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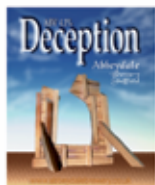
Our Local Heroes



Moonshine 4.3%

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*Most Frequently encountered beer in
the Sheffield Beer Capital survey 2008,
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Deception 4.1%

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Specials for March



Temptation 4.5%

Red-gold beer, lots
of fruit and spice
flavours, bitter
finish.



Dr Morton's

Duck Baffler 4.1 %

Pale, hoppy, fruit and
lemony citrus flavours
and a dry bitter finish.



Local Brewery News

Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

As the football world get's in a frenzy as the January transfer window closes Thornbridge celebrates its very own new recruit - Dominic Driscoll.

Dominic joins Thornbridge from the Marble brewery in Manchester where he has gained a reputation for producing quality, award winning beers. He says that deciding to move to Thornbridge was an easy decision to make as "the Thornbridge beers have inspired brewers such as Marble to develop beers beyond those normally brewed in the UK" and the move "will enable him to develop as a brewer in such a supportive and innovative team".

Parliamentary privilege was put aside last month as Thornbridge's Lord Marples beer made the House of Commons when it was served in the Stranger's Bar.



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The new beer from the team at Thornbridge, **Galaxia** (5.2%) might suggest it's from the stars but the name refers to this being a single hopped pale ale – a beer brewed to showcase the Australian hop variety Galaxy. Caolan Vaughan one of the team and antipodean says "Using our fantastic pale ale recipe allows this stunning hop to transform this beer into a pleasurable experience in a glass - one for all hop lovers".

The Galaxy hop imparts striking beautiful aromas of mango, guava and grapefruit. While providing an intensely tingling bitter finish.

Acorn Brewery - www.acornbrewery.co.uk

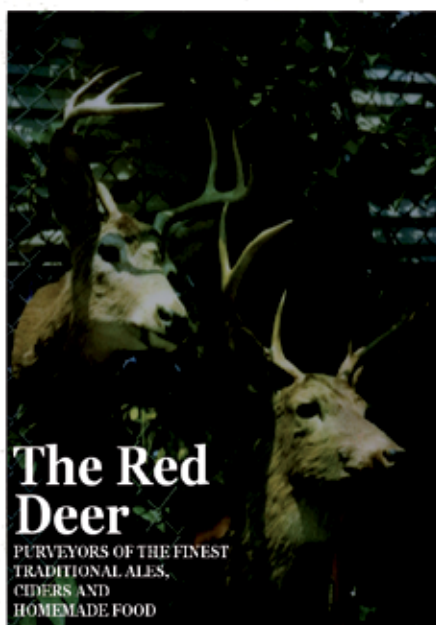
The new beer from Acorn in March is **White Oak** (4.8%), which is a pale and aromatic bitter with citrus fruit aroma and hints of tangerine from the crystal hops, and was the first beer to fermented and conditioned in their new 50 barrel fermentation vessel.

Second in the current range of 5% IPA's is **Sonnet IPA**. Its hops are from Oregon and are a Saaz variant with Goldings characteristics, so expect a high floral aroma.

Acorn's full range of bottled beers (available at the Archer Road Beer Stop and The Dram Shop) will be featured at the **Festival Mondial de la bière** in Canada in mid June. This was made possible through a collaboration with Alex Barlow of Allbeer fame, based in Sheffield.



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Kelham Island Brewery - www.kelhambrewery.co.uk

It's been a hectic but exciting start to the year, with the brewery working at absolute maximum capacity to bring you a whole host of exciting brews. In March Kelham will be bringing you two more specials. First the famous **Bete Noir**, their high risk porter at 5.2%. This is a full bodied porter, brewed with a blend of roasted barley and chocolate malt to give subtle burnt, coffee and chocolate notes. Their second special brew for March is undecided as yet, so keep an eye out at your local.

23rd March until 10th April is the huge Wetherspoons beer festival, for which they're brewing the hugely popular **Red Molly**. This is a distinctive and well balanced 3.8% ruby ale with a smooth bitterness and complex aroma.

