being of a sound mind we had to part company as we were still lacking in a quest to seek the true beer of the day, a pint to Lancaster Bomber.



Before departing local partisans offered intelligence which suggested we could fulfill this quest by taking a narrow lane from the rear of the village.



As dusk began to fall we arrived at **THE SPORTSMAN**. A fine looking building from the outside, three old cottages whitewashed and knocked through to form a welcoming pub with real fire. This seemed a popular choice for diners in the area. Then we spied the bar and were pleased to see the beer we had been trying to raise a glass of all day – Thwaites’ Lancaster Bomber! Whilst Bomber Berryman began to hum the famous Dambusters score with arms outstretched Group Captain Mitchell ordered the beer. As well as **Lancaster Bomber (4.4% ABV)** we were also offered a choice of two other Thwaites’ brews, **Wainright (4.1% ABV)** and **Original (3.6% ABV)**. As is also customary in Thwaites’ pubs it was also pleasing to see authentic Bavarian style **Kaltenberg Hell (4.1% ABV)** and imported **König Ludwig Weissbier (5.5% ABV)** on offer, perhaps even those of a Carl\*ng persuasion may even feel adventurous enough to excite their deprived taste buds?

As darkness set in we realised that despite our best planning we were stuck in the dark

and drizzle in a village 3 miles from the nearest railway station. Our only route home with flying wings temporarily suspended. Not wanting to spend the night in unfamiliar territory, and with the knowledge of how the locals become after darkness falls on this side of the Pennines we decided to make tracks over the next hill to the village of Chinley. Here we found the warm and welcoming **LAMB INN** where the regulars looked in either amusement or pity at us stood in our sodden attire, still they kindly offered us a place by the fire. As Group Captain Mitchell steamed off Bomber Berryman proceeded to order. On offer was **Marstons Pedigree (4.5% ABV)** and **Beartown Brewery’s Ursula Major (4.3% ABV)**, we opted for the latter at £2.30 a pint. This is an excellent, remote pub which was very friendly and well worth a visit if flying past this area. After telling our long tale of woe and how we had to battle the elements and stiff headwind to reach this watering hole a generous bar maid made us an offer we couldn’t refuse. Sadly not quite the sort of offer your mind may envisage dear reader, but the offer of a lift to Chinley station some 2 miles away was more than welcomed never the less!

So in writing this debrief of our sortie to the Glossop area we hope you may find this useful. A trip across to these parts is well worth the effort. We are told there are some 42 pubs in Glossop alone and we only tried five! The next tour of duty with Group Captain Mitchell and Bomber Berryman will be to New Mills and the Chapel-en-le-Frith area to see what else this area has to offer. For now we must report to the C.O. and see if we can regain our wings. Do put in a good word if you see him before us.

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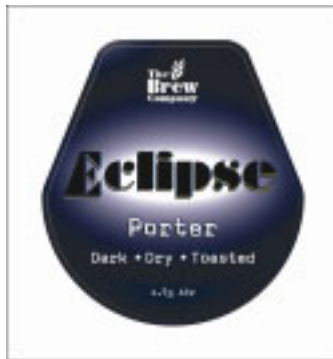
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The **Upper Circle** is now available for private hire, with live music nights coming soon.

## 20 Derby Beer Festival 9-13th July

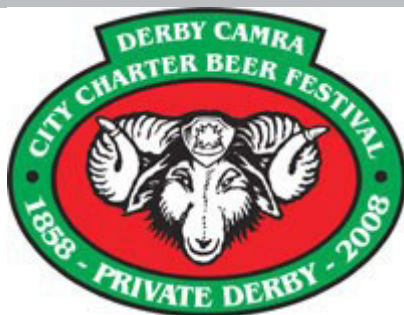
One of the biggest and best beer festivals in the East Midlands will soon be with us once again and I have been charged with the task of arranging the beers for this year's festival. To that effect, I have selected a couple of themes for the festival, which is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Private Derby – the Ram.

In *The Great Hall*, our main festival theme this year is featuring beers from Wales – in here you will find ales from Breconshire, Bullmastiff, Conwy, Facer's, Felinfoel, Ffos y Ffin, Great Orme, Jacobi, North Wales, Otley, Plassey, Purple Moose, Rhymney, S A Brain, Vale of Glamorgan and Warcop, with the full variety of beer styles being catered for – from pale ales to dark ales, including fruit and wheat beers - so there will be something there for everyone's taste buds!

You will also find our 4 festival specials in The Great Hall – Black Hole Brewery from Burton-upon-Trent, Brampton Brewery from Brampton, near Chesterfield, Derby Brewing Company from Derby and Wirksworth Brewery from Wirksworth. Members of the branch have assisted in the brewing of these ales, so make sure you try them, as they are always popular!

