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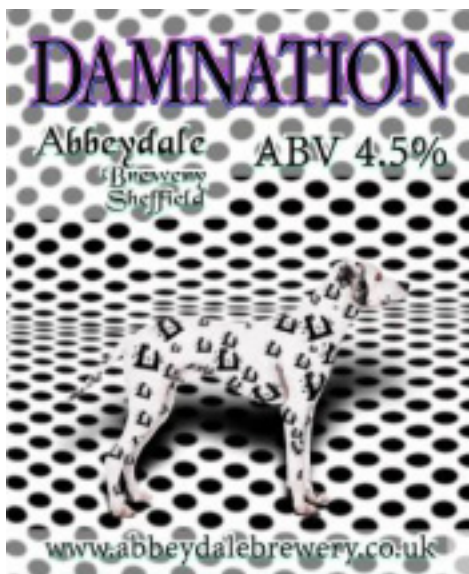


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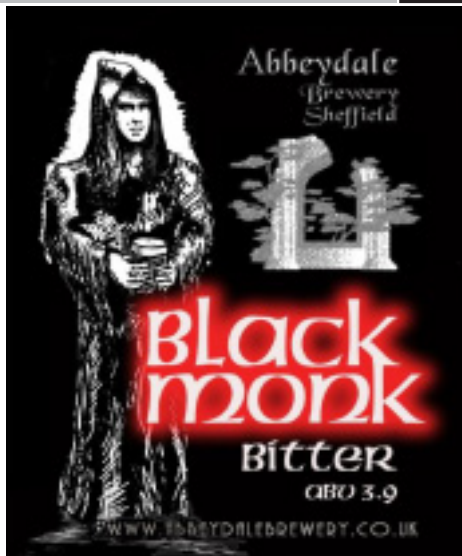
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Abbeydale

August sees the launch of two brand new beers. One is a new Doctor Morton's, Horse Tonic ABV of 4.6%. The artwork for this has been on the website for some years but we finally got around to making the beer. It is a pale and hoppy beer and should be a good summer quencher. As with all the Dr Morton's it will be a single brew available locally direct from the brewery and further afield via Brewer's Wholesale and when it's gone, it's gone.



The other new beer will be brewed at least a couple of times and should be available through until mid-September. It is called Damnation and Ivan Bradley the designer has been working on the design for some time and knowing his tastes everyone at the brewery expected something red and flaming (remember Temptation). But he completely confounded expectations with a rather funny interpretation.



Abbeydale has also been asked to provide the house beer for a pub re-opening in Barnsley, The Mill of the Black Monk. This is reputedly the oldest building in England housing a pub. The building dates to 1130 and was originally mill for the nearby monastery.

The Mill was closed after flooding last year, has now been taken over and re-opened by a new team. Black Monk bitter will be permanently available.

The Brew Company

The Brew Company successfully installed and commissioned their brewery and have released their first three brews - Abyss, a dark Special Bitter 4.2%, Elixir a bitter at 4% and Slaker Pale Ale at 3.8%.

Their first brewery tour is booked with Spice UK, the UK's largest multi-activity adventure & social group. Any groups interested in a brewery tour experience



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Thornbridge



July saw Thornbridge launching the latest beer in their brewers challenge series. Hop Shock is the effort of head brewer Stef Cossi, with each barrel containing two and a half pounds of hops - a mixture including

Amarillo, Chinook and Willamette - it's a very intense hoppy beer, but does also have a toasty maltiness to balance the flavour.



Another hoppy Thornbridge beer to look out for is Jaipur Kent. This is a version of Jaipur IPA which sees the American hops replaced by English varieties - Target, Pioneer and Fuggles.

July also saw the launch of Thornbridge's Summer Wheat beer Juno (4.6%). It is brewed with an exciting mix of Tettnager, Bobek and Sorachi hops, fifty percent Wheat malt and a blend of Wheat beer and Thornbridge's house ale yeast, and is a perfect beer for summer drinking with its delicate aromas of banana, biscuity malt, citrus hops and touches of cloves. Flavours are orange creaminess with a background of spices.

