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Specials for April

Surreal Ale No 1 4.1% Pale



flowery and fruity flavours from new world hops and a balanced bitter finish.

Dr Morton's Sheep Remedy



4.2% Pale, hoppy fruit and citrus flavours and a dry bitter finish.



Local Brewery News

Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

Their next beer, to be launched April 1st, will be CTZ, so called as it will have a (big!) bittering charge of Columbus, shedloads of Tomahawk at flame-off, and dry-hopped with Zeus. This beer should make an appearance at the CAMRA AGM. The second brew for April, also featuring at the AGM, will be called Crystal Malt – Just Say No!, a follow-up to last year's The '70s Are Over. The brewers haven't decided what will be in it vet, but no prize for guessing what won't be! Variants on both brews (featuring different dry-hops) will be available over the members' weekend, particularly in the Rutland and the Cask & Welly. The mini-kit will also be in action, for some single-hop IPAs at around 6.5% and 130IBU.



Wentworth Brewery - www.wentworthbrewerv.co.uk

December was very difficult with the weather badly interfering with deliveries. January however was way ahead of expectations and trade was very strong, long may that continue. The bottling plant has been used extensively during 2011 with orders stretching into April/ May with no sign of a let up. The Commercial in Chapeltown is still supporting the brewery strongly and many thanks to Paul and his team there. More brewery news overleaf...

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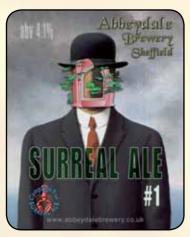
Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

Thornbridge has been recognised as one of the best in the country after recently winning a Silver Award in the National Beer Competition held by the Society of Independent Brewers.

Kipling won the Silver Award in the Strong Bitters Category after progressing through a series of regional and then national judging sessions. Thornbridge also took Bronze with their **Jaipur IPA** in SIBA's inaugural keg beer competition.



Coalition Ale, based on the classic Old Ale style was brewed on the 25th February 2009 when the Thornbridge brewing team were joined by Mark Tranter from Dark Star Brewing in Sussex. Matured for two years, it is now available in 500ml bottles in limited quantities. This unfiltered orange-hued Ale pours hazy with a fine white head. The aroma offers notes of sandalwood and honey and has a soft mouthfeel.



Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

Abbeydale were delighted to do so well at the White Rose Beer Festival, formerly held at Oakwood School but this year in the more extensive surroundings of Magna. **Black Mass** (a former festival champion here) won gold in the stouts category, **Absolution** won its category and then went on to take the gold as the overall "Champion Beer of Yorkshire".

Abbeydale is planning a new short series of beers with clip design by Ivan Bradley, the first being its April special **Surreal Ale No 1**. At 4.1% this will be pale and hoppy with floral aromas and subtle fruit flavours with a little grapefruit. It will be finished slightly sweet to give good mouthfeel but be balanced with a moderate

bitterness. Of course this is being written as a plan before it is brewed so try it for yourself and see how close we get to plan. Under the Beerworks Dr Morton's banner Abbeydale are brewing for April **Sheep Remedy**, a 4.1% pale beer which will be quite dry and with a refreshing, lingering bitterness. Citrus flavours dominate in a very refreshing and easy drinking beer. As always, both specials will be available at the Rising Sun and make their appearance at the usual haunts around town and beyond.

Blue Bee Brewery - twitter.com/BlueBeeBrewery

The brewing alphabet seems to be continuing as planned... For seven years Richard Hough was Head Brewer at Abbeydale Brewery. Then followed a stint at Acorn in Barnsley. Eschewing a move to Southwold - the commute would have been a bit of a chore, after all - he decided to set out on his own.

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The Mount Pleasant, 293 Derbyshire Lane.

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The eagle-eyed will have noticed Blue Bee beers around Sheffield recently, particularly in the Rutland Arms, Brown Street. They have been brewed at Raw Brewery in Staveley; Dave (Raw) and Richard (Blue Bee) have been working closely together in recent months to produce some quality stuff. Blue Bee beers have been well received so far, with **Lustin' For Stout** (4.8%) and **Moonbeams** (4.0%) both going down a treat. Look out for **Bees Knees Bitter** hitting the pumps this month; in addition there are plans for a snooker-themed beer to tie in with the World Championship.