Kelham are pleased to announce that for the CAMRA members' weekend, the brewery will be having an open day followed by a reception in the Visitors Centre at the Fat Cat. The brewery will be joining in the national celebration for the Royal Wedding by brewing a commemorative ale, so watch out for details very soon...

Don't forget you can follow what Kelham Island are doing by looking them up on Facebook: search for Kelham Island Brewery.



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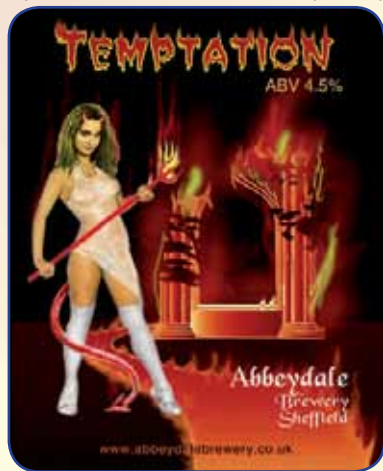
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Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

Abbeydale grew their business by more than 10% again last year, despite bumping up against production limits. Any further growth requires increased capacity but with a new larger fermenter due to arrive any day, this should be possible in the next few months. In response to the often-asked question, there are no plans to bottle any of the beers. Carry-outs and beer for parties are available from the Rising Sun and Archer Road Beer Stop. Apart from that, the brewery is happy that its beers are available in cask, in pubs and that people have to go to the pub to drink the beer.



Specials for March are a brand new Dr Morton's called **Duck Baffler** at 4.1%. No explanation for the name, it's an invention of the mad artist who does all the Abbeydale pump clips but the name seems to make everyone smile, so that can't be bad. The beer is a classic Abbeydale pale and hoppy beer.

The Abbeydale special is a return after nearly 4 years of **Temptation** 4.5%. This is definitely the brewery's most stolen pump clips (can't imagine why?) as measured by the number of publicans who ring to request a replacement. This is a red-gold premium bitter made with English hops.

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Sheffield Brewery Company - www.sheffieldbrewery.com

The Sheffield Brewery Company is delighted that production has continued to expand and they're now delivering to over 100 outlets in and around the Yorkshire region.

As well as offering a fine range of quality real ales they're also co-ordinating some excellent beer "swaps" with other breweries so that customers have an eclectic mix of brews from around the UK. The new Spring special **Centennial** has got off to a cracking start with sales going very well. The beer is a beautiful 4.7% single-hopped IPA using the North American centennial hop which imparts a floral aroma. This golden IPA has a hint of citrus and is a very refreshing taste.

The Sheffield Brewery Company is embracing the world of Twitter and LinkedIn. Follow them on twitter [@sheffieldbrewer](https://twitter.com/sheffieldbrewer). They are also in the process of building a blog www.sheffieldbrewery.blogspot.com and facebook page which will make it easier for fans to keep up with news.

Blue Bee Brewery - Sheffield

With their brewery in Neepsend, Sheffield, fast taking shape, Blue Bee Brewery are beginning to make decisions on their range of regular beers once they start brewing there.

Light Blue will be a session beer at 3.6% ABV with **Nectar Pale** a little stronger at 4%. **Moonbeams**, a fairly hoppy pale ale, weighs in at 4.3% and finally **Lustin for Stout**, which has recently proved very popular in the Rutland Arms, Gardeners Rest and a number of other outlets, is a lovely dark roasty Stout at 4.8%.

Blue Bee Brewery is a partnership between Richard Hough, who used to brew at Abbeydale Brewery and Andy Stephens, landlord of the Rutland Arms pub in Sheffield City Centre. The Brewery should be up and running by the time the CAMRA Members Weekend takes place in Sheffield this April and tours will be taking place on the Friday afternoon, these will cost £5 including samples and need to be pre-booked.



Brewery snippets...

Another new brewery to report, this one in Mexborough near Doncaster. It is based in the Imperial Club which has its grand reopening on the 26th February with beers brewed on the premises available on the bar. **Imperial Club & Brewery** is being run by the same people as **White Rose Brewery in Sheffield**. If you fancy paying the club a visit, it is easy to get to being close to both the bus and rail station in Mexborough. It is also in the same town as the long established **Concertina Club and Brewery** - I wonder how many other small towns has two clubs with breweries in!