Thornbridge sponsored the Dizzy Club music event at the University Arms which took place on the evening of the 25th July.

Spire

Spire Brewery, in association with Everards, are all set to open their first pub in the Chesterfield town centre area. The vision for

the pub incorporates a complete re-fit, and the emphasis will be on providing quality real ales and cider, and locally sourced produce for bar snacks and meals.

Brewer David McLaren said “We want to build a team of bar staff and managers for this pub who are passionate about real ale, and feel that they can share that passion with new and existing real ale drinkers. Although the anticipated opening date is a few months away, we’d love to have an informal chat with people who share in our belief that quality real ales and locally sourced produce are the way forward in offering customers a new and exciting taste and social experience. We also feel that the people who will work in the pub need to be a team before opening night, so the more time that we can spend getting the right team, the better the atmosphere in the pub will be.”

Spire Brewery would love to hear from you if you feel that you can play a part in our growing team. Call us on 01246 476005, or check for up to date news on our website www.spirebrewery.co.uk.



Kelham Island

Easy Rider should now be much more widely available, as Punch Taverns has added this beer to their standard beer list.

Amongst the first pubs to get Easy Rider on the bar for the first time was the Shakespeare at West Bar, where Jeff has been keen to get a local beer available in his pub.

Another pub of note to introduce Easy Rider

is the Palm Tree in Walkley - this pub previously did not sell real ale.



At the end of June, Kelham Island launched a beer named after the Mayor of Einbeck, Germany, at the Fat Cat. It was launched on the day of the Euro 2008 final, which Spain won! This beer is part of a world series beer range, with a different country each month.

Saltaire

The inaugural Saltaire Brewery Beer Festival takes place over the second weekend of the Saltaire Arts Festival - 19th-20th September.

Over 30 beers from across the UK will be served over the Friday evening and all day Saturday. £2 entry fee includes a free souvenir glass.

Brampton

Brampton brewed a special beer for Derby Beer Festival this year. 'Battling Butt-Head' is described as strong, dark, traditional bitter.

Bradfield

The launch of the Sheffield Tigers speedway beer at the Rawson Spring seems to have captured the imagination locally, with much coverage in the local press.

6 Pub news

The **Rawson Spring** at Hillsborough is in the process of organising a Cider festival, to be held at some point in the next few months.

The **Barrack Hotel** at Apperknowle recently held a mini beer festival, with a selection of 12 real ales available.

The **Blue Stoops** at Dronfield now has a second real ale available. In addition to Timothy Taylors Landlord, Wells Bombardier Bitter is now also to be found on the bar. This was introduced on St George's Day as a guest beer, but clearly proved popular!

The **Malin Bridge Inn** now has real ale! Two handpumps are present, dispensing Timothy Taylors Landlord and Black Sheep Bitter. - both popular Yorkshire beers.

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The **Stumble Inn** at Carbrook was recently reported closed due to 'technical problems'.

Wetherspoons have begun work fitting out the unit in the old Wards Brewery development on Ecclesall Road to create their latest Sheffield pub. An opening date is, however, yet to be announced.

The **Dove & Rainbow** pub company has now been formed, with Jason (aka Goldenfleece) planning to take on a second pub - the York in Broomhill. The current Dove & Rainbow is developing its nightly entertainment programme ready for when the University students return in September, which will include a new power metal night on Mondays. They also plan on getting a Playstation 3 with music games, and a music quiz is also in the offing.

The **Devonshire Arms** at Dore, at the time of writing, has stopped selling Thornbridge Jaipur IPA and returned to the more session friendly Abbeydale Moonshine. They continue to offer the Thornbridge Devonshire Bitter (which we believe is the Lord Marples rebranded especially for this pub).

The **Moorfoot Tavern** continues with Buffy's Rock nights featuring live bands on Saturdays and Karaoke on Wednesdays.

The **Black Bull** at Ecclesfield has reopened and is selling real ale. The new licensee is Shaun Price, previously of the Crown at Heeley. One regularly changing beer was available at opening, but if it proves popular a second handpump will be added.