Acorn Brewery - www.acornbrewery.co.uk

Acorn's seasonal beers for April are **St. George's Best** at 4.6% - A beautiful traditional rich amber coloured beer with sweet roast malts, good bitterness levels and a delicate citrus aroma, & **Galena IPA** at 5% - Rich golden in colour crisp bitterness with a blackcurrant aroma and a strong fruity character.

Blonde won Gold at the tastings for the Champion Beer of Yorkshire during the recent Rotherham Beer Festival and was also voted bronze overall. This is something the brewery is very proud, of considering the competition out there. Its sales have risen dramatically of late and



now stands as their second best selling beer behind **Barnsley Bitter** (which is now on the **Punch Finest Cask** list).



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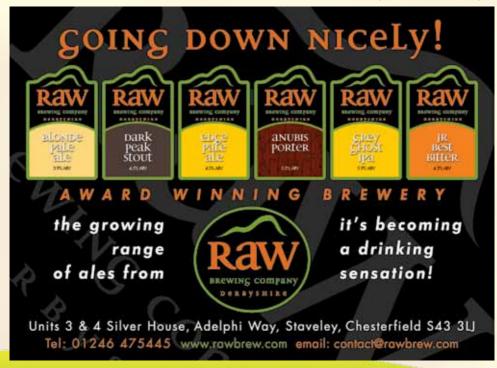
Local Pub, Club & Beer Festival news...

The Shakespeare on Gibraltar Street (between West Bar and Kelham Island/ Shalesmoor), remains closed and boarded up after Punch Tayerns decided they didn't want it anymore and put it up for sale. However, the pub has been bought by William Wagstaff, who is the landlord of the New Beehive Inn at Bradford. This was a pub in a sorry state when he took it over in 1989 and he has spent the last 22 years restoring it! William suggests he is obviously a sucker for punishment but can think of nothing more important or satisfying than giving an endangered pub a new lease of life. He promises the Shakespeare is in a safe pair of hands and will not lack for the much needed investment and enthusiasm.

The Shakespeare is to become a cask ale pub with the same policy as the other Don Valley pubs, which of course is to offer a wide range of largely micro brewery products. The pub is to be restored as close as possible to its original form as well as extending the drinking areas and bringing the archway from an outside to an inside area.

As you can imagine, one man cannot run two pubs in different cities, so they are looking to recruit a manager for the Shakespeare that shares the owner's vision for the pub. If you would be interested in the job please contact William Wagstaff by phone on 07984 759119 or email at newbeehiveinn@talk21.com

More pub news overleaf...





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SKY SPORTS

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Nether Edge Bowling Club (8, Nether Edge Road) is the new venue for the Rivelin Folk Club. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 8.30pm. No entrance charge, but a collection for the players. Most Wednesdays are open singer/musician evenings, but once a month or so they have a guest artist. On these evenings, the Bowling Club is open to non-members and their regular cask ales are Abbeydale Moonshine and Thwaites Original, plus a further "guest" ale (currently Brimstone, previously Farmers Blond).

The Cressbrook Club (in Cressbrook, between Litton and Monsal Dale) has changed its status and is now a pub that anyone is welcome to go in and drink, real ale is available.



This pub opens in the evenings Mondays to Saturdays plus Sunday lunchtime, but if there are large walking parties in the area at other times they can sometimes be accommodating and open specially by prior arrangement.

The Walkley Cottage, Bole Hill Road, has reopened after a brief closure. Kev and Lynda Parker have moved from the Golden Plover, Hackenthorpe although they have run several pubs up and down the country. Tuesday is folk/Irish music, the popular quiz with free buffet is Thursday night and there is disco and karaoke on Friday and Saturday.

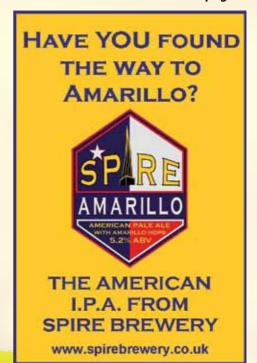
There is a good selection of pub food and bar snacks during the week and a special Sunday lunch. Tetley Bitter, Taylor Landlord and Wells Bombardier are the regular beers with guest beer to follow.

