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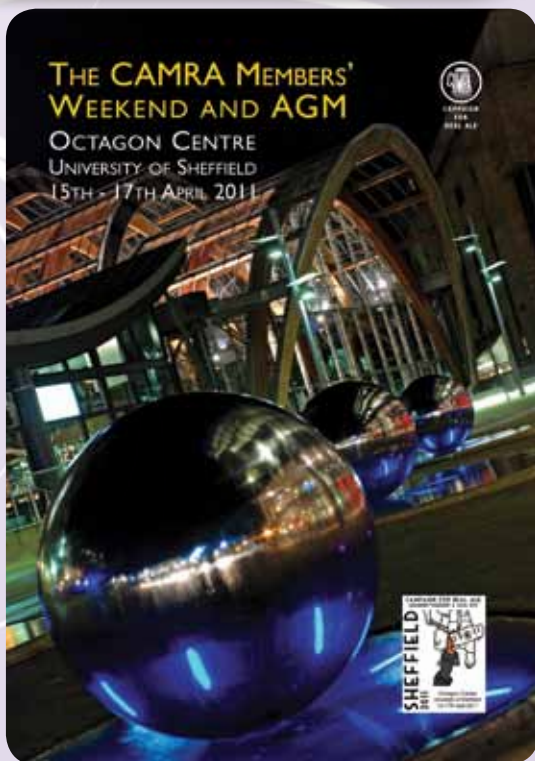
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The **FREE** magazine of the Sheffield & District  
Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale)

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February's Pub of the Month revealed!  
A review of The University Arms  
plus all YOUR local Pub and Brewery news!



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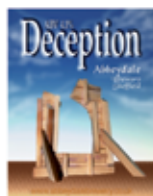
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\*Most frequently encountered beer in the  
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2010

### Specials for February



**Smoked Porter**  
4.8% Rich, dark  
smoky aromas,  
spicy flavours.



**Dr Morton's  
Cat-a-Tonic % Pale,**  
hoppy, herby with hints  
of fruit and a dry bitter  
finish.



# Local Brewery News

## Acorn Brewery - [www.acornbrewery.co.uk](http://www.acornbrewery.co.uk)

2010 was another successful year for Acorn with sales up 25% on the previous year. Expansion work continues with the delivery of a dual purpose 50 barrel stainless steel vessel which will enable us to brew 2 x 20 barrels of Barnsley Bitter and our fast growing popular Blonde at 4% in one day.

Seasonal beers to look out for are Bullseye (4.5%), a rich red coloured bitter brewed with dark Crystal malt and Celeia hops, and Apollo (5%) the 1st in the second series of American IPA's, rich golden coloured, with aromas of citrus orange and a resinous, spicy flavour.



## Two Roses Brewery - Barnsley.

The New Year will see the opening of a new brewery in Barnsley, an old carpet factory at Darton will be the home of the **Two Roses Brewery**. Finishing touches to the brewhouse are still being made and the brewing equipment is scheduled for installation in March 2011.

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The 8 barrel plant has been commissioned from David Porter, a well known brewery consultant and successful brewer, and test brewing will commence during March, with the first batch of beer being available in April. Beer will be available in bottles and 9 gallon casks and can be purchased direct from the brewery.

The name of the brewery stems from the fact that the owner is originally from Lancashire but has now made Yorkshire his home. A long time member of CAMRA, the head brewer and owner has been passionate about real ale for a number of years.

Brewery tours will be available and can be organised by contacting the brewery or by phone on 01226 388375 or 07771942908. The brewery plans to brew a number of regular beers complemented during the year with seasonal beers.

***Kelham Island Brewery - [www.kelhambrewery.co.uk](http://www.kelhambrewery.co.uk)***

Kelham Island Brewery were happy to collect another award during November. Castle Rock Brewery handed its 2010 award for **Beer of the Year** to Kelham Island for **Pale Rider**. This award is voted for in a poll of customers in all of the pubs in the Castle Rock stable and concluded that Pale Rider is their favourite guest beer. The awards ceremony was held at the superb Canalhouse in Nottingham, where the great and the good enjoyed an excellent buffet. Kelham's owner, Dave Wickett, was delighted to step forward to receive the award from Castle Rock's Chris Holmes.



