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# BEER MATTERS

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The **FREE** magazine of the Sheffield & District  
Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale)

## The Steel City Beer & Cider Festival 2010

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The annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival will take place from **Thursday 30th September** through to **Saturday 2nd October**.

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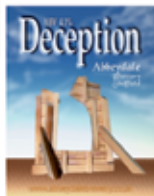
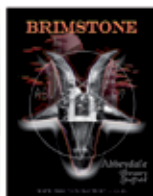
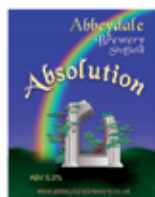
## Specials for September



**Fascination 3.9%**  
Pale and hoppy, a classic  
Abbeydale beer.

**Dr Morton's Break Fluid**  
4.4%

Golden beer with rich  
malty flavours.



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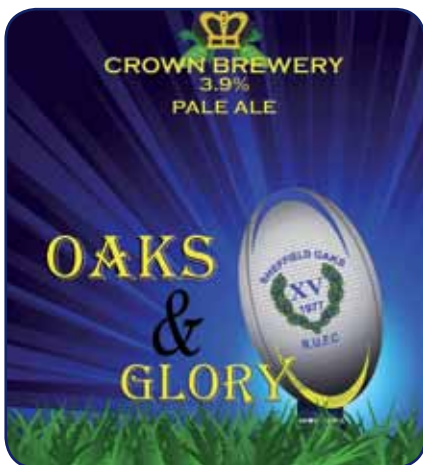
# Local Brewery News

**Crown Brewery** - Recently, Crown Brewery and the Sheffield Oaks Rugby Union teamed up to create a brand new beer to help cheer on their upcoming season. The result is "Oaks & Glory", which is a light refreshing pale ale.

The beer was launched on Friday 30th June at an event at The Hillsborough Hotel, which allowed the players and public to taste the ale, meet the brewer and tour Crown Brewery to see just where the beer was made. The event was attended by both current and former players who all seemed to agree that "Oaks & Glory" was exactly right for the coming season.

Oaks & Glory will be available in many of the independent pubs and off licences in and

around Sheffield and Crown Brewery have also promised that each pint or bottle sold will generate funds for the club. [www.crownbrewery.co.uk](http://www.crownbrewery.co.uk)



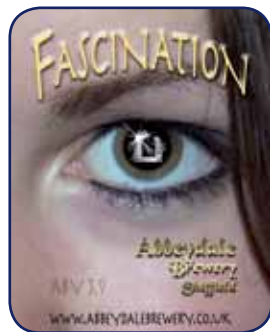
**Blue Bee** - Brewer Richard Hough has proudly released his first beer brewed under his own brand of Blue Bee Brewing Company, called Blue Bee-ginnings. Richard is best known from his days at Abbeydale Brewery and has since worked for Acorn Brewery. The Blue Bee beer was brewed by Richard at Spire Brewery in Staveley, Chesterfield and was available in Sheffield City Centre at the Rutland Arms and the Three Cranes, along with the usual real ale circuit pubs. Watch this space for further developments!

**Abbeydale** - Abbeydale Brewery were delighted that Moonshine came out as Sheffield's most popular beer in the Beer Capital Survey for the third year running as it was the most commonly encountered real ale during the survey. Pat Morton, owner of Abbeydale and responsible for the original recipe said "Moonshine has always accounted for almost half of Abbeydale's output. It was deliberately formulated back in 1996 when Abbeydale started to be a modern, pale, late-hopped beer with a wide appeal and in that it has exceeded all our expectations. I have been delighted by the way it has been adopted locally and I am proud that we make what continues to be Sheffield's most popular beer. In almost every outlet where Moonshine was encountered, it is on as a permanent beer, that speaks for itself. "

...and there's more over the page...

