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

Celebrate Sheffield's good pubs this Christmas!





Presenting the December 2010 & January 2011 Pubs of the Month



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Specials for December

District CAMRA



Winter 5.2% Strong, pale IPAstyle beer. Full hop flavours and a crisp bitter finish.



Dr Morton's Reindeer

Repellent 4.2% Golden

medium-bodied beer. well

balanced and very

drinkable.



Local Brewery News

Acorn Brewery - www.acorn-brewery.co.uk

Acorn's two beers for Christmas will be **Cracker** (4.1%), which is a pale straw coloured ale with a lemon and grapefruit hop aroma, and **8th Noel** (5.5%), a luscious rich ruby coloured ale, made with roasted malts and American hops which combine to release rich berry fruit flavours. Both of these seasonal beers are available through the free trade and SIBA DDS.

Delivery of a new duel purpose 50 barrel vessel, built in Germany will take place in early December. This will increase the brewing capacity to 150 barrels per week. The vessel



will enable Acorn to double brew their Barnsley Bitter as sales increase with this popular traditional Yorkshire bitter and also keep up with the ever increasing demand for their other core range and seasonal beers. The vessel also works as a conditioning tank which will also be used for bottling their range of beers.

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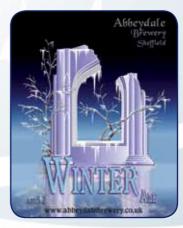
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Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

Abbeydale Brewery is looking forward to the Christmas season. The artist has done a fantastic piece of new artwork for a new IPA style beer called **Winter** and the brewers are determined to produce an equally fantastic new beer. The ABV is 5.2% and it will be a crisp, hoppy beer. The brewers are raiding the hop store to find lots of lovely hops for this one. It will be available throughout December.

The Dr Morton's for December is the very seasonallynamed **Reindeer Repellent** ABV 4.2%. This will be a golden, well balanced beer with lots of hop character.



The Abbeydale Beer for January is undecided as we go to press but the artist is working on a Dr Morton's beer inspired by the Abbeydale Winter beer called **Dr Morton's Antifreeze!**

Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

In the beer world, be it as a brewer or pub owner, we know we are not exempt from the impact of change. So be you big or small being able to move quickly and look at innovative solutions to changing times is a key element to future success. So when Thornbridge brewery entered into discussion with Enterprise Inns Plc. on a new model for running a pub leasehold there was "some concern", says Simon Webster, Thornbridge Director, "that the approach would not fit with existing models and be dismissed" "But from





our first discussion we were encouraged by Enterprise Inns to think outside the norms of other leases we hold with them and develop an innovative win-win approach". The discussion has focused on The Highcliffe Pub west Sheffield which difficulty providing a return for leaseholders. Now an agreement makes the pub free of tie.

Simon Webster added "We are delighted by the outcome of these discussions (with

Enterprise) and feel we have an approach in which Thornbridge and Enterprise Inns can both achieve what we desire. Turning the pub into the community hub we think it can become, will be challenging but I think the innovative partnership we have with Enterprise Inns will make this a success. As a signal of the change for the way we are working together and for a new approach to the pub we will be renaming it **The Greystones**"

Thornbridge's **Saint Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout** has been awarded a Gold Medal in the 2010 European Beer Star Awards. Well over 950 beers from 34 countries were judged by some of Europe's top beer judges. In making their awards the judges ensured that the winners conformed to strict criteria in terms of flavour, quality and authenticity of the beer class being judged.

Stefano Cossi, Thornbridge's Head Brewer collected the Gold Award at the awards ceremony in Nuremberg in November.

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Kelham Island Brewery - www.kelhambrewery.co.uk

Customers of Castle Rock pubs have voted Kelham Island **Pale Rider** as their favourite beer of 2010. Special brews for December are **Merry Christmas Baby**, a pale 4% beer, and the return of **Santa's Little Helper** (5%), brewed with fresh cranberries.