**Chris, Mandy & the team look forward to welcoming you to...**

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During the royal visit last November, The University of Sheffield was host to the Queen and Prince Philip for lunch. Kelham Island Brewery received a request for some bottled beer, having been told that at lunch Prince Philip likes drinking a local beer. They delivered the first bottles of their new **University of Sheffield Ale** for the occasion, and were pleased to hear that Prince Philip enjoyed the beer with his lunch.

During January, the brewery moved its offices and headquarters next door to Prospect House on Alma Street, The brewery shop and off licence will open in that building when the licence has been granted.

Just before Christmas the breweries new brew for the Worship Company of Master Cutlers, named by them **Freeman's Ale** to signify the membership of the company, members being called Freeman. February's Beer Special is the deep golden winter warmer **Baby It's Cold Outside**.

**Steel City Brewing** - [www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk](http://www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk)

January's beer will be **Shadowplay**, a black IPA around 6% and 120 IBU. Taking its name from a Joy Division classic, Shadowplay follows on from **This Corrosion** in being not what it seems - though it looks like a stout, the black colour comes courtesy of Carafa special malt & sparging through roasted barley, thus extracting colour but with none of the harsh stout flavours imparted by standard chocolate malt or black malt.



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# Nags Head Inn

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**Quiz night Thursday**

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**Nags Head Inn, Stacey Bank, Loxley,  
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Hops are a selection of American C hops, with Chinook and Citra to the fore. And now for something completely different, the mini-kit will be producing a solitary firkin of mild, in honour of Martin the Mildman's 50th birthday.

February sees a return to business as usual, with **Saint Brendan**, a 4.5% 88.8 IBU pale ale, hopped with Nelson Sauvin, Green Bullet and Pacific Jade hops, and named in honour of the legendary Brendan Dobbin, who was a pioneer in New Zealand hop use in the UK. The mini-plant was used to produce a single firkin of **Ha Ha**, 6%ish and 134 IBU, which is an ipa using only Nelsons...

**Thornbridge Brewery** - [www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk)



Thornbridge's first new cask beer of 2011 is **Chiron** (5% - Pale Ale) – named after a Greek mythological character - a statue of whom resides at Thornbridge Hall. Chiron was a centaur - creatures notorious for being wild and lusty, overly indulgent drinkers and carousers. By contrast Chiron was intelligent, civilized, and known for his knowledge and skill. We like to think our Chiron is a sophisticated drink developed with knowledge and skill but containing just that little hint of hoppy devilment.



Rob Lovatt, Thornbridge's Brewery Manager says "balance was key for us in this recipe. We wanted to make a pale ale where all aspects of the beer complemented each other perfectly resulting in improved drinkability".

Chiron Pale Ale is golden in colour. The aroma is subtle but spicy with citric notes from the hops, balanced by biscuity malt and tart citrus fruit. In the mouth, there is a superb balance of tart hops, juicy malt and tangy fruit while the lingering finish offers a hint of apricot and tangerine before it finally becomes dry, bitter and hoppy but underscored by sweet malt. A beautifully balanced and wonderfully refreshing beer.

In 2009, Thornbridge launched a limited edition bottled beer, **Bracia**, which was a dark, rich ale. It won a number of awards, including Gold Medals (2009) in the International Beer Challenge and World Beer Awards and Silver (2010) at the World Beer Cup. Bracia (10%) will now be brewed and released four times a year in limited quantities of 500ml bottles. The 2010 Winter release also launches the new "Hall" range of beers, designed to showcase the brewery's innovation and speciality range.





Bracia's careful use of malt and hops produce a truly unique beer. Its aromas are of chestnut honey, cappuccino, white chocolate, dark fruits and vibrant fresh peel. The mouthfeel is velvety and rich, with notes of coffee, chocolate, liquorice and hazelnuts with warming alcohol, cocoa and a little peat in the finish. Thornbridge's Bracia has been infused with a generous amount of dark and bitter Chestnut Honey that was sourced from Beekeeper Onelia Pin in the Alpine foothills of North East Italy.