**Continued from the previous page.**

Abbeysdale continue to generate specials under both their banner and the Beerworks label, thanks to the continuing inventiveness of the artist Ivan Bradley and the brewers at Abbeysdale experimenting with different hops and malt. September sees the launch of two new beers, Fascination under Abbeysdale banner, a 3.9% very pale hoppy beer - final choice of hops still undecided at the time we went to print and Dr Morton's Break Fluid at 4.4%, a golden beer using a complex mix of malts to give predominantly malty flavours. [www.abbeysdalebrewery.co.uk](http://www.abbeysdalebrewery.co.uk)



**Kelham Island** - Their latest monthly special is Point Blank. It is a 4.8% dark beer with an opaque black colour and a hint of roasted coffee & chocolate. Similar to a traditional stout but milder & less bitter. [www.kelhambrewery.co.uk](http://www.kelhambrewery.co.uk)

**Steel City** - Steel City's August beer is New World Disorder. Named both after a Biohazard album, and in reference to the prodigious quantities of American hops we have once again used (Columbus for bittering, and Centennial, Citra, Cascade & Amarillo for flavour. Dry-hop is Amarillo. 5.2%, 5.9EBC and 103ibu. A special version for Peterborough beer festival (dry-hopped with Citra) marks Bram's 52nd birthday, and is called Western Bram. For those who simply have to try it how it came out of the fermenter, the Cask & Welly will be having the solitary cask of the latest in the non-dry-hop series, Bez Suchého Chmele – Čtyři.

September's brew will be a charity beer in honour of Chris Fudge, who passed away last month, long before his time. Around 30p per pint will be donated to St. Giles

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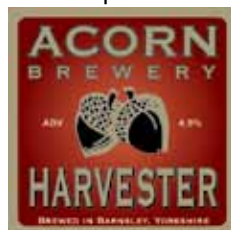
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Hospice, who provided care for Chris in his last years. It will be 4.7%, and pale and very hoppy in the style preferred by Chris (and us!), named Master of the Spooniverse.

[www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk](http://www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk)

**Acorn** - The new seasonal brews from Acorn are: Tower Power (4.1%) which is a rich amber coloured bitter, brewed to celebrate Blackpool Football Club's return to top flight football after more than 40 years & Harvester (4.5%). pale crystal malts give this bitter a sweet malty flavour and English Bramling Cross hops give an excellent bitterness and a berry fruit aroma.



Gorlovka Stout (bottle conditioned) made it through to the finals of the champion bottle beer of Great Britain at GBBF last week, Unfortunately, it didn't win, but it was great for it to be in with a shout. 2 x 20 barrel conditioning tanks have now arrived from Germany and are now in daily use. [www.acornbrewery.net](http://www.acornbrewery.net)



**Thornbridge** - The fourth International Collaboration Series brew is heading closer to completion at Thornbridge Brewery in Bakewell, Derbyshire. They have teamed up with Doug Odell of Odell Brewing Co. from Fort Collins, Colorado and have brewed Colorado Red (5.9%), which is described as having hints of subtle toffee malt, complemented by a heady mix of dried fruit, candied peel, hop resin, rosewater and a fantastic blend of herbal UK hop notes.

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# Local Pub and Club News

**The Old Queens Head on Pond Hill** is working through a list of Thwaites seasonals.

The July special was Chestnut Dancer, followed by Liberation which is brewed to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and bears the poppy symbol, and in August, there was Happy

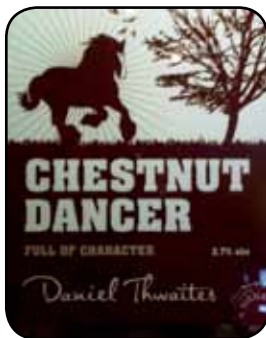
Daze, an amber bitter at 3.8%. Also look out for a special summer IPA. These beers are also likely to turn up in other Thwaites pubs that serve cask such as the **Old Horns at Bradfield** and the **Bridge Inn at Ford**.