The Anglers Rest in Millers Dale, near Tideswell, is holding a book sale over Easter weekend in aid of the Moneyash Chapel, who is fundraising in order to install heating.

The Derwent in Bamford has been sold, a planning application had been submitted to the local authority to convert the pub into a nursing home, however this has been declined.

The Florist, Walkley has been selling Bradfield Farmers Blonde along side John Smiths Bitter. It has proved so popular a second guest beer will rotate with the Smiths, it will be either Acorn Barnsley Bitter or another from Bradfield possibly Farmers Bitter.

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Thursday - Saturday:

12 - 12mn

Sunday: 12 - 11pm

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It was worth waiting five weeks for the **Old Grindstone Inn at Crookes** to reopen after a full refurbishment. It is in cheerful colours with a separate games area with snooker and pool table and a dart board. Jon Hirst and Marie Thornhill are the new managers after being at several pubs in Rotherham. The beers are Greene King IPA, Old Speckled Hen, Abbot Ale and a monthly guest, on a recent visit it was Black Sheep Bitter.

Open at 9am for breakfasts and other meals served until 9pm., from lite bites to full meals with Sunday roast dinner. Various events on most days including pint and a curry for £5.20 on Wednesday nights.

Some changes in Sheffield City Centrethe Tequila Bar on West Street is now known as the Tiger Works Cocktail bar & lounge (still no real ale), Takapuna and Static (also on West Street) has now become the Redstone bar, which is focused on Indie music and a

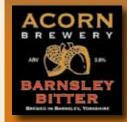
handpump has appeared on the bar. On the other side of West Street now, the *Wick at Both Ends* has installed a second handpump which will feature beer from Sheffield Brewery. *Ha Ha Bar & Grill* by the Peace Gardens is to become a Browns bar. *The West End Bar on Glossop Road* has real ale.

The Dove and Rainbow is ready for spring, with a mini-makeover and great line up of live bands over the next few months. They are also hosting a Real Ale Festival from Friday 15th April through St George's Day, until the end of the Easter bank holiday weekend, or whenever stocks run out!

The festival will feature mainly local ales, and a couple of guest ciders in addition to the normal range, plus of course a full line up of live music on stage. For full details of all the happenings in Hartshead Square, search for "Dove Page" on facebook, or call in and ask Dawn and her team what they are planning!

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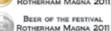




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Brewery Tours

During the AGM we have a series of formal tours during the Friday afternoon but do pop down to the brewery on Friday or Saturday 6 - 9pm. Card carrying members only £5 on the door (includes samples) We also hope to have a BBQ.



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The Mount Pleasant on Derbyshire Lane at Norton Lees is holding their first ever beer festival from 8th to 10th April. See their advert for more details. You can get there on bus 20A.

The New Barrack Tavern will be having Castle Rock's Kiss Me Kate for the AGM weekend as well as for the Royal Wedding. Also on the Wedding day there will be a street party with party games and live music.



The lounge will be turned into a church to watch the event on the big screen. Don't forget that card carrying CAMRA

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Open 12 noon to 10.30pm every session. Admission on the door is £3 to nonmembers and £1 to card carrying CAMRA members for all sessions.

Volunteers are required for all sessions, including set up and take down.

Contact Margaret on 01226 714492 or beerfestival@barnsleycamra.org.uk

More details at www.barnsleycamra.org.uk

members will receive 10p off per pint and money off food throughout the AGM.

For the last ten years Andy & Cheryl Clay have been at various pubs in Yorkshire and Derbyshire and are now at *The Plough, Sandygate Road*. Tetley Bitter is complimented by two guests and as the pub is on the SIBA list local beers will be available, recently Thornbridge Lord Marples and Sheffield Brewery Co. Five Rivers. Open from noon all day there is a new menu with sandwiches, bar snacks and main meals including homemade specials.

Functions are also catered for. Monday night is poker night whilst Thursday and Sunday are quiz nights with free buffet. Weekend entertainment is planned and for anyone who has a loyalty club card there is 30p off all pints of draught drinks.

The Kelham Island Tavern will be holding a Spring Beer and Cider Festival between Friday 15th and Sunday 17th April to coincide with the CAMRA Members' Weekend.