Peak Ales - www.peakales.co.uk

Peak Ales won two awards at the recent SIBA Midlands Competition, which was held at The Robin Hood Beer Festival in Nottingham! **Chatsworth Gold** won Bronze in the Speciality category and their Christmas special **Noggin Filler** won Bronze in the Premium Bitters category! Everyone at Peak is very pleased with these results as it shows all their efforts are being recognised

They also have a seasonal special out at the moment! Its called **Paxton**, it's a 4.4% full bodied red-brown ale with an earthy and biscuity malt flavour!

Barlow Brewery - www.barlowbrewery.co.uk

Barlow Brewery has added a new beer to its regular range, called **Dark Horse**, a best bitter at 4.2% and as the name suggests, its not a pale ale! This beer has been available at the Royal Oak in Millthorpe amongst other outlets.

A couple of new breweries starting up in West Yorkshire in the near future.

Kirkstall Brewery in Leeds which will share the same premises as Vertical Drinks wholesale with the head brewer being Dave Sanders, who will have an 8 barrel plant to play with. A large beer range is planned, the first beer is likely to be a 3.8% pale and hoppy session beer.

The other new start up planned is **Revolutions Brewery**, yet to find premises (which will potentially be in the Ferrybridge area), all their beers will be musically themed. It is likely that these beers will appear before the actual brewery is set up as cuckoo brewing at Brass Monkey is planned to get the basic range established. The first few beers will all be dark beers - a 3.3% dark mild, 4.5% Porter and a 7.8% Imperial Stout.



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Spire Sgt. Pepper Stout by Andrea Waterhouse

Spire Brewery is based on the Ireland Industrial Estate in Staveley, Derbyshire. It was founded in the spring of 2006 by a former

school teacher and Scot's Guard Bandsman called David McLaren. David had always had an interest in brewing and decided to give up teaching to follow his dream and scale up from home brewing to commercial brewing. This new brewery is housed inside two industrial bays and is capable of producing 10 barrels; they have also just installed a bank of six handpumps, so are able to offer brewery tours.

Their range of beers produced includes **Chesterfield Best Bitter** (a chestnut brown premium bitter at 4.8% ABV), **Good as Gold** (a pale well balanced beer at 3.8% ABV) and **Land of Hop and Glory** (a golden hoppy ale at 4.5% ABV). Their
beers can be found at selected pubs (especially in the Derbyshire and
Yorkshire regions) and also feature at Beer Festivals around the country.

We also came across some of their beers as far afield as Edinburgh during a recent visit!

Due to the brewer's musical background he decided that (wherever possible) the beers produced by Spire would have a musical theme. This is why we get **Overture**, **Prince Igor**

and Land of Hop and Glory, for example.

When they were developing the idea of a new dark beer they thought of adding pepper to stout and came up with the name Sgt. Pepper - after the Beatles song of course! Sgt. Pepper weighs in at 5.5% ABV and is brewed using Northern Brewer and Fuggles hops, along with Maris Otter pale, Amber and Pale Chocolate malts. Along with this, as the name suggests, freshly ground black pepper is also added during the brewing process. The beer style is a stout; think of a good stout like Brock, Black Mass or Espresso Stout, rather than something mass produced like Guinness!

Sgt. Pepper is a very dark brown, almost black stout with a long lasting coffee coloured head. The head stays with you throughout the pint and laces the side of the glass nicely as the dark liquid goes down. Aroma is a pleasant mix of roasted malt, fruit (a kind of raisiny scent), caramel and a spicy pepperiness that



gives it a slight kick. Texture is creamy, rich and pretty full bodied. The taste is certainly peppery, but there is certainly a lot more to it than that! The base flavour is a toasty roasted malt, blended with complex notes of chocolate (dark slightly bitter chocolate), liquorice and caramel (giving a balancing sweetness). The pepper starts off as just a hint and is barely noticeable. This changes as you drink and the pepper taste builds in intensity. This all leads to a bitter hop and roasted malt finish and a long dry aftertaste that leaves a peppery tingle on the tongue and on your palate. We also find that a cask of pepper changes throughout, often with more peppery layers mixing with more coffee flavoured layers.