**The Hallowes, Dronfield** has recently reopened and on our last visit, they had Easy Rider.

**The Rutland Arms on Brown Street** has announced that their 1st Birthday Bash will take place on Tuesday 5th October and more info will appear on their brand new website. [www.rutlandarmspeople.co.uk](http://www.rutlandarmspeople.co.uk)

The final count is in for the money raised for the "Rain Rescue" charity at the recent **Sunfest at The Rising Sun**. Well over £2,000 was raised at the festival as well as from the sale of the Abbeydale beer, Waggin' t'Ale. This will pay for a rescue kennel space for a year, allowing many dogs to be housed whilst awaiting re-homing.

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust raised over £1,700 from their Saturday Hog Roast and Barbecue, thanks to lots of hard work from their volunteers. Abbeydale now has an on-going relationship with Whirlowdale with Abbeydale beers featuring at the Beer and Bangers Comedy nights hosted by Toby Foster on the 25th Sept, 23rd Oct and also available at the Whirlowdale Farm Fair on Sunday 19th Sept.



**Henry's Bar on Cambridge Street** in Sheffield City Centre now has real cider available and options for an outdoor drinking area are being considered.

On the end of South Road, Walkley, opposite the library is Palm Street, mainly terraced houses and half way down is **the Palm Tree**. There is a small outdoor drinking area at the front and a beer garden to the rear. Snooker is free on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the wall there is a record of the landlords since the pub opened in 1856. William Thorpe was the first and Dave Harrison is the current one and has been here for ten years. His current real ale is Black Sheep Bitter. Tuesday is quiz night with free buffet and beer tokens for the winner, Saturday night entertainment is either karaoke or a singer.

The recent Tramlines festival at **The Fat Cat** turned out to be a fantastic weekend. The 2 tramlines beers sold out almost instantly and on Saturday they sold over 500 pints of Pale Rider. On Sunday afternoon they had The Everly Pregnant Brothers playing, so many came down to see them that some had to stand on the street to listen because the beer garden was so full.

## Pub of the Month nominations

**The following pubs are currently nominated, why not pay them a visit and vote whether or not you think they deserve our next pub of the month award?!**

Bridge Inn, Ford) - Commercial, Chapeltown - Wharnccliffe Arms, Chapeltown - Three Stags Head, Wardlow Mires - Anglers Rest, Millers Dale - Closed Shop, Commonsides - Hallamshire House, Commonsides & The Riverside, Mowbray Street.

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### *Opening times:*

12 - 11pm: Monday - Saturday.

7 - 10.30pm: Sunday.

# **Derbyshire Pub of the Year 2010** **The Old Hall Hotel - Whitehough**

The High Peak & NE Cheshire branch of CAMRA enjoyed a splendid evening in August when they visited the Old Hall Hotel in Whitehough, near Chinley, for their branch meeting, which incorporated the presentation of the Derbyshire Pub of the Year award.

The branch had previously selected the Pub as its Pub of the Season for Autumn and the meeting also included the certificate presentation. The Old Hall is a great pub, not only because of

the sixteenth century architecture of the old manor house with its minstrel's gallery, but because of the wonderful hostelry it has become in recent years.

First class beers, many from local micro breweries, accompany the popular menu on offer seven days a week. Dan Capper, the Landlord, has been instrumental in this success and is also very supportive of CAMRA's aims.

Dan has organised two beer festivals over the previous twelve months and is ably supported by his team of enthusiastic staff who have significantly contributed to the pub's recent success.

These qualities resulted in the High Peak branch also selecting the Old Hall as its nomination for Derbyshire Pub of the Year, which it duly won, and the pub now goes forward to compete for the East Midlands accolade.

To commemorate this fantastic achievement the pub was awarded with a second certificate on the night, this one presented by Julian Tubbs, CAMRA's Regional Director for the East Midlands and is pictured above with Dan and some of his support team.

Visit [www.oldhallbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.oldhallbeerfestival.co.uk) for details of the next beer festival which takes place on 17th - 19th September.