**Dominic Driscoll**, currently brewing at Marble Brewery in Manchester, will be joining the Thornbridge team at the end of January.

In July this year Stefano Cossi, Head Brewer of Thornbridge, was awarded the title UK Brewer of the Year 2010 by the All Parliamentary Beer Group. He has just scooped a further accolade as the **British Guild of Beer Writers** hailed him their **Brewer of the Year** at their annual beer and food dinner.

#### ***Spire Brewery - [www.spirebrewery.co.uk](http://www.spirebrewery.co.uk)***

Spire Brewery starts 2011 with a new logo, a new van, and is actively seeking new larger premises from where they can expand their extremely successful bottling operation. They are also on the look out for a new part time sales-person to expand their team. Spire would like to hear from a suitably experienced and enthusiastic person, and details can be obtained by telephoning the brewery on 01246 476005.

January also sees the launch of their brand new Beer Club, the **Spire Brigade** which for an annual subscription, will entitle members to a free case of bottle-conditioned beer, an exclusive t-shirt, a branded Spire glass, two brewery visits per year, invitations to tasting evenings at the brewery, and regular brewery newsletters.



As this goes to press, Spire are well on the way to brewing the 10 beers for the bar at Chesterfield Beer Festival, including the long-awaited return of Nocturne Porter 5.7% ABV, and of course, Spire are already looking forward to hosting visits to the brewery during the CAMRA members weekend in April which coincides with Spire's 5th birthday celebrations. An exciting year ahead!



## Pub & Club news

**The Miners Arms in Stocksbridge** has reopened and is selling real ale from Bradfield Brewery. On the opening night beer was a very reasonable £2 a pint and complimentary snacks were laid on.

The historic **Old Heavygate Inn, Walkley**, dating back to 1696 has reopened with managers James and Kellie Mead showing their enthusiasm at running this popular pub. Greene King IPA is only £1.99 and Abbot Ale is £2.40 a pint. Bar meals and snacks are served all day, opening hours are 3pm to Midnight during the week but longer at weekends. Wednesday is curry night with curry and a pint for £4.95. There is a pool table, dart board and a card school for customers who want to get involved in returning this pub back

onto the local drinking circuit.

There are still a handful of bottles of Sharps limited **DW** beer available. Outside of Sharps brewery shop, this beer is only available at **The Fat Cat**. The beer will help raise money for Dave Wickett's choice of cancer charity. A 750ml bottle of this unique 9.5% abv ale costs £11.

Danny Grayson, who we previously reported had taken on the **Chantrey Arms in Woodseats**, has been very busy. The pub closed for refurbishment on the 10th January and is due to re-open at the end of the month and will then have a choice of three real ales on the bar - an increase in choice from the Tetley Bitter the pub has traditionally always sold.

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February 27th - Black Hares (folk)

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Blues drop in session first Wednesday of the month  
and Gypsy Jazz on second Wednesday of the month.

### *Opening times:*

12 - 11pm: Monday - Saturday.

7 - 10.30pm: Sunday.

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A manager has been installed - Chris Storey, who will be helping run the **Chantrey**, as Danny has now also taken on the **White Lion at Heeley** where he has employed Ruth Smith to help realise the potential of this classic pub, expect a choice of up to 14 real ales to be available very soon. Combined with the Sheaf View this will make Heeley a bit of a real ale mini hot spot!

Also in **Heeley**, the **Crown Inn**, located at the bottom of **Albert Road**, now has real ale in the form of Kelham Island Easy Rider.

**The Railway at Wadsley Bridge** has a new licensee, Jean McDermott and has reopened with cask ale available. Initially the pub is opening on Friday evenings from 5pm and Saturdays and Sundays from noon.

The **Wetherspoons** chain held a January sale, with various offers on both food and

drink. They now have eight pubs in Sheffield.