The **Circle Bar** now hosts a singles night, which used to take place at Bramall Lane, and live bands are planned for September.

It started with a Bass..

My family did have some history with beer and brewing, despite the fact that my dad stopped drinking and smoking when me and our kid arrived, it transpired that my Grandad worked now and again for Gillespie's Brewery in Dumbarton on the bottling line. Gillespie's ceased brewing in the year I was born 1954.

My 'right of passage' as a youth came when my mate Billy pinched some of his dad's beer, we must have been about 14. We hid in my dad's shed and opened this beer and tasted it we all thought it was awful. I realise now it was probably **Blue Bass** and it was definitely cask conditioned because it was bottled at a local pub, we probably didn't realise it had sediment in it!!

Fast-forward a couple of years and my underage drinking and early legal drinking days. Scotland has always had a history of drinking lager, Tennents had been brewing a Pilsner style since the late 1800's. It's no surprise that I followed the flock and probably drank Tennents, Harp and Skol. Around this time **Belhaven** appeared in our town but as it was the keg version it tasted crap. I told our kid and although he lived for a time next to famous cask watering hole in Edinburgh he never went in because of my remarks.

Around this time I met a woman who I eventually married. She lived in Matlock but was at college near Darlington. My first visit to Darlington saw me drinking **Cameron's** 'Icegold' lager - the words gnats and urine come in to mind when I remember the taste. However on the next visit I discovered a **Sam Smith's** pub and

although I think it was tank or keg I was really impressed. Around Christmas time I visited her parents at Matlock and I know I drank cask conditioned **Home, Robinson's** and **Hardy and Hansoms** plus my first taste of Walkers crisps. I think I was beginning to be converted.

Someone bought me a Christmas present that really caused an impression on me. It was a book called Frank Baillie's 'Beer Drinker's Companion' a pre cursor of the Good Beer Guide. It was a real eye opener as it told me about delicious products all over this land.

1974 saw me move to go to polytechnic at Newcastle upon Tyne. Initially based in Whitley Bay our diet was Newcastle Exhibition and Double Diamond. We did also find some Vaux Samson and a lot of non descript stuff like Federation and Dryboroughs.

During the summer I worked for Darlington's Park's Department team and the obligatory lunchtime pint was the norm. I know I drank **Cameron's Strongarm, Vaux Samson** in cask condition form but also some awful John Smith's, Whitbread and Youngers Tartan. I think I began to find out about an embryonic organisation called CAMRA.

On one visit to the motherland, using the information from Frank Baillie's Beer Drinker's Companion, I decided to go to Alloa and visited the brewery tap of **Mac Lays Brewery**. I can still taste it now it was simply exquisite wonderful Scottish ale.

However another visit home has caused me a bit of consternation I decide to visit most of the pubs in my home area to see if there was any cask beer I got bored of drinking

fizzy pap and missed out on being the first CAMRA member to find out that **Louis** (aka The Old Vale Bar) was one of only two pubs in Scotland that sold cask conditioned **Tennents 60/-**

The Good Beer Guide became part of my life and along with another essential tool, the Student Railcard, we tried beers in faraway places like Lancaster !!. A day trip gave us taste of **Carlisle State, Mitchells, Yates and Jackson** and **Hartleys**.

In 1975 we moved to near the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne near the snooker club we used was the Bacchus which sold **Sam Smiths**. We found a **Cameron's** (tank) pub in Byker, it did have a bar billiards table though and then we found 'Mecca' the Cumberland Arms. The Cumberland Arms was a gem of a two-roomed side street boozer which sold gravity **Bass**, interestingly now the **Cumberland Arms** is the premier Folk Music pub in the area.

The real ale scene began to gain apace and **McEwan's 80/-** appeared in a small number of Newcastle pubs like the Haymarket and the Trent House (where the magazine VIZ was started).

Horrors of horrors though I left Tyneside to start missionary work in the south. I went to live in....Buckinghamshire. Aylesbury is a pleasant market town with at the time 38 public houses, 1 was a Watneys, 1 a Berni Inn, 1 was Whitbread. 1 was Courage and the other 34 were either Ind Coope and Aylesbury Brewery Company which sold Ind Coope. The Courage pub became my local and it sold superb Reading Brewery brewed (the old Simmonds Brewery) **Courage Bitter** and **Directors**.