In addition to the above, you will also find ales from our sponsoring breweries – Marstons, White Shield, Archers and Thornbridge – these will be served by handpull along with the festival specials.

Going through The Foyer and into *The Darwin Suite*, you will find the second theme that I have selected this year, which is the launch of LocAle in Derby. But with it being the 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Beer Festival, I have chosen



beers brewed within a 25-mile radius of The Assembly Rooms – and by an amazing coincidence there were exactly 31 microbreweries within that radius at the time of me compiling my beer list!

**Andrew Brett**

### Branch meeting 1 July

The July branch meeting, which is being held at the Royal Hotel in Dungworth, will have a guest attending.

Jim McIntosh, a Chesterfield branch member, has written a book, *North Derbyshire Pubs Past & Present*.

The book has a section for each town and village in the area, and lists all the known pubs in those places, both in the past and present, with information about the pubs history that Jim has researched. There are also pictures, illustrations and in some cases maps. It's a fascinating read for those that know the area, and it's design means you can dip in and out without losing interest.

Look out for a full book review next month.

Jim will be available at the branch meeting to answer questions about his book, and copies will be available to buy at a special CAMRA members price of £5.00.



The Beer Capital Survey was originally designed to challenge Derby's often repeated claim to be the Beer Capital of Britain, when we knew Sheffield has a bigger choice of real ale and also more award winning breweries.

The Survey has now become an annual census of the choice of beers available, with several pub crawls taking place on the same day taking in as many real ale pubs as possible, with participants writing down which real ales are available on the bar in each pub, and where possible, the prices being charged.

Last year we counted 184 different real ales on sale in Sheffield on the same day, which is quite impressive! We are looking for as many people as possible to join us this year, not only so we can survey as many pubs as possible but also to ensure it is an enjoyable social event too.

This years survey crawls take place on **Saturday 26th July**. The daytime crawls of the suburbs, villages and City Centre all start at midday at the pub furthest from town. Once completed, everyone will meet in the University Arms for 7pm, then the evening crawls from Hillsborough to Kelham Island will commence about 7:30pm.

Here are the details of all the routes we have planned. You are most welcome to join in!

The daytime survey crawls all start at midday and are roughly as follows:

**Route 1: Meet at the Old Mother Redcap, Bradway** then Devonshire Arms (Dore), Hare & Hounds, Cricket Inn (Totley), Castle Inn (Bradway), The Bradway, Woodseats Palace (Woodseats), Red Lion (Heeley), White Lion and Sheaf View.

**Route 2: Meet at the Commercial, Chapeltown** then Wharncliffe Arms, Rawson Spring (Hillsborough), Plough (Low Bradfield) and Royal Hotel (Dungworth).

**Route 3: Meet at the Hammer & Pincers, Bents Green** then Prince of Wales, Psalter, Lescar, Porter Brook, Champs Sports Bar, Vine, Devonshire Arms and Lord Nelson.

**Route 4: Meet at the Cobden View, Crookes** then the Grindstone, Noah's Ark, The Ball, Walkley Cottage, Freedom House, Springvale, Closed Shop (Commonside) and the Hallamshire.

**Route 5: Meet at the Three Merry Lads, Lodge Moor** then various pubs including those in Fulwood, Nether Green, Ranmoor and Broomhill.

**Route 6: Meet at the Bankers Draft, City Centre** then Carlton (Attercliffe), Cocked Hat, Dove & Rainbow (City Centre), Wig & Pen, Museum, Benjamin Huntsman, Waterworks and Grapes.

**Route 7: Meet at the Bankers Draft, City Centre** then Circle, Old Queens Head, Howard, Rutland Arms, Red Lion, Graduate, Ruskins, Devonshire Cat and Bath Hotel.

The evening crawls both start at 7pm at the University Arms then as follows:

**Route A:** Rawson Spring, New Barrack Tavern, Hillsborough Hotel, George IV, Wellington, Ship and Kelham Island Tavern

**Route B:** Gardeners Rest, Milestone, Fat Cat, Riverside, East House, Harlequin and Kelham Island Tavern.

## 22 Bradfield Bus Crawl - 19th July

The Bradfield Bus Crawl is a great summers day out in rural North Sheffield enjoying good beer in locations easily accessible via the Rural Links 61 bus.

Some of those attending will be meeting in the **Rawsons Springs** Wetherspoon pub at 11am for a cooked breakfast, everyone will be meeting at Hillsborough Interchange at midday for the bus that departs at 12:15pm.

Our first stop is the **Nags Head** at Loxley, a Greene King pub, where we will spend an hour before boarding the next bus up the hill to High Bradfield.