The latest new beer from **The Brew Company** is **Yellow Rose**, seen recently on the bar at the Harlequin, it is a golden hoppy ale at 4.5% ABV.

Steel City Brewing released a new set of beers mid February, seen on the bar at the Rutland Arms was **St. Brendan**.

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Local Pub, Club & Beer Festival news...

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?!

Riverside Cafe Bar, Mowbray Street
Cobden View, Crookes
Red Lion, Litton
Rutland Arms, Holmesfield
Fox & Duck, Broomhill
Nottingham House, Broomhill
Harlequin, Sheffield City Centre

You can vote using the form available at branch meetings or alternatively by email, see our website for details.
www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk

To mark the 4th anniversary of Chris and Mandy reopening **The Plough, Low Bradfield**, Bradfield Brewery are producing **Four Furrow**, which will be on sale exclusively at the pub throughout March and into early April.

The Fat Cat will be holding two Beer Festivals in the coming months. Thursday 21st April sees the start of their St. George's Day festival, closely followed on the 25th by a Royal Ales celebration in the Visitors Centre to commemorate the Royal Wedding.

Some changes at the **Coach & Horses in Dronfield**. Meals are no longer available, although Tapas style snacks are served and the Thornbridge tasting trays with five samples of beer with nibbles remain

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available. An acoustic night has been introduced every Monday starting around 8.30pm, it is a relaxed and friendly environment to listen or join in. All styles and abilities are welcome. A well kept selection of real ales and a real cider being available is something that hasn't changed! The pub scene in **Holmesfield** is back up to full strength with the re-opening of the **Horns Inn**.

The Victoria Inn at Dronfield is under new management and has had a refurbishment which has left it looking very smart. The pool table has gone allowing for more tables, giving the pub a much needed boost in capacity! Real Ale is back, the regular beer is Wychwood Hobgoblin and they are hoping to introduce a guest ale once the second handpump has been repaired. Look out for the weekly music night.

We keep hearing good things about

the Railway at Wadsley Bridge since it reopened. It currently only opens at weekends and has up to three real ales, normally Thwaites Nutty Black along with guest ales from Thwaites and Bradfield.

The Old Grindstone in Crookes is due to re-open on 25th February under new management following refurbishment with food available.

Over in **Attercliffe**, a couple of Marstons pubs to report on. **The Greyhound** has closed down, meanwhile **the Cocked Hat** has reopened again with a temporary manager serving Marstons Pedigree as the regular beer with a couple of extra Marstons beers available on match days.

The Three Cranes in Sheffield City Centre has been bought by the same person who owns **the Sportsman in Darnall** and the pub is expected to reopen as soon as a manager is installed.

More pub news over the page...

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The Crown & Glove in Stannington reports the real ale is selling well. The pub was awarded Cask Marque for the standards of cellarmanship back in December and the council have given the pub the maximum of 5 stars in its 'Scores on the Doors' scheme for food & drink hygiene standards. Punch Taverns have invited the pub to join their 'Finest Cask' scheme, which gives access to a bigger beer list to choose from, including changing monthly guest ales.

The Mount Pleasant Inn at Norton Lees is to host a beer festival in April, keep an eye out for more information on this!

Local Beer Festival news

Derby CAMRA's Winter Ales Festival takes place from 24th to 26th February at its new venue, the Roundhouse, which is part of Derby College's big new campus behind the railway station. Regular trains run from Sheffield to Derby with a 35 minute journey time and the 'Pride Park' exit from the station is right next to the festival venue. If you want to also do the City Centre pubs the riverside path takes you from the college into town, there are also shuttle buses. The festival features around 120 real ales plus traditional cider, foreign beers, food and live music (in the evening). CAMRA members get free entry to this festival. More information: www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk