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# Beer Festival Update!

Sheffield's annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival takes place from *Thursday 30th September to Saturday 2nd October* with a total of around 150 real ales, ciders and perries to choose from. The event is brought to you by volunteers from the Campaign for Real Ale in a couple of marquees in Cemetery Park, which is just a few minutes walk from the bright lights of Ecclesall Road, and also features live music, food and stalls.

The admission cost is about a fiver (varies according to session and discounts available for CAMRA members and groups booking in advance - see website) and this includes a souvenir festival glass, you then buy a bunch of beer tokens to spend at the bar and try lots of beers or ciders! The beer range will showcase our local craft brewers as well as bring you a selection of new and rare beers from across the UK, along with the odd award winning old favourite here and there! The cider range will bring you a selection from small producers around the UK to give you an idea of what's out there in the world of real traditional cider across the sweetness scale.

The festival opens with (hopefully) the full range of drinks at 5pm on Thursday and all beers and ciders will remain available until they run dry. Friday and Saturday the festival opens at midday. Each day closing time is 11pm and all the evening sessions feature live music, Saturday afternoon features a charity pub quiz to raise money for the children's hospital and throughout the festival the CAMRA Every 1s a winner tombola will be in operation with lots of beer related prizes to be won!

We've again made the effort to bring you choice of food at the festival, with a return from two favourites from last year - Yuleys Bratwurst and Handmade Cornish Pasty - along with a new arrival in the form of the Green Machine offering a range of vegetarian snacks.

We've once again taken into account the ever growing popularity of the festival by getting bigger marquees this year so we can fit more people in which should hopefully reduce the Friday night queues and the beer & cider order has also been adjusted accordingly!

If you've not been to the festival before, do try and get to it, I'm sure you'll enjoy the event. More information can be found at [www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk)

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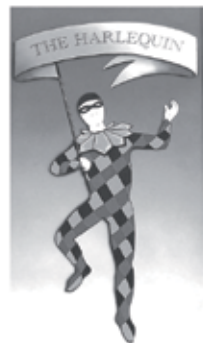
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## Pub of the Month: September 2010

### The Fat Cat - Sheffield City Centre

The leading article in the October 1981 issue of Beer Matters began "On Friday 21st August Sheffield acquired what it has deserved for a long time – a real ale free house. Despite the wealth of real ale and gradually increasing choice in the city, the opening of the Fat Cat is a reminder of what we have been missing since the mid-seventies when, thanks largely to CAMRA activities, free houses with a range of real ales started to spring up all over the country."



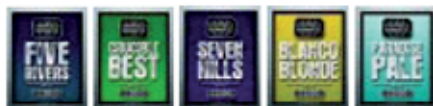
The building at 23 Alma Street had opened as the Alma in the 1850's and had traded as a Stones' pub since 1912, but was put up for auction by owners Bass early in 1981. Bought by current owner Dave Wickett and his then business partner, the transformation was rapid to enable the August opening. The two small rooms are either side of a corridor drinking area, and are complemented by an upstairs function room, available for overspill drinking when not booked, and an extensive beer garden.

What was then an innovative beer range included Marston's Pedigree and Owd Rodger, Taylors Landlord, Theakstons Old Peculier and West Riding Bitter, together with an ever changing range of guest beers. In 1990 Dave Wickett, by then sole owner of the pub, opened the Kelham Island Brewery, Sheffield's first new brewery for nearly a century, in a corner of the beer garden. The brewery's success resulted in a move to larger premises built in the adjacent car park in 1999, and the former brewhouse is now the Brewery Visitor Centre, and is used for the Fat Cat's regular beer festivals, one always on the weekend nearest the anniversary of the pubs opening. The pubs regular beers are now Taylors Landlord, Kelham Island Best Bitter and Pale Rider, together with seasonal and special brews from Kelham, and large range of changing guests, with over 5000 featuring since opening. Real cider is usually available together with a selection of continental bottled beers.