I became actively involved in the local CAMRA branch at this time. They were running a Beer Tavern at a Sealed Knot battle during August Bank holiday. The chairman Colin and I did some of the sourcing of the beers and I had my first tastes of **Hook Norton** and **Paines** of St.Neots which I can still remember the taste of today.

When I married we moved to Leighton Buzzard and my local sold **Charles Wells Bitter**. One village pub nearby sold both the bitter and their stronger cask **Fargo** they tasted nice mixed. I've since been told that that mix is the basis of Bombardier. We moved to Woburn Sands and my local was a **Greene King** pub selling Biggleswade brewed **IPA, Abbot** and **Dark Mild**. I really liked Greene King then it was distinctive not at all like the bland taste of today.

My brother in law became a real ale fan too and we made regular visits to the West Midlands supping such delights as **Ma Pardoes, Bathams, Holdens, Simpkins** and **Walsall Mild**.

Using The Good Beer Guide I suppose I became an embryonic ticker seeking out new breweries and remember fondly the first taste of **Morlands**, **Davenports** and even **Ind Coope Burton Ale**. I remember my wife driving me up a small Northamptonshire B road to drink one of the first new micro breweries **Litchborough**.

I moved to South Yorkshire in 1979 and my local in Swinton sold beautiful cask conditioned Sheffield **Stones Bitter**, loopy juice, but in it's day it was a great beer as was **Wards Bitter** at the time. I used to

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come over to Sheffield on my day off and remember finding the delights of the then pioneering Fat Cat and new beers like **Timothy Taylor's Landlord**.

One of my previous drinking haunts The Concertina Club at Mexborough also started brewing and fine ales they turned out to be in **Club Bitter** and the superb **Bengal Tiger**.

I've probably missed some great beers out but my journey through beer has been varied and my tastes have changed some of the beers I drank regularly are not now to my palate but then I think some of the beers have also changed. The nature of pubs has also changed from the tied house system to a now even more maligned system of pubco's but at least there are I think more quality free houses serving a greater range of real ales. Now if only had that bottle of Blue Bass again I think I may give it a better chance now.

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The Plough Inn is the only pub in Low Bradfield, a small hill village nestled in the heart of the Loxley Valley to the North West of Sheffield. A former farm built in the early 18th century; the Plough celebrates 200 years as a pub during 2009. Chris and Mandy Davies took on the lease of the pub, which is privately owned and therefore luckily free of Pub Company tie, in early 2007 and after a period of much needed refurbishment, reopened on 1st March 2007. Chris and Mandy had previously run the Nag's Head at Loxley from December 2004, where they were the first pub to stock Bradfield beers when the brewery started up in 2005, and continued with both pubs until August 2007. Chris is only the 23rd landlord of the Plough since 1809.

Mandy brought with her a reputation for good quality and reasonably priced meals, with food made from locally sourced produce, the pies being a speciality. A true free house, as well as the house beer from Bradfield, Plough Bitter, there is usually another Bradfield beer available together with a couple of guests. These are mostly from Yorkshire and the North East and so far over a hundred beers have been featured from some 28 breweries.

The bar serves two main rooms, a taproom with $\frac{3}{4}$ size snooker table, and an L-shaped lounge. There is also a separate room which doubles as a restaurant area and function

room. Outside the large beer garden has a children's play area. There is a quiz Wednesday evenings, with a special quiz night beer each week, and a folk night is held on the last Tuesday of every month, as well as occasional special events.

The pub is well served by the 61/62 rural bus service from Hillsborough Interchange.

Congratulations to Mandy and Chris and their staff on winning their first Pub of the Month award, which was due to be presented during the annual Bradfield Bus Crawl on 19th July.

Alan Gibbons

District Pub of the year - The Grouse



We'll be presenting the certificate for being voted the Sheffield & District CAMRA District pub of the year winner at a presentation event on Saturday 16th August at around 3pm.