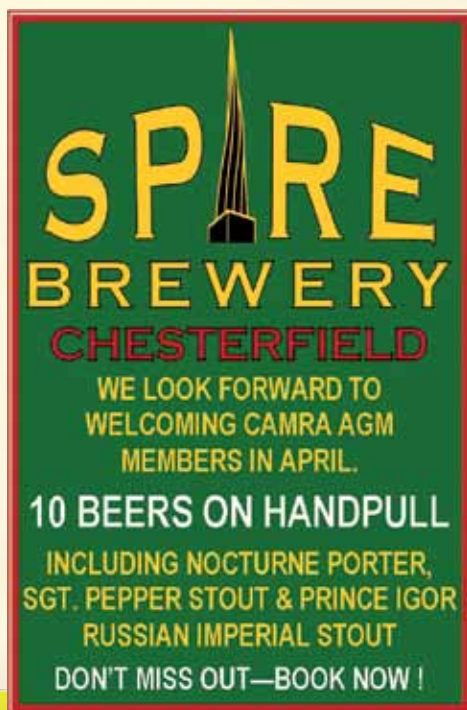
Rotherham Real Ale & Music Festival kicks March off, another one with a new venue, Rotherham's festival is now at the Magna Centre at Templeborough, a former Steel Works that is now a Science Museum and Exhibition/Entertainment hall, and runs from the 2nd to 5th March.

This festival is not a CAMRA organised event - although CAMRA is providing a lot of help and support - and the majority of the money raised from this event goes to

a number of local charities.

The venue is on bus route 69 from Sheffield to Rotherham (operated by First in the daytime and Stagecoach in the evening), in addition there will be a special festival shuttle bus from Meadowhall and Rotherham with a fare of just £1.

The festival theme this year is White Rose, with around 220 beers from Yorkshire and other White Rose counties. Also featured is a choice of around 30 Ciders and Perries, wine, foreign beers and food. There will also be 4 stages around the venue offering live entertainment. The new venue is much bigger, however if you aren't a CAMRA member advance tickets are still a good idea as they are cheaper than the price on the door, you can order online at www.magnarealale.co.uk. The discount for CAMRA members is available on the door on production of a current valid membership card.



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We are hosting CAMRA's National AGM and Members' Weekend in Sheffield this year. The venue is the University of Sheffield and it takes place from Friday 15th April to Sunday 17th April and combines the formal business and Democratic process of the Annual General Meeting with the Social Programme of the Members Weekend.

Over 1,000 CAMRA Members are expected to descend on Sheffield for the weekend and we will be organising a Members Bar (small beer & cider festival), trips to breweries & cider producers, guided walks and a local brewery open day. There will be also lots going on in Sheffield's pubs and stalls in the AGM venue.

ALL CAMRA members are eligible to attend the Members Weekend and AGM, if you would like to be there we recommend you pre-register, you have until 21st March to do so. Everyone who pre-registers will have their handbook and conference badge posted out in advance and you will also be able to check in and collect your conference bag without queuing up at the registration desk. You can pre-register online at www.camra.org.uk/agm or alternatively fill in the form in Whats Brewing newspaper.



We are now recruiting volunteer staff to help operate the event, to work you need to be a CAMRA member and registered to attend the event. We will be on-site in University House building the Members Bar from Monday 11th April and will need help with this, we also need help on Friday morning stuffing conference bags, erecting signage, setting up stalls and other last minute preparations. Finally we will need help both in the Octagon where

the conference takes place and at the Members Bar in University House during the weekend itself. We also require couriers to operate the coach trips.

Staff working whilst the Members Bar is open will be able to enjoy free beer & cider and those working multiple sessions may also receive a staff t-shirt, sponsored by Wentworth Brewery.

If you would like to help us out by working as a volunteer, please fill in a staffing form as soon as you can - either the one on the opposite page or alternatively there is an online form at www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk

National Members Weekend & AGM 2011 Tuesday 12th April to Monday 18th April Open Friday 15th to Sunday 17th - Members Staffing Form

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Thank you for volunteering at the National Members Weekend and AGM.



Vote for YOUR Pub of the Year NOW!

It is that time of year when we decide which pubs win our prestigious Pub of the Year Award! The winners as well as being presented with a Sheffield & District CAMRA Pub of the Year certificate and gaining valuable local publicity, also get entered into the county rounds of the national competition. This is a way of us as a campaigning organisation celebrating what is good about pubs in our area.