Our first venue here is **Bradfield Brewery**, where we have arranged for a guided tour and talk about the brewery, before then heading up to the hospitality lounge where a selection of Bradfield beers will be on the bar for us to try. The cost of the brewery visit is £6 (including beer), this needs to be booked in advance via Richard Ryan.



From the brewery we walk into the village to the **Old Horns Inn**, which is next to the rather gothic old church and enjoys a fantastic view over the valley. Beer here is from Thwaites.

Depending on weather/energy, we either walk or jump on the bus down the hill and

past the cricket club to Low Bradfield, where we will find the **Plough Inn**. Run by Chris and Mandy, this classic pub has three rooms - the lounge where meals are served, the tap room which features a 3/4 size snooker table and the extension which is used for functions and special events. A good outdoor drinking area also features. Regular beers are from Bradfield Brewery, with a guest beer normally also available.



Once we have exhausted the hospitality at the Plough we pick up the next bus and travel up to Dungworth, where we will call into the **Royal Hotel**. This is a traditional multi room pub that also does accommodation. A choice of two real ales are available, and good, simple food is available - the landlord is known for his home made pies!

We rejoin the bus towards Hillsborough, and have the option of getting off and exploring the pubs of Stannington, with pubs such as the **Anvil** and the **Robin Hood** worth a visit, before dropping into Hillsborough Interchange, gateway to the upper Don Valley and all the pubs there....

*The Rural Links 61 bus will still be operated by Stagecoach when we travel, so their Dayrider ticket at £3 will cover all the travel around Bradfield plus connecting trams. Sheffield Community Transport take over the route from 27th July. Info 01709 515151.*

Sheffield is well known for both it's music scene and it's real ale, so it probably didn't come as a surprise to many when an article in the *Guardian* that named their top ten live music venues in Sheffield featured a good number of pubs and bars that serve real ale.

The best of the list from a beer drinkers point of view was the **New Barrack Tavern**, the Castle Rock owned pub on Penistone Road in Hillsborough, which as well as a selection of Castle Rock Beers and guest beers along with real Cider has a stage fitted in the main room of the pub and features music on a regular basis.

A legendary pub who's upstairs room has hosted many a Sheffield band in their early days is also listed - I'm talking about the

**Grapes** on Trippet Lane of course. Downstairs it's a classic multi-roomed pub and the bar features beer from Abbeydale and Tetleys.

In at number 5 is the **Dove & Rainbow**, the bar on Hartshead Square that offers real ale, rock'n'roll and pinball.

A very obvious venue to feature in the list is of course the **Boardwalk**, which has been hosting live music for many years, both as the Boardwalk and previously as the Black Swan (aka the Mucky Duck). A couple of real ales are available on he bar.

A less obvious choice, the **Cremorne** on London Road, which since it's change of management has developed a musical pulse.



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## Tuesday 1st July Branch meeting

A business like meeting open to all our members to discuss pub, club and brewery news and any issues, and get updated on the bigger picture by the committee. This month the meeting is at the **Royal Hotel** in Dungworth, 8pm start. Buses 61/62.

## Saturday 5th July Rudgate Brewery & York

A day trip on the train to York, where we will get a taxi to Rudgate Brewery who won the Mild category at Sheffield Beer Festival last year. There will be a charge of £5 to visit the brewery, which includes beer to drink. Afterwards we will have a wander round the real ale pubs in York's historic City Centre. You will need to book a place at the brewery in advance via Richard Ryan. Train departs at 10:54, tickets via Cross Country Trains. Day return £15.40, less in advance.

## Tuesday 15th July Beer Festival meeting

We continue to make arrangements for our 2008 Steel City Beer Festival, which is planned to take place from 2nd to 4th October. The meeting is at the **New Barrack Tavern** at 8:30pm. Buses 53/77A.

## Saturday 19th July Bradfield Bus Crawl

A pub crawl along the route of the 61 bus, meet Hillsborough Interchange 12pm, then various pubs and Bradfield Brewery. See page 22 for details.

## Tuesday 22nd July Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting

The August issue of Beer Matters will be available at the **Kelham Island Tavern** to collect and distribute to pubs. The committee meeting will also take place here, from 8pm.

## Saturday 26th July Beer Capital Survey

Various pub crawls around the city to survey the beer range and prices in Sheffield's pubs to prove Sheffield is indeed the Beer Capital of Britain. More details including meeting points please see page 21.

## Tuesday 12th August Branch meeting

A business like meeting open to all our members to discuss pub, club and brewery news and any issues. This month the meeting is at the **Three Merry Lads** in Lodge Moor, 8pm start. Bus 51.



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