It's a nice friendly pub in a fairly isolated location, and is listed in the Good Beer Guide. You are welcome to join us.

Those of us using public transport will be catching the 12:45 272 from Sheffield Interchange to Fox House and walking from there.

14 remembering... The Australian House



This article is about one of Sheffield's lesser known pubs the Australian House on Fawcett Street at Netherthorpe. My interest in this pub was stimulated by the discovery of an old family photograph included below which shows the pub and my grandmother as a young woman. The pub was licensed to her father, Henry Thacker, at the time the photograph was taken.

This photograph was taken c.1920-22 on the opposite side of Fawcett Street from the Australian House. The photographer has probably got his/her back to the St Stephens Church.

The pub was located on the corner of Fawcett Street and Finlay Street and sold Berry's Ales which were brewed in Sheffield by Thomas Berry and Co. Ltd which owned the Moorhead brewery at the bottom of the Moor.

The two women in the photograph are on the left Rebecca Thacker, the wife of the licensee Henry Thacker and on the right Rose Thacker (my grandmother) the daughter of Henry and Rebecca.

Using the White and Kelly Sheffield directories for the period 1880 to 1941 the full address of the pub, 82 and 84 Fawcett Street and 23 Finlay Street was in existence

in 1884. However, at that time it was not a pub. In 1884 the premises were used as a grocers by a Arthur Leonard. By 1893 23 Finlay Street is mentioned as a beer retailer and by 1898 the full address is mentioned as being used as a pub under the licenseeship of one Robert Gunthorpe.

Henry Thacker (my great grandfather) had taken over the license for the pub in 1901. The 1901 census states that Henry was 34 years old and had been born in Waddington near Lincoln. His wife Rebecca was Sheffield born. They had three children Henry aged 6, Thomas aged 4 and Rose who was aged 2. They later had another son William.

Rebecca's family owned a number of pubs in Sheffield and it was said by my grandmother that her father loved to visit them on a pub crawl. Her mother would later estimate how much Henry had spent on his crawl and would then take her daughter shopping and spend a similar amount on clothes or jewellery.

Thacker retained the license for the pub until 1926 although it seems that the premises may have become smaller as by 1913 84 Fawcett Street was being used as a pawnbroker's shop by Arthur Radford.

It is possible that the name of the pub, Australian House, derived from two possible sources. One theory was that it was named in memory of the old pub on West Bar which had been named the Australian Arms. This pub seemed to stop trading c. 1893 about the same time as the Fawcett Street premises became a pub. The other possible explanation for the name was that it was named after the nearby

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When Thacker left the pub it passed onto Frederick Bunting and the address was given as 82 Fawcett Street and 23 Finlay Street. The pub existed until 1936 with Bunting still holding the license . From the entry in the Kelly Directory of 1941 that the addresses 82 and 84 Fawcett street and 23 Finlay Street either no longer existed or were no longer being occupied although other addresses on the street remained. The 1937 Directory showed that 84 Fawcett street was still being used as a pawnbroker's by Arthur Radford.

In post war years a new public house was built close to site of the by now demolished Australian House . This pub was called The Boomerang to maintain the Aussie link.

If anyone in CAMRA knows any more information about the Australian House then I would be glad to hear from them . I can be contacted by e-mail at davejack57@btinternet.com.

David Burkinshaw

Good Beer Guide now on TOM TOM!

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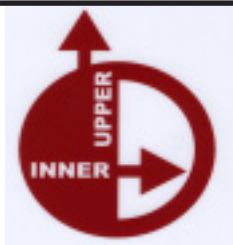
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Welcome from Dan & Jen to **THE CIRCLE**, a new independent bar in the City Centre close to the Carling Academy.

We are the **only bar in the City Centre** where you can enjoy beers from Sheffield's **Crown Brewery**. Crown HPA - Hillsborough Pale Ale and Crown Traditional Bitter are both always available, and look out for monthly specials making a guest appearance on our pumps from time to time.

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

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Articles, letters and suggestions for Beer Matters are most welcome, please email them to the address above. Please note that for legal reasons a full name and postal address should be provided with contributions.