Every CAMRA member in the Sheffield & District branch area is entitled to a vote in the ballot which decides the shortlist, which we then judge based on national CAMRA guidelines to decide the overall winner for City of Sheffield and for Derbyshire District. The pubs which qualify to be on the ballot paper are those that are either listed in the 2011 Good Beer Guide or have won a Pub of the Month award in the last 12 months. If you are a member of our branch you should have received a ballot paper in the post by now, if you haven't please visit our website at www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk to download one.

The Kelham Island Tavern and Coach & Horses have both tasted quite a bit of success recently in this competition, however there is some strong competition this year, with the Sheffield Tap and Rutland Arms both new additions to the list and the Gardeners Rest back up to full strength, just three examples!



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The Campaign for Real Ale turns 40!



On March 16 2011 CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, will turn 40. To mark this momentous milestone we have put together some exciting events, competitions, awards and activities to help you celebrate with us.

Join us in raising a pint (or half /third of a pint!) of real ale to help us celebrate CAMRA's 40th birthday and stand a chance of winning some great prizes.

How to Enter: All you need to do is take a picture of you on your own or in a group raising your beers in a pub to our success and email to tony.jerome@camra.org.uk. Don't forget to tell us your name/s and the pub you were in.

Please send us your photos celebrating CAMRA's birthday before 1st July 2011. **The Prize:** The best pictures will be promoted on this national website and overall winner/s will win a goody bags that include some GBBF tickets, CAMRA merchandise and CAMRA books.

We are also asking CAMRA members to help compile a list of the 'Top 40 CAMRA Campaigners of All Time'. Whether alive or sadly passed away, CAMRA would like you to vote for those members you feel went that little bit further to promote CAMRA, real ale and pubs.

Did they save a pub destined to close? Perhaps they launched a local campaign that became a national CAMRA promotion. Or did they help a brewery get established in the local area or you would like to see someone reward for the amount or time / years they have put in to run a local branch.

We know there are thousands of Campaigners that deserve to be considered for the Top 40. We would love to hear about them all! If we receive more than 40 entries, we will encourage members to vote for their favourites based on the reasons you state below. The Top 40 will be announced in August at the Great British Beer Festival.

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The University Arms, partners with Meantime Brewery

The University Arms, situated in the heart of Sheffield's real ale circuit, has now partnered with Meantime Brewery, making it the first public house in the North to sell their London Lager, a 4.5% draught lager brewed using East Anglian malts and Kentish hops. They've also added Meantime's Wheat Beer, Pilsner and Stout to their selection of bottled beers.

Since Manager Tom Delaney took over the reins in January 2011, he's revamped both the food menu and the range of bottled beers and lagers to add to the pub's extensive range of real ales.

Tom has also worked closely with other independent breweries and has recently teamed up with Bradfield Brewery to bring customers Farmers Stout on draught, as well as sourcing a selection of six real ales from local and national breweries.

The new food menu has been a great success and customers old and new are enjoying traditional, home-cooked pub food, using locally sourced produce. With dishes such as Home-made Pie of the Day, Sausage and Mash, and Fish and Chips, the University Arms is the perfect place to visit for a great taste of Yorkshire cooking.

Tom is bringing many dedicated beer festivals to the University Arms over the coming year, where customers will be able to sample real ales from all corners of the UK.

Regular events open to all, include a free quiz night every Tuesday offering great prizes, and live music nights with local and national musicians playing anything from jazz to rock.

Looking towards the summer, they'll 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

You can also find the University Arms on Facebook, where you will be able to get a sneak preview of their guest beers and find out about their forthcoming events www.facebook.com/universityarms





Branch news...

This month we are due to launch the new 2011 edition of '**A Real Ale Guide to Sheffield & District**'. 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, local pub history, what the local CAMRA branch is about and more, making it THE guide to the local beer scene!

The book will be available to buy at CAMRA events, online at www.camra.org.uk/shop and at a number of real ale pubs in the area.