**Dempsey's Club at Moorfoot** has installed a handpump on a trial basis to dispense traditional cider in the form of Westons Old Rosie.

**Enterprise Inns** has applied for planning permission for new signage as they convert the **Old Harrow on White Lane** into an Indian Restaurant called Bay of Bengal.

Tony and Sandra have left the **Walkley Cottage** and the pub has closed. They won our Pub of the Month award there last year and were seen as a well deserved recipient, we wish them all the best for the future. Hopefully the pub company will find new tenants to run the pub sometime soon.

**The Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre**, has a new chef and a new menu. Meanwhile, also on the pub food front, out at **Tideswell**, the **George** is cooking Steaks on Volcanic rock.

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**Riverside Cafe Bar, Mowbray Street  
Cobden View, Crookes  
Red Lion, Litton  
Rutland Arms, Holmesfield**

You can vote using the form available at branch meetings or alternatively by email, see our website for details.  
**[www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk)**

**The Hallamshire Hotel on Lydgate Lane, near Crosspool**, has been demolished to make way for a housing development. Developers have told the Council that the pub company that previously owned it hadn't found it viable as a pub.

**The Horns Inn at Holmesfield** has a new licensee and should reopen early February.

**The Old Hall Inn at Chinley** held a successful Christmas Market back in December, with local businesses selling their wares including food and craft products from stalls in the pub's beer garden. It snowed and lots of local people came and enjoyed the event. Looking forward, their winter beer festival will be taking place from **25th to 27th February**, with around 60 real ales featured along with food and folk music. If you want to get there from Sheffield, the pub is about a 15 minute walk from Chinley railway station on the Manchester line.

It has been confirmed that the **Tramlines Music Festival** will take place again in 2011 in Sheffield and last years new innovation of the blues trail featuring real ale pubs along the tram route hosting blues bands is to be developed further.

On **Saturday 24th July** there will be a dedicated blues venue with a real ale bar, in addition to the pubs. The venue is the Creative Arts and Development Space at Smithfield, which will be open and hosting live music from midday until midnight. This venue is an old factory which should prove very atmospheric.

The Creative Arts and Development Space (or CADS to it's friends!) is about a 5-10 minute walk from Shalesmoor tram stop and Gibraltar Street/Scotland Street bus stops, however it is anticipated a special festival bus service will link the City Centre with this main blues stage venue and the participating pubs.

A special Tramlines beer is being brewed by **Sheffield Brewery Company**, this will be available in all the blues venues on the Tramlines weekend and will also appear in pubs in the months leading up to the event too, in order to promote the festival.

*Les & Sue welcome you to*

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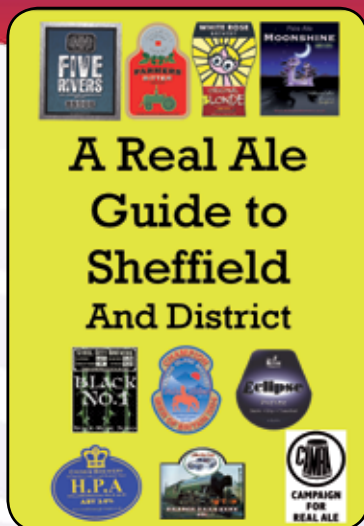


# Sheffield & District Local Guide Coming soon...

The finishing touches are now being made to the new 2011 edition of "A Real Ale Guide to Sheffield & District", which is due to go on sale in March. This book will be a comprehensive guide to pubs serving real ale in the City of Sheffield and neighbouring parts of Derbyshire including Dronfield, Killamarsh and the North East Peak District.

Every pub that serves real ale will be in the guide with a description and information such as opening hours, food service times etc, which has been gathered by surveys conducted by volunteer CAMRA members. There will also be maps showing where all the pubs are located.

As well as a guide to the pubs in our area, the guide includes articles about all the local breweries, restaurants with real ale to accompany food, the presence of genuine imported beers in Sheffield's pubs and bars, what the local CAMRA branch is about and more, making it THE guide to the local beer scene!