Duncan, the manager for the last 2½ years is assisted by a loyal team including Diane who has been at the pub since it opened, Stephen who was previously manager for over 20 years, and Alison who has run the kitchen for 28 years. The Fat Cat pioneered the concept of a pub "no smoking" room and has always catered for vegetarians and vegans, as well as providing an atmosphere free of intrusive music, TV and gaming machines. Now in its 30th year as a free house the Fat Cat lives up to its motto "Still ferociously independent."

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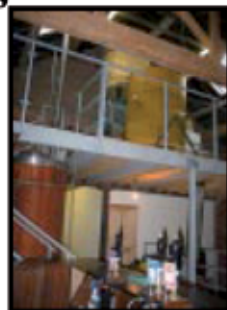
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## Cooking with LocAle: Tortilla Espagnole with Abbeydale Black Bishop

This month I am matching a Spanish favourite with a seasonal beer from Abbeydale Brewery. Tortilla Espagnole is a classic tapas dish, eaten just about everywhere. It is very versatile in that a variety of extras can be added to it, although in Spain it is usually eaten plain.

Black Bishop, an August special, is a complex malty porter with flavours of citrus, spices and treacle, which strangely goes very well with egg-based dishes. Think fried eggs and black pudding!

I chose locally sourced eggs from George House Farm on Hill Top Road, Dungworth. Jane (0114 232 1187, 07525 187220) delivers to shops and pubs around North Sheffield and supplies free range and barn hen, duck, banty and goose eggs. Quail eggs coming soon as well!



### **Ingredients (serves up to 8)**

450g waxy (salad) potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced.

½ bottle olive oil.

2 onions, chopped or finely sliced.

3 large eggs.

Salt and pepper.

Parsley.

Optional extras (pre-cooked where appropriate): ham, bacon, cheese, mushrooms, peppers, asparagus, artichoke hearts. All should be grated or thinly sliced as appropriate.

### **Method**

Pre-fry any additional ingredients as necessary.

Dry the potato slices. Heat the oil in a large heavy frying pan, add the potatoes and onions and cook for 20-30 minutes on a low-medium heat turning gently occasionally until the potatoes are cooked through, but not browned. They should not fall apart.

Beat the eggs in a bowl and season well with salt, pepper, and chopped parsley.

Drain the potatoes in a large sieve, reserving the oil for another time. Wipe the pan clean, then add 2 tbsp oil and heat again.

Mix the potatoes, onions and any additional ingredients into the eggs, then tip back into the pan. Cook for 3-5 minutes on low heat, pressing the potatoes gently into the mixture.

Now comes the tricky bit: Use a thin bendy spatula to gently loosen the base of the tortilla all the way round, until you are confident it is loose in the pan. Place a plate over the pan, wrap a tea towel round for grip, then quickly invert the pan and plate so the tortilla falls onto the plate. Got it? Good. Now slide the tortilla back into the pan and cook for a further 3-5 minutes.

Slide onto a serving plate and allow to cool a little. Cut into wedges to serve. Garnish with parsley. Can also be served cold.

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# Edinburgh - that's an order!

Most travel guides nowadays are really just for reference and give the reader an idea of what a place is like, what to do, and how to do it – but the new CAMRA guide, which dropped through my letter box recently, is a tartanly different bowl of haggis...