Sheffield & District CAMRA Chairman Andy Cullen and Holmesfield resident (and CAMRA member) Nick Wheat have announced that they will again this year be working with pubs and clubs in the Dronfield, Holmesfield, Bradway and Totley area to hold the **Three Valleys Festival**, with all the venues putting on additional guest beers and in some cases real cider too. There will also be live music, food and more going on. This years festival will be over a bank holiday weekend from **27th to 30th May**, with a free bus service running on the Saturday 28th linking all the venues with the railway stations at Dronfield and Dore. Look out for more information on this soon!

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Real Ale Reviews

Brampton Brewery's Impy Dark

Brampton Brewery is based in the old East Midlands Electricity Board offices on Chatsworth Road, Brampton, Chesterfield. The launch of the brewery was the realization of a dream to see the Brampton Brewery name back on the bar around fifty years since the closure of the previous Brewery. Since their official launch in December 2007 their beers have fast gained popularity and have impressively won awards at their debut at Chesterfield Beer Festival in February 2008.

Brampton's range includes **Golden Bud** (golden hoppy bitter at 3.8%), **Brampton Best Bitter** (session bitter at 4.2%) and **Wasps Nest** (strong amber coloured bitter at 5.0%). We recently saw some in Sheffield at a couple of pubs in and around the city centre. Brampton Brewery also now own two pubs in Chesterfield; *The Tramway Tavern* and the *Rose and Crown*; where their products can always be found.

Impy Dark weighs in at 4.3% and is brewed in the style of a traditional dark Mild Ale. Mild Ales are actually quite difficult to categorize because some do not fit into any recognized pattern. Traditionally they are dark brown in colour because they are brewed using well roasted or darker coloured malts. They also tend to be less hoppy, or bitter, and have a nut, chocolate or burnt roasty flavour. Milds are often lower in gravity than other beer styles. Of course, as I said earlier, some Milds don't fit these trends - there are light coloured Milds available (like Timothy Taylor Golden Best) and also really strong Milds (like the infamous Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby at 6%). At 4.3% the Impy is quite strong for a modern Mild, but still a good example of the style.

Looks wise, Impy Dark is a deep red/brown almost black coloured beer with a milky coffee coloured head, which lasts reasonably well. Aroma is predominantly that of roasty malt, giving a slightly burnt toast and coffee smell. The texture varies depending on the method of dispense - when served through a hand pump it is quite creamy and rich, whereas straight from the cask it is more watery, with a less smooth mouthfeel. It is quite a complex brew, with a good blend of flavours. The coffee that was present in the aroma continues through to the taste, as does the roasted malt. This is combined with sweet vine fruit flavours and an underlying dark chocolate flavour. A pint of Impy starts off initially quite sweet, giving way to increasing bitterness towards the finish. The aftertaste is quite long lived and leaves quite a dry feeling in the mouth. You are also left with a light coffee flavour.

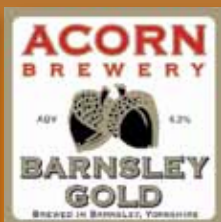
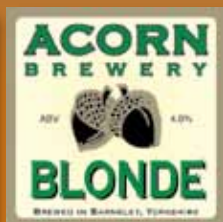
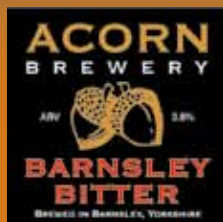
I really like Impy Dark and, as a dark beer fan, appreciate the complex flavours and the rich, dark texture. I especially like the malt and fruit flavours, which give the beer a real depth of flavour and keep the palate interested throughout. I recommend that you give Impy a try if you see it on the bar, and help to encourage the recent interest and resurgence of Mild ales.

Andrea Waterhouse

In my review of Abbeydale Moonshine, in the February issue of Beer Matters, I mentioned sampling Moonshine in the Sheaf View. This meant to say that I first sampled it in the Sheaf View - as regulars there will know, Moonshine was replaced by Bradfield Farmers Blonde on the bar about six years ago! Apologies for any confusion.



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Real Ale Bike Rides: Darton to Wakefield (via Dewsbury)

Distance 25 miles (approx) The border between West and South Yorkshire is an area most people tend to travel through rather than to, but if you get away from the main roads, you may be surprised to find some pleasant countryside with cycle-friendly routes and interesting pubs.