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Pub of the month award nominations to vote for

The pub of the month awards are designed to highlight those good local pubs that offer good quality real ale in a friendly and comfortable environment day in, day out.

The current pubs are currently on the list of active nominations. If you are a CAMRA member please vote yes or no for each one you have been to! You can vote via email or at a branch meeting.

Devonshire Arms, Dore
Devonshire Cat, City Centre
Anglers Rest, Millers Dale
Red Lion, Litton
Phoenix, Ridgeway
Rising Sun, Ecclesall
University Arms, City Centre

Sheffield in Bloom

Just as this issue was going to press, we received the news that the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road had won a gold award in the Sheffield in Bloom competition.

Congratulations to Kev, Steph and the team on this achievement.

Hinckley & Bosworth CAMRA
presents the first
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40+ Real Ales,
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Campaign for Real Ale
Masonic Hall, St Mary's Road, Hinckley

12-13 Sept 2008

Opening Hours:
Friday 11-3 5-11
Saturday 12-11

Admission: £2 per person
Card carrying CAMRA members FREE
Glasses: £2 (refundable)
Food available

Map showing location:
Bus Station (2 mins)
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Railway Station (10 mins)

Details on: www.hinckleyandbosworthcamra.org.uk

CAMRA has invited Britain's pub designers, architects, and owners in a bid to reward the high standards and hard work undergone during 2007. In association with English Heritage and The Victorian Society, The Pub Design Award has become a highly sought-after accolade, with past winners enjoying an increased profile with the media and consumers as a result.

Since its inception in 1982, the Awards have encouraged publicans to consider aspects of conservation and maintenance, whilst also awarding those who modernise certain features of their public house without affecting the heritage of the building.

The Awards will be judged by CAMRA's Pubs Group, individuals unequalled in the field of pub preservation and architecture. The Awards will be split into the following four categories:

1) **New Build Pub:** This category is for entirely new built pubs. The judges look for a number of details when judging the worth of any new establishment. The pub might reflect pubs of the past but without becoming a mere pastiche of Edwardian, Victorian or even Georgian artefacts. Or it could be completely modern, using materials of the 20th or 21st century.

2) **Conversion to Pub Use:** This is where an existing building is converted to pub use. Pubs are judged on the taste and restraint used on both the outside and inside of the pub.

3) **Refurbished pub:** Refurbishment can range from a complete gutting to replace what was crass and in bad taste with something far better to an enhancement of what was originally there. Refurbishment should suit the individual pub and not be an

excuse to use uniform furnishings to brand the pub with brewery or pub company's image.

4) **CAMRA / English Heritage Conservation award:** This award, sponsored by English Heritage, is usually given for work on a pub which conserves what is good in the pub, makes good some of the crass refurbishment efforts of the past and ensures that the fabric of the place will survive for further generations of pub goers and drinkers to enjoy.

Tony Jerome, CAMRA's Press Manager, said - "In an age where new quickly replaces the old, it is great to reward those that consider Britain's heritage and architecture when it comes to pub design. CAMRA's Pub Design Awards will go to those that have shown innovation and good taste without having to rip out a pub interior and create something completely new." "In the past a number of pubcos have insisted on creating a theme that makes their pubs look exactly the same where ever they are located in Britain. What is the matter with investing in traditional, quality pub design that has worked for many pubs over the years? It is the difference in the look and feel of Britain's pubs that creates such an interest and makes our pubs industry unique."

If you own, design, work, live, or merely like the look of your local, please do not hesitate to offer recommendations for the Awards. Application forms can be downloaded from the CAMRA website, and entries can be submitted by post to:

Jon Howard, CAMRA Pub Design Awards,
Campaign for Real Ale Ltd, 230 Hatfield
Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW

The closing date for all entries will be
Tuesday 30th September 2008.

22 Sheffield Beer Festival 2008

Sheffield CAMRA are pleased to announce **provisional** details of their 2008 - the 34th - Steel City Beer & Cider Festival.

It is planned to hold the festival from Thursday 2nd October to Saturday 4th October, in Endcliffe Park. That's right - we've moved out of social clubs and into a great big marquee on Ecclesall Road!