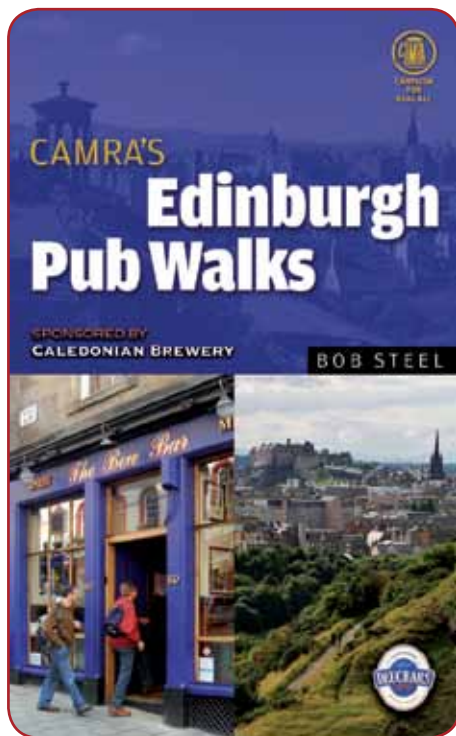
Never before have I started reading a guide book from the first page and been totally and utterly captivated by its contents, and add to that, the overwhelming urge to visit all of the locations described as soon as humanly possible... the result is one hell of a travel guide to the pubs of... Edinburgh!

CAMRA's Edinburgh Pub Walks by Bob Steel is in the same series as Peak District Pub Walks (from £7.99) and the revised London Pub Walks (from £6.99). All are pretty similar in style with lots of nice images of temptingly old pubs and even maps that I can follow, but this new guide appeals even more to me than the others, because Edinburgh is an area that I have never visited [whilst old enough to drink] but I've always convinced myself that it's somewhere I must go, so it's a complete mystery to me... let the fun begin!

The first thing that grabs you about the book is that it is sponsored by Caledonian Brewery, which to start off I thought would be an open invitation for lots and lots of mentions for Deuchars IPA (cough). However, at the back of the book, there is an excellent Beer Index guide, which gives you an idea of what beers you might find in all of the pubs listed in the book – and Caledonian and specifically, Deuchars is rampant, so why wouldn't you get Caledonian to sponsor the book? However, perhaps this may backfire, because as soon as I checked the list, I was checking which pubs in the book stocked beers from the likes of Stewart, Black Isle, Brewdog, Cairngorm, Deeside and Fowler's Breweries and vowed to put those pubs at the top of my hit-list.

I'm probably the first to admit that I'm not a huge walker (taxi's were invented to go between pubs, weren't they?), but a lot of these walks are my kind of walks – the shortest being just ½ a mile and the longest being around 6 miles. Walks that even I can manage!

The first section of the book covers Old and New Edinburgh and features 17 walks which are all centred around the city. The good thing about these walks is that once you have got to the end of one, chances are that there is another walk which links onto it,



so it is possible to do several walks in one – as long as you can stand the drinking pace! For example... Walk 1 starts at the main train station in Edinburgh, Waverley and ends there! It's just ½ a mile in length and visits three pubs – it links to walks 2, 3, 6 and 8. Walk 2 also starts at Waverley station and is 2½ miles and visits another 3 pubs, and ends back at the station... you get the idea!

The second section is titled Beyond the Fringe and visits some of the towns and villages in the area that have some excellent pubs – Leith, Kircaldy, Linlithgow and Dunbar are amongst the list of places that can easily be reached by public transport, so no need to drive (and why would you),

The final walks section of the book revisits Edinburgh, but concentrates on the best pubs that are architecturally pleasing as well as those pubs that have superb unspoilt interiors. Beer comes second in this section (and only in this section) as the descriptions of these pubs are purely about the buildings and the fixtures and fittings.

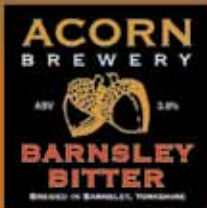
Finally we have the mandatory section about accommodation, transport, and then we get an explanation of beer styles, including a description of the Scottish styles that still mystify me. A pubs index is then followed by the previously described and well used beer index.


As I mentioned in my introduction, this book begs you, nay, orders you to visit Edinburgh, and dares you to try a few of these sedate walks and sample some excellent Scottish fine ales (whilst hopefully missing most of the Deuchars). We now intend to visit at the end of October and (fingers crossed) will remember to make notes so that I can put knuckle to keyboard for a future issue of Beer Matters.