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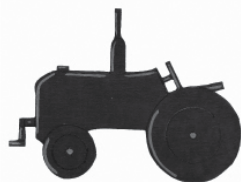
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# The University Arms, Sheffield

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Tom took over the reins in January 2011 and has been working hard behind the scenes to revamp both the food menu and the range of continental bottled beers and lagers to complement their excellent range of real ales.

Over the years Tom has been at the helm of a number of pubs around the city, but many of you may know him from his time at the Hillsborough Hotel, where he was the Bar and Kitchen Manager. Beer Matters caught up with Tom for a quick chat about his plans for the venue. "University Arms is a great pub and I'm really excited about some of the changes we're introducing. You'll still find a fantastic range of real ales that the pub has become known for, but now you'll be able to enjoy good, traditional home-cooked pub food, using locally sourced produce.

"People who know me know how passionate I am about real ale and I'll be working closely with local breweries to ensure that we always have a great selection available with regular and guest ales to choose from. This will include dedicated beer and cider festivals being held at the University Arms over the coming year, where customers will be able to sample real ales from all corners of the UK."

With regular events, including a free quiz night every Tuesday offering great prizes, and live music nights with local and national musicians playing anything from Jazz to Rock, it's no surprise that the University Arms is a favourite amongst CAMRA members.

The pub's been closed for a few weeks, but we'll be first in the queue when it reopens on 14 February 2011.

Looking towards the summer, they will be hosting a cider and music festival, with live bands performing in the newly landscaped beer garden alongside fresh, locally sourced burgers on the barbecue.

To find out more about the University Arms and for details of events and offers, visit [www.withUS.com/drink](http://www.withUS.com/drink) You can also find us on Facebook, where you will be able to get a sneak preview of upcoming beers. [www.facebook.com/universityarms](http://www.facebook.com/universityarms)





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# The Yorkshire Regional Inventory

Regular readers may have seen this project mentioned briefly before, a book is being compiled that is a fairly comprehensive inventory of pubs in the Yorkshire region that have interiors that CAMRA thinks should be protected from any significant alteration on the grounds of pub heritage.

The book, "Yorkshire's Real Heritage Pubs", is now complete and is due to be launched on the 28th January and will be available to buy from the CAMRA online shop ([www.camra.org.uk/shop](http://www.camra.org.uk/shop)) at a reasonable price.

In Sheffield pubs considered to have heritage features within include the **Bath Hotel** and **the Grapes** in the City Centre, **the White Lion** at Heeley and **the Cross Keys** at Handsworth, amongst others.



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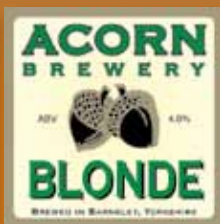
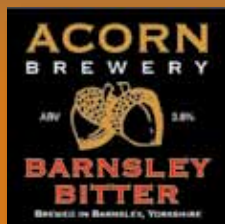
The Sheffield Tap bar, which has entrances on Sheaf Street and on platform 1B (pictured) of Sheffield Midland railway station, opened in its current form in December 2009 after previously closing as a station buffet back in the late 1970's.

In order to be open as a bar once again major renovation and repair was required, which was partially funded by the Railway Heritage Trust. In the main bar room this saw the original bar restored and also the original ornate tiles uncovered and cleaned up. The ceiling had collapsed so a local contractor created a brand new ceiling to the specification of the original design. The result of all this work is an atmospheric Edwardian railway bar brought back to life.



A lot of thought and effort has been put into the beer range, so not only is that Tap an attraction to train passengers and those with an interest in historical buildings, but also to serious beer lovers. There are 10 handpumps for real cask conditioned ales split into two banks of pumps, one of these always has beers from Thornbridge Brewery available, with

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favourites such as Jaipur IPA, Wild Swan Pale Ale and Lord Marples Bitter normally a staple, the other bank of handpumps often showcases a guest brewery with beers you don't often see in Sheffield.