I really rate Sgt. Pepper Stout! Not just because it tastes great, but because it is unique. The pepper flavour is a great touch and is just strong enough to be noticeable without being too



strong and really overpowering. It is also a good example of a stout; it is full bodied, strong and full of flavour and the novel idea of adding pepper gives it that little bit extra and a nice bite. From the first time I tried it I expected great things of this beer and the awards it has received show that I wasn't alone in thinking this! I have sampled Sgt. Pepper in lots of pubs local to me and on all these occasions found it to be of excellent flavour and quality. It was roasty, peppery and full of character and taste, in fact very pleasant indeed!

If you haven't had a pint of Pepper already, look out for this top class stout at Beer Festivals and pubs in the future. It's a well crafted and unique brew that I wholeheartedly recommend!

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Local Pub News...

Some good news of pubs that have introduced real ale to start with. The Crown on Chesterfield Road, Heeley, the Masons at Hillsborough and Sylvester's Bar on Campo Lane in the City Centre are all expected to have handpulled, cask condition beer available by the time this issue is published. Please prove they were right to put it on by going in and drinking it!

The Cobden View will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 1st Decemberfrom7pm, stalls from a few local craft artists, jewellery designers, (Manic Daisy and Poigny Originals) gift shops, Paul Cantrell Photography and The Book People. Mulled Wine and a few Christmas beers will also be available.

Chris and Mandy Davies of the Plough Inn, Low Bradfield are now also running the Bradfield Brewery owned **Nag's Head at Loxley**, where until the end of the year the price of Bradfield cask beers is reduced to £1.70/pint.

The Boardwalk on Snig Hill, Sheffield City Centre, is reported in the Sheffield Telegraph as investing in a bit of an overhaul of the premises with the live music venue seeing an increase in capacity and the downstairs bar refurbished and reopened as a separate real ale pub.

The Old Queens Head on Pond Street, next to the Sheffield Interchange, is participating in the Thwaites Cask Club. This allows their pubs to have guest ales if the pub is either Cask Marque accredited or in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. Each month, as well as the usual two Thwaites beers that the Queens Head has on the bar, there will also be either that months guest beer or a Thwaites seasonal. Should

there be sufficient demand there is a plan to install an additional handpump to enable them to offer both. The first guest ale to appear at the Old Queens Head was Gales Seafarer Ale.

The Plough at Low Bradfield has added Black Sheep Bitter as a regular beer alongside those from Bradfield Brewery. Guest ales still also feature.

The S1 bar on West Street, Sheffield City Centre, held a food and drink promotion in early November, which saw a selection of food offers along with bargains on the handpumps, with Marstons EPA available at just £1.29 a pint!

The Old Sidings at Dronfield has closed down, Derbyshire Constabulary have used their powers under the licensing act to demand a review of the premises licence following concern that there was trouble there rather more often than they would like. This pub is up for sale freehold with the agency inviting final and best offers to be submitted by 12th November.

Another pub up for sale is the **Ye Olde Mustard Pot at Midhopstones**, a successful pub-restaurant.

The Sheffield Tap at the railway station has now opened its extra rooms with a small lounge and snug accessed through the door at the end of the bar, creating much needed extra seating capacity.

The Crown & Cushion in Burncross has replaced the Cask John Smiths Magnet with the keg version since the former ceased to be brewed, however the keg version is being served via handpump, so don't be fooled into thinking its real ale!