Start your ride at Darton station, which has an hourly service on the Sheffield-Barnsley-Leeds line. Head down the station approach, turn left at the supermarket and head steadily up the hill. Turn left onto Sackup Lane and follow this through pleasant suburban housing all the way to the top of the hill. On reaching the crossroads at Staincross Common turn left along Windhill Lane and follow this all the way along Woolley Edge, the ridge from which the motorway service station takes its name. It's an exhilarating ride – the M1 motorway and railway line to Leeds are far away in the valley bottom to your left, although the lie of the land means you don't always see the views that stretch for miles across a patchwork of fields and villages. Nice though it would be to stay on the ridge, eventually the road descends sharply to cross over the M1, which it then runs parallel to before reaching a T-junction. Right here, then a short climb through the village of Great Cliff precedes a left turn down Blacker Lane, which takes you to the intersection with the A636 road. You need to go straight on here, but as you don't have right of way and the main road can be busy, take care. Once across, Blacker Lane continues up a steep hill followed by an even steeper descent then a further climb to the village of Netherton. After a right turn, it's downhill all the way now till you reach the junction with Bridge Road (A642). Turn right to cross the Calder & Hebble Navigation and River Calder, both of which you'll be seeing again later in the ride.

As the road starts to rise again, take the B6128 signed for Horbury up yet another hill then go right at the top to enter Horbury's main street, where at the junction with Queen Street on your left you'll see **Boons**, the first pub of the ride. This is a Clark's house which



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Leave Horbury by going back along High Street, following the B6128 but this time keeping straight on rather than going left at the junction. This becomes Westfield Road, which you follow for a mile then take a left turn up Horbury Road just as the road bends to the left. It's straight on for another mile till you reach a bungalow-lined road on your left (Healey Road) which you take to go downhill all the way to the valley bottom.

As the road veers left, you'll see the **Brewer's Pride** coming into view, one of the best pubs not just in this part of the world but in the whole of Yorkshire. You have two regular beers and no less than seven guests to choose from here, usually including at least one from the onsite Bob's Brewing Company, which has taken over the premises where the Ossett Brewery used to be.

If you can bear to tear yourself away from the pub and continue the ride, you may or may not be glad to know that the next section is entirely off-road. Leave the pub by turning right back the way you came but instead of going up the hill, take the left turn marked by a public footpath sign into what appear to be industrial premises. If you've picked the right path you'll immediately cross the river on a rusting metal bridge, then down along a rough path that passes under the railway bridge and continues through scrubland. As the path is very narrow and uneven in places it's probably best to get off and push on this section. Eventually you come to the Calder & Hebble Navigation once more – turn right along the towpath, which you follow for another mile till you reach a junction of canals, where you take the right fork to pass under the railway again. Soon the towpath meets a road, which you turn left and follow for a few metres before turning left into Savile Town Wharf Marina.

Here you'll find the **Leggers Inn**, set in a low rise Victorian building that used to stable the horses which pulled the boats along the towpath. The bar is on the first floor in the former hayloft and has a wide selection of beers with the emphasis on pale and hoppy.

Return to the road, turn left and follow past the Asda supermarket then straight on at the lights (beware of traffic turning illegally). Next left up the hill will bring you out at Dewsbury train station, a suitable cut off point if you want to cut the ride short.

Railway geography means there are no direct trains to Sheffield, so you'll need to change at either Huddersfield or Leeds, though at least you can enjoy yet more ale at the celebrated **West Riding Refreshment Rooms** on platform 2.

If you're continuing the ride, the next part is unpleasant but necessary (you may be more comfortable wheeling your bike along the pavement here as there are three lanes of heavy traffic). Head down the hill from the station, ignoring the two left turns under the railway, then take the next left along Cliffe Street then left again along Crackenedge Lane at the next junction. This road climbs from the valley bottom, sometimes quite steeply, though it's much better than the alternative route along the busy A652. After a mile go left down Bromley Street, continue to the junction with Mill Lane and turn left, where annoyingly you steadily lose the height you'd worked so hard to gain.

Go under the railway viaduct, then left at the roundabout and immediately left up Back Station Road, which, just after the surface turns to cobbles...