Whilst the Tap does do keg ale and lager as well as real ale, you won't find the likes of Carling, Fosters or John Smiths Smooth on the bar - Instead think more along the lines of Bernard Lager from the Czech Republic and Sierra Nevada Pale Ales from the United States. In the fridge an amazing range of several hundred bottled beers are featured, some from the UK such as the various experimental beers Brewdog have produced in Scotland but mainly a rich and varied selection of beers from around the world.



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It isn't just CAMRA members who have recognised the good work done at the Sheffield Tap, having won a Railway Heritage award and also a Cask Ale Pub of the Year award from the Publican newspaper. We'll be presenting our Pub of the Month award, voted for by local CAMRA members, to manager Pete Dakin and the team on the evening of Tuesday 8th February, why not come down and join us for a beer or two?

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Most of you will know by now that Sheffield is hosting this years national CAMRA Members Weekend & AGM over the weekend of 15th to 17th April and hopefully many of you who are members will have pre-registered to attend and maybe even signed up to work as a volunteer! (If you haven't its not too late - visit [www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk) or fill in the form in your copy of What's Brewing)



We are able to tell you a bit more about the weekend now as arrangements start to come together. The social aspect of the weekend begins on Friday with a number of local breweries including **Kelham Island, Bradfield, Abbeydale, Sheffield and Crown** running tours - we'll be publishing a telephone number to book places soon. The AGM registration/check in desk at the Octagon will open at 4pm, as will the Members Bar in University House. This will be a small beer festival with a good range of real ales from our region plus a selection of traditional Ciders. Food will also be available.

Friday night there are a number of organised trips. Coaches will run out to a number of breweries including **Thornbridge, Wentworth, Oakwell, Spire, RAW, Townes and Ashover**. There will be a cider drinkers trip to **Woodthorpe Hall** followed by the **Arkwright Arms** pub. Finally there will be a ghost walk in Sheffield City Centre, hosted by Mr P. Dreadful of Steel City Ghost Tours who will regale you with tales from local history with some historical pubs visited along the way. All these trips need to be booked in advance, details on how to book will be sent to everyone who pre-registers for the Members Weekend.

Saturday morning sees the AGM conference business begin, this includes a report from the Chief Executive and National Executive members on what has been happening in CAMRA over the last year and the legal formalities of approving the Campaign's accounts etc. There are also awards presented for things that volunteer members have been doing such as local guides, newsletters, websites and campaigning. We also debate any motions submitted by branches or individual members that propose additions, deletions or changes to CAMRA policy. There are also policy discussion groups and best practice workshops.

Saturday night the Members Bar is open once again and there are more coach trips out to Breweries. Saturday night the trips will be to **Thornbridge, Wentworth, Spire, RAW, Townes, Ashover and Peak Ales**. Again these need to be booked in advance.

Finally on Sunday morning the AGM conference has its final session and concludes at lunchtime, when everyone repairs to the Members Bar for a final drink or two before those from out of town get their trains and coaches home and we start taking it all down and packing it away!

Over the members weekend there will also be lots going on in the pubs - a fringe festival if you like, with mini beer festivals in a number of pubs including the **Kelham Island Tavern** and Meet the Brewer events such as the **Brew Company** sessions in the **Harlequin**.





Hello and a warm welcome to 2011, hopefully a happy and prosperous year for all our customers. It will be an exciting new year with the CAMRA AGM in Sheffield for the weekend of the 15th to 17th April. Watch out for the extra events in the city, brewery tours, beer festivals, etc.

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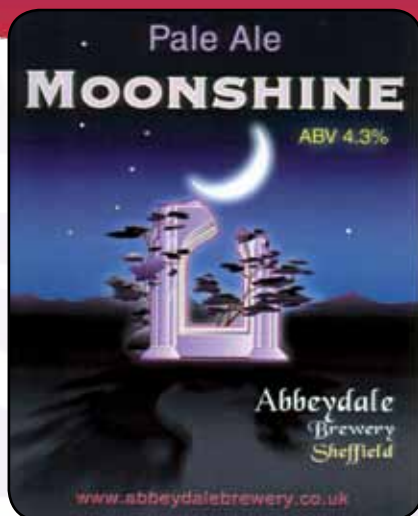


# Abbeydale Moonshine revisited by Andrea Waterhouse

There are some beers that I class as old favourites. Ones that I come back to again and again. One such classic choice is Abbeydale Moonshine. Abbeydale brewery can be found on Aizelwood Road, just off Abbeydale Road, just outside of Sheffield city centre. The brewery got its name from Beauchief Abbey; a monastery built in medieval times by the people who killed Thomas A' Becket.