We've previously been praised for the quality and choice of beer and even for the choice of entertainment, now we've also got the location and atmosphere, so it's going to be a bit special this year!

The marquee will feature the main real ale bar with a selection that includes new, rare and unusual beers, along with some old favourites. Continental beers will also be available. Outside of the main marquee, the LocAle tent will showcase beer from our local breweries, and there will also be a catering van outside. The beer range, as last year, will be selected by our Chairman Dave Williams, and setting the beer up on the bar and keeping it in good condition will be Rob Carroll and his team.

There will be a Cider & Perry bar, with a good selection from across the UK, all traditional, natural products made only with fermented Apples or Pears. The range has been hand picked by our outgoing Cider Bar Manager, Big Andy Parkin.

Big Andy is currently looking to recruit a volunteer to take over the running of our Cider Bar. He told us what it takes to be Cider Bar Manager - see box on right. We are also looking for volunteer staff to do all the other jobs - bar staff, admissions desk staff, stewarding, membership sales and more.

Thursday night will see live music from Poke, Friday night with Treebeard and Saturday night it's Laughing Gravy.

Friday daytime is the quiet session for those wanting nothing more than beer and conversation, Saturday daytime there is loads going on, including a charity pub quiz, Morris Dancers and Meet the Brewer sessions.

Endcliffe Park is easy to get to on the bus, with the following buses from the City Centre passing the site:

30 - Towards Dore

65 - Towards Buxton

80/80A/80C - Unilink services

81/82/83/88 - Towards Bents Green

84 - Towards Ringinglow

85/505 - Towards Millhouses

86 - Towards Fulwood

214 - Towards Matlock

240 - Towards Bakewell

272 - Towards Castleton

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- You must have an almost intimate knowledge of Cider & Perry production, qualities & tasting aspects including the use of our 13 point sweetness scale.

- Must be able to sell cider to non cider drinkers.

- Must be able to flirt with the multitude of ladies who have been dropped off at the cider bar to drink the girly drinks while their partners go and drink the manly drinks. Remembering not to snigger as most ciders are nearly double the strength of the beers and cheaper as well.

- Must also be an expert on all foreign bottled beers, including fruit beers, fruit wines, red & white house wines and Yorkshire crisps not to mention a full range of non-alcoholic drinks which for some unknown reason share the cider bar.

- Must be physically strong & must have knowledge of DIY

- Must have a sense of humour, for when staff are not allocated to your bar, or for when the organisers forget to allocate you a bar to use.

- Most importantly if the band is useless, you must be able to get them all drunk very quickly so they can't play any encores.

Big Andy

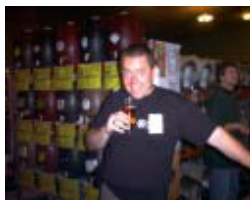


Sheffield CAMRA's 34th annual Steel City

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(Ecclesall Road, by Hunters Bar roundabout)



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Friday: TREEBEARD

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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. Midday start, various locations.

Tuesday 12th August Branch meeting & Social

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. For those that can get there early, it's curry night. After the meeting we will head across to the Sportsman for quiz night.

Saturday 16th August District Pub of the Year

We head out to the **Grouse** at Longshaw to present the certificate for being voted our District Pub of the Year by our members. We plan on getting the 272 bus to Fox House at 12:45pm and walking through the Longshaw estate to the pub. The presentation is planned for about 3pm.

Tuesday 19th August 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.

Tuesday 26th August Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting

The September 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.

Friday 29th August Walkabout in Coal Aston

An area where we don't get to often, we do the three real ale pubs in the Dronfield suburb of Coal Aston, starting at the Yew Tree at 8pm then to the Cross Daggers and finishing in the Royal Oak. Get there on the 44 bus departing Sheffield Flat Street at 19:25, we return on the 253 bus, with an option to stop off at Heeley on the way back for the White Lion, Red Lion and Sheaf View.

Tuesday 2 September 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 **Princess Royal** in Crookes, 8pm start. Bus 52.



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