If you wish to advertise in a future issue of Beer Matters, the FREE magazine of the Sheffield & District Branch of CAMRA...

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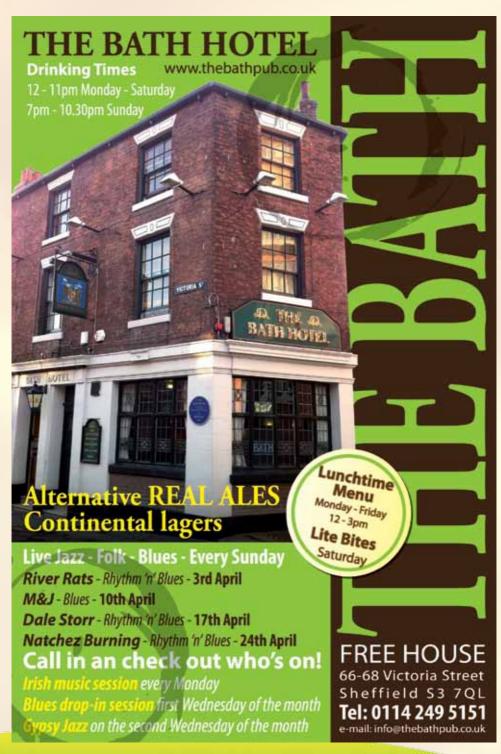
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Beer, beer, everywhere - and quite a lot to drink, actually!

The CAMRA National Members Weekend & AGM 2011 is in Sheffield from the 15th to 17th April, with around 1200 CAMRA members expected to be descending on the city for the weekend.

As the host branch, we'll be putting on a Members Bar - basically a small version of our annual beer festival - to show off the beers from our local breweries along with a selection of traditional cider & perry and food. We are still looking for volunteers to



help out by working the Members Bar. Please see the staffing form elsewhere this issue, however remember you need to be a CAMRA member to work and register for the AGM (if you haven't pre-registered, you can do so on the day at the venue). The members bar will be open from 16:00 to 00:30 Friday night, Saturday it will be open 12:30-14:15 and 16:00 to 00:30 and Sunday 12:30-16:00.

We are also running coach trips to breweries and cider destinations on the Friday and Saturday night (call 01727 867201 to book tickets during office hours. Please have your membership number and credit/debit card details handy) and are taking bookings for brewery open day tours during Friday afternoon (call 01226 714492 between 2pm and 7pm to reserve places). Details of all these trips, events and the members bar can be found online at **www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk**.

Local pubs are playing their part too and making sure there is plenty of real ale and cider for everyone to drink, there is no way Sheffield will get drunk dry! There are also special events taking places in pubs too. You can see from adverts in this issue there are special efforts being made with beer, live music etc at the following pubs: Castle Inn (Bradway), Dove & Rainbow (City Centre), Gardeners Rest (Neepsend), Harlequin (City Centre), Kelham Island Tavern (Kelham Island), New Barrack Tavern (Hillsborough), Red Deer (City Centre), Rutland Arms (City Centre), University Arms (City Centre). This list is not exhaustive, there will be plenty more going on, for example the Commercial at Chapeltown is holding a festival of speciality beers

We have arranged a special deal with Stagecoach Supertram for discounted travel for CAMRA members over the Members Weekend, you can buy 3 Dayrider tickets for just £8 via CAMRA HQ (01727 867201) or the public transport stand in the Members Bar. On this offer the first journey of the day must be on Supertram, however further travel can also be made on Stagecoach buses anywhere in Sheffield and Dronfield (the tram conductor will exchange the promotional tram ticket for a normal Stagecoach Sheffield bus & tram dayrider). Stagecoach will get you to many of the pubs and breweries holding events.



MP talks pubs over a local pint

A week before CAMRA's 40th anniversary celebrations, Greg Mulholland MP took some time out from the Liberal Democrat Spring Conference in Sheffield to meet up with Sheffield & District CAMRA committee members and the president of the University of Sheffield Real Ale Society in the Rutland Arms, Sheffield City Centre.



Greg is the chair of the

Parliamentary Save our pubs group and is enthusiastic and well informed on the subject, he had a chat about pub campaigning issues in Sheffield as well as nationally and met Andy Stephens, the Rutland Arms landlord, who as well as serving him real ale and food told him how he had taken on the pub, an ex Punch Taverns pub that had failed under the pub company's business model and closed down before being sold to a local property developer, Andy leases the pub from the property developer and runs it as a now very successful free house.