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Two pubs in Hathersage have recently achieved LocAle accreditation - the Millstone, Sheffield Road, which now has six handpumps, serving Black Sheep Bitter and Taylors Landlord, together with 4 rotating guest beers, mainly from local breweries, and the Little John, Station Road, which has an ever changing range of guest beers, again mainly local, with Kelham Island regularly featured. Also newly LocAle accredited is Thornbridge Brewery's new Sheffield outlet, the Greystones on Greystones Road, which is offering a full range of Thornbridge beers. In December, The Fat Cat will be holding its Christmas beers week. Starting on the 18th with a weekend of new seasonal ales and continuing until Christmas eve with some more specials and favourite festive beers. Their bonfire night was the busiest yet - it was a fantastic night and everybody enjoyed themselves, Thanks to all that came down.

starting soon at the Hillsborough Hotel will be a monthly regional beer festival, kicking things off in December will be a selection of beers from the South West. Come along, try, and judge for yourself who produces the Best Regional Beers. All entrants will be entered for a prize draw to win a Gallon of ale and an "I'll be the Judge of that" Polo shirt. We will be starting the New Year with beers from Scotland, so if there are any beers you would like us to get hold of email brad@hillsborough-hotel.co.uk with your suggestions and why.

The Blake Hotel on Blake Street, Walkley reopened on 10th November after being closed for nearly six years. Since being bought by James Birkett, owner of the real ale icon the Sheaf View in Heeley, it has undergone extensive renovation and refurbishment to create a comfortable community pub which retains a traditional style. 7 handpumps

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have been installed dispensing Bradfield Farmers Blonde together with 5 changing guest beers and a traditional cider. There is also a good selection of continental draught and bottled beers. Nearest bus routes are the 95 and 31/31A.

The Fox & Duck in Tinsley is boarded up and for sale, this means there are now no pubs remaining open in Tinsley.

On Sunday 14th November, a number of Wetherspoons pubs in Sheffield teamed up to host a beer event to raise money for charity. Participants met in the Bankers Draft where tickets were sold and t-shirts issued to everyone taking part and beers were sampled before moving on up to the Waterworks. In each pub there was a mystery beer to try, you received a complimentary taster and with the aid of the Wetherspoons beer festival tasting notes had to guess which beer it was, with a prize to be won. In the Swim Inn there was the added attraction of a game

of bar skittles and finally in the **Francis Newton** there were complimentary roast beef sandwiches and chips provided, there was also a raffle with beer and cider to be won.

Pete Brown was fascinated by the legend of India Pale Ale... so fascinated, he decided the only reasonable way to find out the truth behind the myth was to recreate its 18,000 mile sea journey with a cask of traditionally brewed IPA in tow. Come and listen to his tales of drunken excess in the Raj, mishaps on Midlands canals, encounters with Brazilian prostitutes and armed Iranian guards, as 2009's Beer Writer of the Year reveals the truth about the world's favourite craft beer style and taste some of Thornbridge's award winning Jaipur IPA that wouldn't have existed without it Pete will be appearing at The Grevstones on Thursday 16th December from 7pm.

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Some good news for some of those that like to enjoy a late drink in Sheffield City Centre on a weekend but don't like paying for a taxi home... TM Travel are expecting to launch three night bus services. At the time of writing detailed information was not available but we know there will be three departures from Leopold Street on Saturday and Sunday mornings and special fares will apply.

Route N1 is from City to Chapeltown via Hillsborough and Parsons Cross. Route N2 is from City to Newfield Green via Ecclesall and Woodseats. Route N3 is from City to Handsworth via Crystal Peaks. More information should be available from Travel Line on 01709 515151 or www.tmtravel.co.uk

The popular community pub, **The Old Grindstone**, **Crookes** has a new manager. Clive is new to Sheffield and appreciates the friendly welcome he has been given by the locals. He is hoping to keep Taylor

Landlord, John Smiths Bitter, Greene King St. Edmunds and Hardy and Hansons Kimberly Bitter.

On the run up to Christmas he hopes to start serving food and have entertainment at weekends. There is a snooker table, two pool tables and a dartboard in the games area.