**Edinburgh Pub Walks** is out now, priced £7.99 for CAMRA members and £9.99 for non-members. The title is available from the CAMRA website and all good retailers. ISBN: 978-1-85249-274-8


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Take your bike on the train to Chinley on one of the stopping services that run from Sheffield to Manchester and normally depart from platform 2c. There's no need to pre-book your bike but space is allocated on a first come, first served basis and trains can get busy, particularly at weekends.



Once at Chinley, go over the bridge from the platform to a housing estate and cycle down to the main road. In a few hundred yards turn right at the sign for Whitehough and head downhill before the road bends to the left and starts the steady climb uphill. You pass the excellent GBG-listed Old Hall pub, but it's probably a bit soon to take your first refreshment stop less than a mile into the ride! Follow this road for the next 1.5 miles until it heads down into Chapel-en-le-frith and reaches a T-junction. Turn left here, then shortly after turn right down Long Lane, passing a school on your right. Carry on under the railway bridge then take the turning on your right signed for the railway station.

On reaching the station, you appear to have come to a dead end, but to the right of the main station building you'll find a white gate that enables you to cross the railway lines (with care) and head uphill along a track through a wood. This emerges from the wood as a paved but bumpy path – fine for mountain bikes but those with road bikes would be better off carrying their bike on this short section. The path ends at a country lane, so turn left up the steep slope that reaches a summit then drops down into the village of Dove Holes. There's little to see here – indeed Dove Holes was voted the Ugliest Village in Britain in 2001 and it's not difficult to see why!

Cross the busy A6 at the traffic lights and go straight on along Dale Road for a mile. Trainspotter's will enjoy the panoramic views of the Peak Forest sidings on your left, a reminder that for all its natural beauty, some parts of the White Peak are still working industrial landscapes. Turn left at the T-junction, cross over the bridge, then it's uphill for another mile before you get to enjoy the wonderful descent into Peak Forest, though keep an eye on your speed as there's a sharp bend to the left a mile outside the village.

At this point you may feel you've earned your first pint of the day, and indeed there is a pub in the village called The Devonshire Arms. It's not one I'm familiar with myself and their website suggests it's the kind of gastropub that may not suit sweaty cyclists, so I would suggest turning right and continuing with the ride. You are now on the A623

and as you head out of the village are faced with a really tough climb as the road bends sharply to the left then to the right shortly before the summit. There's no shame in getting off and pushing here – the views are excellent and if you're doing the shorter ride this is the last serious climb! As you get your breath back and head downhill for just over a mile, look out for a crossroads sign and take the next turning on the right. The pleasantly-wooded lane eventually brings you out in Tideswell, one of the White Peak's most famous villages and a magnet for tourists. Tideswell boasts several pubs, but my preferred option is **The Horse And Jockey**, on Queens Street, which serves regularly changing local ales – I enjoyed an excellent pint of Thornbridge Wild Swan on my last visit.

Leave the village by cycling straight up the main street, passing the George Inn on your left and heading up the B6049 to the junction with the A623 opposite the Anchor Inn, a Robinson's tied house. Turn right, then immediately left, a continuation of the B6049. After a relatively unremarkable mile, you reach the head of Bradwell Dale, and for me the most exhilarating section of road riding in the Peak District. It's a lovely descent of nearly three miles with magnificent views down the valley, the steep-sided Abney Moor on your right and Bradwell Moor on your left. Bradwell village itself is well-served with pubs but I prefer to enjoy the downhill ride and continue to the junction with the A6187, just past Brough, where you'll find **The Travellers Rest** opposite the traffic lights. Here you can enjoy the delights of a pleasant beer garden and one of their hand pulled guest ales – Bradfield Farmer's Blonde on my visit – while you search for the pub sign's missing apostrophe!