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Head north, parallel to the railway line down Upper Station Road which, though closed to traffic, is open to pedestrians, and turn right at the junction to head over the railway bridge. You are now on Soothill Lane, which you climb steadily for about a mile, then descend for another mile to the junction with the A653, which you cross at the lights. It's hilly country here – each ascent is followed by a descent and vice versa, but the scenery is pleasantly rural, given the proximity of Wakefield. After sweating your way up Jaw Hill, the steepest of the ride, you cross the M1 motorway and are rewarded for your efforts by the last 4 miles of the ride being more or less downhill all the way.

If you're in no rush complete the ride, you may wish to take a slight detour to visit Wakefield's newest real ale pub, the **New Albion** on Flanshaw Lane in Alverthorpe. This is Ossett Brewery's latest venture, which opened in June 2010 and can be reached by turning right at the traffic lights shortly after the Cock Inn.

To reach the city centre from Alverthorpe, continue down Batley Road for half a mile then take the right turning just after the lights outside the Red Lion pub. Continue down this road to reach the junction with the A638, and turn left for another half mile to reach Wakefield Westgate station and journey's end.

With luck, you may perhaps find a gorgeous pint of Clark's Classic Blonde in **Henry Boon's** just before the railway bridge. There are direct trains back to Sheffield from here, but if returning to Darton you need to head to Wakefield Kirkgate station, a five minute ride through the town centre.

Steve Walshaw

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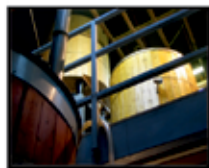
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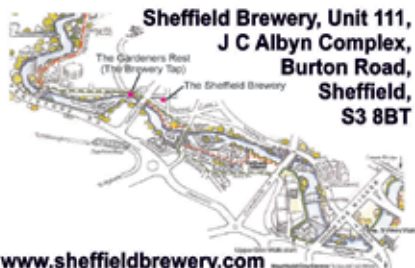
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Saturday 26th February 12pm - East Midlands Regional Meeting: Representatives from all the East Midlands branches get together with the Regional Director to catch up with any issues and share best practice. The meeting is in Derby, please consult 'What's Brewing' for venue information.

Saturday 26th February 8pm - Imperial Club & Brewery grand opening: We are invited to join the opening party at the Imperial Club & Brewery in Mexborough, with the first beers available on the bar, music and a buffet. The train departs Sheffield at 19:00

Tuesday 1st March 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 Grapes on Trippet Lane, Sheffield City Centre.

Thursday 3rd March 8pm - Members Weekend Planning Meeting: We continue to discuss plans for the National Members Weekend and AGM we are hosting next month. The meeting is upstairs at the Rutland Arms, Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre.

Saturday 5th March 12pm - Yorkshire Regional Meeting: Representatives from all the Yorkshire branches get together with the Regional Director to catch up with any issues and share best practice. The meeting is in Scarborough, please consult 'What's Brewing' for venue information.

Tuesday 15th March 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting: We discuss plans for our annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, which takes place in October. The meeting is at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road (bus routes 53,78,79). If you are interested in helping with the organisation you are welcome to attend.

Saturday 19th March 11:15am - RambAle: Our monthly country walk which combines a pleasant stroll through beautiful scenery with a number of real ale pubs. This month we catch the 11:25 65 bus from Sheffield Interchange to the Red Lion at Litton, then walk to the Three Stags Heads at Wardlow Mires and via Cressbrook Dale to the Monsal Head Hotel. Return buses via Bakewell or the Hope Valley.

Tuesday 22nd March 8pm - Beer Matters Distribution Social & Committee meeting: The April 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.

Tuesday 5th April 8pm - Branch AGM: The formal annual general meeting for the branch, all members welcome. The venue is the University Arms and we will debate any motions proposed, elect the new committee, approve the accounts and other formalities and announce the winner of the Pub of the Year competition. The usual branch meeting follows which includes pub, club and brewery news etc.

May Spring Bank Holiday Weekend: Branch Belgian Beer Break in Bruges - utilising an overnight ferry from Hull. For more info, please contact Richard Ryan.

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