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?!

The Bridge, Ford
Wharncliffe Arms, Chapeltown
Riverside, City Centre
Cobden View, Crookes

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Pub of the Month: December 2010 The Commercial, Chapeltown

There are so many good pubs in Sheffield, that it's tempting to stick to the well-known pubs in the city centre. If you do, however, you will be missing out. Chapeltown may be on the outskirts of Sheffield, but it is easily reached by train or bus. As you approach the pub, you can't miss the sign reading "Real Ales, Real Food, Real Pub" - a most accurate description, I feel.



The pub has several rooms, arranged

around the bar in the centre. As you come though the door, there is a dining area on the right, opposite the main bar. The food is excellent, and reasonably priced too. On the bar, there are usually several beers from Wentworth Brewery (which is just up the road), as well as several guest beers from both local breweries and those further afield. The guest beers change regularly, as do the Wentworth seasonal beers, so there's plenty of variety. There's also real cider available.

On the other side of the central bar is the games room, which has a pool table and various traditional and modern pub games. Beyond the games room at the front of the pub is a snug. If this wasn't enough space, there's a large beer garden at the back,

and an upstairs function room.

There are quizzes on Thursdays and Sundays, various folk music groups meet at the pub, and there are beer festivals twice a year.

The Commercial is in Station Road, Chapeltown. Trains from Sheffield take 12 minutes and run twice an hour – leave Chapeltown station by the Arundel Road exit and the pub is 10 yards away at the bottom of the hill. The 265 bus also stops outside, and many other bus routes call in the centre of Chapeltown about ¼ mile away. The pub is open 12 until 3 and 5:30 until 11 Monday to Thursday, and all day from 12 noon Friday to Sunday. Food is served lunchtimes and evenings.

Mike Humphrey

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The Rutland Arms, going back a few years, was once one of Sheffield's great real ale pubs and was a Good Beer Guide regular and host to Sheffield & District CAMRA's Committee meeting and Beer Matters distribution. Alas the great publicans that ran it then have since moved on or retired and Punch Taverns allowed the place to go downhill until it closed down.



However in 2009 it was sold to a local property company and the pub part of the building is now leased by Andy Stephens and run as a free house.

Andy has very quickly built the pub up and made it good again and the glory days are back, along with the customers! Nothing major has been changed and thankfully some of the heritage features such as the stained glass windows and tiling remain, the pub has been redecorated and got some new furniture to maintain standards! The walls are host to changing art exhibitions and look out for random odds and sods and notices appearing on shelves around the pub, usually reflecting the humour of the staff.

The Rutland Arms has a range of up to 8 real ales, including a changing range of local beers. There is also always a choice of real ciders on the bar too and from time to time a cider festival is held.

Food is served at the Rutland every day from midday until 9pm, the menu is deliberately not too extensive but thought is always made to ensure there is some decent vegetarian options and all the food is cooked from scratch using good quality fresh ingredients and given the high standards is reasonably priced. Hot & cold sandwiches are also available including the now infamous Rutty Butty (Chips, cheese and a spicy tomato sauce) and Slutty Rutty Butty (also has bacon on). There is a daily special on the blackboard too, this is usually curry on Wednesdays and filled Yorkshire Puddings on Sundays.

There is a function room upstairs which can be booked for meetings and private parties and a beer garden out back.

To sum up why the Rutland Arms has been voted Pub of the Month by CAMRA members - good beer, good cider, good food, good atmosphere, Congratulations to Andy and his team of staff on winning this award, you all deserve it!