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On leaving the pub turn left towards Bamford (if you've given the pub a miss, turn right at the traffic lights opposite the pub). Although an A road, there's a cycle lane for much of the way, which helps ensure traffic is kept at an arm's length. Soon you reach Bamford and the junction with the A6013 – continue straight on here for the largely flat two miles that will take you into Hathersage. On entering the village, look for Station Road on the right, where you'll find the Little John, one of the Peak's best known real ale pubs, though surprisingly missing from this year's GBG. This is a good place to end your ride as 200 yards further along Station Road is Hathersage rail station, from where you and your bike can take a train back to Sheffield.

However, if you're feeling fit and fancy a stiff climb, it's only 10 miles to Sheffield, so you may wish to continue. There are several alternatives but the quietest for traffic is to head back to the main road, turn right up the hill and, when the road bends to the right, go left down School Lane. You'll pass (or not) the **Scotsmans Pack**, another old favourite pub (with another missing apostrophe?), though perhaps more renowned for its food than its beer these days. Once out of the village the road veers uphill and gets seriously steep – so much so that all but the fittest are advised to get off and push and just enjoy the moorland scenery. Keep following the road as it bends to the right, still ascending all the way to the junction with a road on your right, where you can enjoy excellent views of Higger Tor and the Burbage Valley as you recover your breath. Keep left at the junction, follow the road through several bends as it descends across moorland to Ringinglow and the Norfolk Arms (closed at the time of writing but local reports suggest it's likely to reopen under new owners).

From here it's simply a matter of continuing along Ringinglow Road as it drops down into Ecclesall and turning left down Ecclesall Road - where you go from here depends on where in Sheffield you live. If heading back to the rail station, you can use the cycle lane along Ecclesall Road, but in my view a better option is to turn right at the Banner Cross traffic lights up Psalter Lane, then drop down Cemetery Road to Moorfoot, from where the cycle path signs will show you the easiest way back to the station. Head for platform 1b, where you can celebrate a successful ride with a pint or three in the **Sheffield Tap!**

Steve Walshaw

**Disclaimer:** *Whilst cyclists are not subject to the same drink-driving laws as motorists, it is an offence to be "cycling on a road or public place whilst under the influence of drink" (to the extent that you're unfit to ride). Know your limits and don't overdo the refreshments!*

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**Thursday 2nd September 8pm - Members Weekend planning meeting.** The organising committee continue to discuss arrangements for hosting the CAMRA national Members Weekend & AGM in Sheffield, April 2011. The meeting is at the Rutland Arms, Brown Street.

**Tuesday 7th September 8pm - Branch meeting.** Members are invited to attend to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on what the committee and national CAMRA have been doing and discuss any issues, all over a pint of course. The venue this month is the Old Crown on London Road (buses 20/20A/75/76/97/98).

**Tuesday 14th September 8pm - Pub of the Month presentation at The Fat Cat.**

**Saturday 18th September 11:25am - RambAle.** We get the TM Travel 65 bus at 11:25 out to the Fox House Inn for the start of a scenic Peak District walk with suitable refreshment stops at pubs along the way. Route not confirmed at time of going to press, please check our website for more details.

**Tuesday 21st September 8pm - Beer Festival planning meeting.** We discuss final arrangements for our Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, which takes place from 29th September to 1st October in Cemetery Park. The meeting is at the New Barrack Tavern, Penistone Road (bus 53).

**Saturday 25th to Wednesday 29th September. Beer Festival set up.** Volunteers required!

**Tuesday 28th September 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting.** The September issue of Beer Matters will be available to collect from the Kelham Island Tavern to distribute to real ale outlets across our area, if you come down tonight why not have a social pint with other distributors? Posters and flyers for the beer festival will also be available to take out. The Committee meeting follows at 9pm in the Fat Cat.

**Thursday 30th September to Saturday 2nd October. Steel City Beer & Cider Festival.** Two marquees in Cemetery Park full of real ale, cider, food and entertainment!

**Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th October. Beer Festival take down.** Volunteers required!

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