The first brew was produced in 1996 using equipment from the now defunct Leaking Boot Brewery. The brewery (is a steam brewery, which uses copper foils filled with steam to heat the brewing vessels.

Some of the beers from Abbeydale you may find include Absolution (strong and golden at 5.3% ABV), Last Rites (a STRONG barley wine at 11% ABV) and Black Mass (a devil of a beer at 6.66% ABV). Most of their beers have Ecclesiastical names.



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Moonshine was the first beer brewed at Abbeydale back in 1996 and remains their flagship brew. From the outset it proved popular and has won awards nationwide. The picture on the pump clip shows the ruined Beauchief Abbey as the central image (as is the case with many Abbeydale products) with a crescent moon shining and casting shadows. It is quite a pretty and atmospheric label for an atmospheric beer! It weighs in at 4.3% ABV and is brewed using Maris Otter Pale Ale malt and Washington Willamette hops. It is marketed as a Premium Pale Ale, but at 4.3% it is just on the cusp of being a Session Ale... an easy drinking beer.

Moonshine is a very pale straw coloured beer with a very slight, almost non-existent head. Aroma is predominantly hoppy, with a hint of fruit, citrus and a floral sweetness. Texture is light and slightly carbonated. The base flavour of Moonshine, as in the aroma, comes from the hops. This is mixed with fruit (grapefruit is the main one I get) and vanilla. As the pint progresses the flavours blend and lead to a finish that combines sweetness with the bitterness of the hops. The aftertaste is quite long lasting and continues this bitter/sweetness. What you get is a well rounded beer with bags of taste!

Moonshine is a tasty and well balanced beer suitable for all year round drinking. I find it goes down wonderfully on a Sunday afternoon ~ we generally drink it at the Sheaf View (a top notch Real Ale pub on the outskirts of Sheffield City Centre). We have also recently drunk it as an accompaniment to our lunch at The Rutland in Chesterfield. As a beer to have with a meal it is ideal because it was tasty yet didn't overpower the flavour of the food. Moonshine is therefore a pretty versatile beer!

The lightness and slight carbonisation in the texture make it a very drinkable choice. I would recommend this one to anyone who likes a tasty fresh drink and also to people who normally go for a lager. The fresh fruity taste will appeal to a very wide audience - it also has enough depth to offer something to those who usually prefer a stronger beer. The bitter finish adds character and balances the whole thing off nicely too.

I am more than happy to advise you to try a pint or two of Moonshine if you see it. It is well worth drinking and well worth seeking out when you are in the Sheffield area (or if you see it at a Beer Festival near you). Heartily recommended!

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## ***Friday 28th January 8pm - Local pub walkabout:***

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## ***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.

## ***Thursday 3rd February 8pm - National Members Weekend planning meeting:***

The organising committee meet at the Rutland Arms to continue discussing arrangements.

## ***Tuesday 8th February 8pm - Pub of the month:***

Members have voted for the Sheffield Tap on Sheaf Street, Sheffield City Centre, as the winner of the February Pub of the Month award, join us there as we present the certificate and help the bar celebrate their win.

## ***Thursday 10th February 8pm - Envelope stuffing evening:***

We need to mail out to all our local members an invite to the branch AGM and details on how to vote for Pub of the Year. Volunteers are sought to come and help stuff the envelopes and have a pint or two with us in the Harlequin on Nursery Street (buses 47/48/53/87).

## ***Tuesday 15th February 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 22nd February 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting:***

The March 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 25th February - Steel City Beer Awards:***

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