The presentation party is planned to take place from 8pm on Tuesday 11th January, all are welcome to come along to drink beer and help celebrate! You will find the Rutland on Brown Street in Sheffield City Centre with the bus and rail stations just a few minutes walk away. The pubs website has more information - www.rutlandarmspeople.co.uk



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in Sheffield with the AGM conference taking place at the Octogan Centre and the members bar in University House and pre-registration for those planning on attending has now opened. A form is available in the current issue of "What's Brewing" or you can register online at www.camra.org.uk by logging in as a member and following the instructions. The benefit of pre-registering is you get your handbook and badge (which you must wear to gain entry to the venue) posted out to you ahead of the event so you don't have to queue at the registration desk, you simply post your ticket in a box and collect your

Details of the brewery trips will be announced in the new year to those who have preregistered, these can be booked by credit or debit card via CAMRA HQ once tickets go on sale. All the trips include coach travel, brewery tour and food in the price of the ticket. There will also be a number of pub based events going on too during the members weekend, watch out for details of these.

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We will also be needing volunteers to help out with running the members weekend, including staffing the members bar. If you would like to work the event, please mention this when you pre-register to attend and our staffing officer will contact you for details of what you would like to help with and when.



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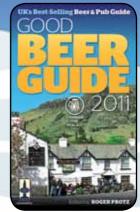
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Selecting pubs for the Good Beer Guide 2012

It is that time of year when we have to commence selection of which pubs in Sheffield and our part of Derbyshire should go in the Good Beer Guide. All members of Sheffield & District CAMRA are welcome to get involved in this process and help choose the entries in the 2012 guide, the ballot papers to select the favoured pubs will be issued at the December branch meeting, with a voting deadline of 31st December. The results of the vote will be made available to members at the January branch meeting, these pubs will be subject to survey before being confirmed as our entries in the guide.

Remember, when voting that the principle reason for a pub being in the Good Beer Guide is that it *consistently serves good quality real ale*, however as in Sheffield we have more pubs serving good beer than space in the guide you can use other



considerations to narrow down your selection such as whether the pub uses oversized glasses, variety in the beer range, customer service, atmosphere, value for money etc.

The December branch meeting is on Tuesday 7th December, 8pm, at the Princess Royal in Crookes. If you cannot make this meeting we will also be making the ballot paper available to download from the branch website, **www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk**

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Blurring the boundary? by Andrew Cullen

There is an interesting hot topic at the moment being discussed by beer writers on various blogs around the internet and elsewhere that are pretty much accusing CAMRA members of being dinosaurs and taking a too narrow view on what is good beer.

It could be considered by some as a bit of a confusing time with keg John Smiths Magnet appearing on handpumps in certain pubs in Yorkshire and the North East, misleading consumers into thinking it is the real cask conditioned version whilst at the same time down in London the Euston Tap bar serving genuine real ale on air assisted taps rather than handpumps! Just to add into the mix, some interesting American beers produced by small craft brewers are appearing in pubs like the Sheffield Tap on keg.

The issue has also been pushed to our attention a bit more with Thornbridge experimenting by kegging Jaipur IPA and Kipling and Brewdog up in Scotland declaring keg is the future and opening a brewery tap in Aberdeen that only serves keg beer!

Now whilst the keg beers coming out some of the small craft breweries are much better than some of the industrial rubbish like John Smiths Smoothflow, mainly as they haven't been pasteurised, had preservatives added or made do with cheap ingredients, they certainly aren't real ale. The basic point of real ale, apart from the quality of the brewing process, is that it is a fresh product that goes through secondary fermentation in the cask giving the beer a natural condition and sparkle, so there is no need to add gas on dispense



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to make it fizzy, real ale is also not served chilled, it is served naturally cool. Both these facts help ensure the beer retains the natural balanced flavours the brewer intended.

Another interesting development has been the type of keg Thornbridge have been experimenting with. Its an innovation called "Keykeg" where the beer is in a protective aluminium foil bag within an outer plastic ball where the dispense gas is located, forcing the beer out. This means that the gas does not come into contact with the beer. Technically speaking you could use this type of keg for real ale if the yeast sediment is still in the beer when kegged, however as there is no means for the excess CO² to escape when dispensed, the beer is likely to be green, over-conditioned and of poor quality - it does have a longer shelf life however.

Whilst thinking about all this debate recently, I am grateful to Pete Roberts of The Brew Company who invited me down to the Harlequin to see an experiment he recently did, where he had a keg of Hop Monster. The beer had been kegged in the same condition he normally racks into casks, however when the beer was put on tap the yeast sediment was extracted to make the beer bright, the beer was chilled and gas added on dispense to make it sparkling. I was able to taste this keg Hop Monster alongside the cask conditioned version. The keg version was a pleasant enough drink and I quite happily drunk a pint

of it, however a lot of the more subtle flavours I am familiar with in the cask version of that beer had been killed, leaving a very bitter, hoppy, unbalanced beer. Since then I have been able to compare Brewdog Punk IPA and Thornbridge Jaipur IPA on a similar basis in the Sheffield Tap when both keg and cask was on at the same time, a similar difference was noted.

So my conclusion - OK, I accept some of the keg beers from the craft breweries are good, its just that the same beers in a cask conditioned real ale format are so much better, and I do believe CAMRA should continue pushing for that choice to be available, just as we have been for the last 40 years!





Dates for your diary... Socials, meetings etc.

Thursday 2nd December 8pm - National Members Weekend planning meeting. The organising committee meet at the Rutland Arms to continue discussing arrangements.

Saturday 4th December 5pm - Christmas Dinner Social. We get together in a nice country pub for our annual branch Christmas dinner, washed down with real ale. This year we are at the Ladybower Inn, located out in the Peak District by the reservoir of the same name. A minibus will operate from Sheffield Interchange, departing from outside the Old Queens Head at 5:30pm, with us sitting down to eat at 6:30pm. Please book your place and make your menu choices in advance by contacting Richard Ryan, our social secretary.

Tuesday 7th December 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 Princess Royal in Crookes (bus route 52, postcode S10 1NW).

Tuesday 14th December 8pm - Pub of the month. Members have voted for the Commercial at Chapeltown as the winner of the December Pub of the Month award, join us there as we present the certificate and help the pub celebrate their win. There will be beer, food, games and a raffle! Bus 265 stops outside the pub or Chapeltown railway station is close by. Postcode S35 2XF.

Tuesday 21st December 8pm - Committee meeting. At The Fat Cat.

Wednesday 29th December - minibus trip to Lincoln. Looking for something to do between Christmas and New Year? Our annual Twixtmas social this year sees us travel to Lincoln for a beer in some of the good pubs there. The minibus will depart from outside the Old Queens Head (by Sheffield Interchange) at 10:30am. Please book your seat on the minibus in advance by phoning Richard Ryan, our social secretary.

Tuesday 4th January 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 Swim Inn on Glossop Road, Sheffield City Centre.

Wednesday 5th January 8pm - Yorkshire Pub of the Year runner up. The Kelham Island Tavern was the runner up in the regional competition this year, join us there as Mick Moss, CAMRA's Yorkshire Regional Director, presents the certificate.

Thursday 6th January 8pm - National Members Weekend planning meeting. At The Rutland Arms.

Tuesday 11th January 8pm - Pub of the month. Members have voted for the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, as the winner of the January Pub of the Month award.

Tuesday 18th January 8pm - Beer Festival planning meeting. We start work on organising the 2011 Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, which will take place early October. If you would like to get involved and help with making the arrangements please come along to this meeting at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road (buses 53,78,79. Postcode S6 1GA).

Tuesday 25th January 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting. The December/January 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? The Committee meeting follows at 9pm in the Fat Cat.

Friday 28th January 8pm - Local pub walkabout. We take you on a guided pub crawl of a local area, look out for more details nearer the time.

Tuesday 1st February 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 Red Deer on Pitt Street, Sheffield City Centre.

For more information and to book places on trips, please contact our Social Secretary Richard Ryan on 07956 114 926



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