Greg told us how MPs are looking at if they need to do anything to regulate how Pub Companies do business and look at practices when selling off unwanted pubs such as restrictive covenants that say they cannot be used as a pub again. He explained whilst most pub companies have now declared they will no longer be using restrictive covenants, some are still applying them by the back door,

for example they will accept a lower bid from a buyer whose plans do not involve reopening the premises as a pub. He also explained how they were looking at planning regulations to address the issue of developers demolishing pubs to make it easier to get change of use permission from the local authority.

Once pub campaigning issues had been discussed, we relaxed over beer and food with Blue Bee Moonbeams and Abbeydale Duck Baffler proving popular ales, on the food side the Rutland Arms version of Ham, Egg and Chips caused intrigue and enjoyment on both the Liberal Democrat and CAMRA groups, with open Fish Pie being the food of choice from the Real Ale Society!



Local pub guide hits the streets of Sheffield (and district)

A Real Ale

Guide to

Sheffield

And District

Its finally here, the new 2011 edition of 'A Real Ale Guide to Sheffield & District' goes on sale in April and features every pub in the Sheffield & District CAMRA branch area, which includes all of the City of Sheffield plus neighbouring parts of Derbyshire including Dronfield, the Hope Valley, Monsal Dale, Tideswell and Killamarsh.

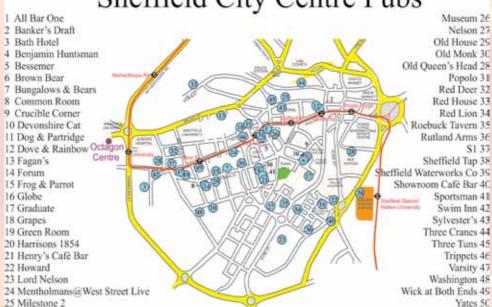
This handy sized guide, costing just £4.95 (reduced to £4.20 for CAMRA members), features maps of all the areas covered with the pubs marked on, every pub that serves real ale has a full entry with a description and information on opening hours, local transport, food availability, an idea of the beer range and more.

It also has articles about pub history, the local CAMRA branch, brewing in Sheffield, availability of genuine imported beers and

more, meaning that it is THE guide to the local beer scene. The guide can be purchased from selected local pubs, CAMRA events and meetings or from the CAMRA online shop - www.camra.org.uk/shop.

After last months map of pubs and breweries in the "Valley of Beer", you may be wondering how many pubs serve real ale in Sheffield City Centre. Well, here is your answer! Every pub and bar serving at least one real ale is marked on this map, for descriptions you will need to buy a copy of "A Real Ale Guide to Sheffield & District"!

Sheffield City Centre Pubs



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

Or email details to linda@yourpint.com or fill in the form at www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk/agm-staffing.htm. Please complete and return to: AGM Staffing, Linda Hutton, 24 Cope Street, Barnsley S70 4HX

Address	Postcode
Telephone (H)	(M)
Email	(9)
Membership Number	you MUST be a CAMRA member to help at members weekend.

When can you work? Please tick the boxes or edit times to suit, (i.e. just write "10pm" in the 9pm-11pm box if you can't work till 11pm) Anything you need to let me know? Please write on the back of this sheet.

TICK BOXES	7am – 9am	9am – 2pm	2pm – 5pm	2pm – 9pm	9pm – 11pm	11pm - 1am	Can Work All Day
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Steel City Beer Awards

Almost 100 local CAMRA members and brewery people gathered at Thornbridge Hall's fantastic Carriage House venue on the evening of Friday 25th February to celebrate the great beers which won awards at the Steel City Beer Festival held in Cemetery Park last October (which incidentally is to be held at a new venue this year).



Many of the award winning beers were on tap and flowing freely, as were some additional old favourites from Thornbridge Brewery. A huge buffet supper was also involved and a bottled beer raffle also took place. On stage, Dave



Williams, the head of the festival organising committee led proceedings, Jim Harrison of Thornbridge Hall first of all welcomed us to his place and then each award winning brewer was invited onto stage to receive their award from key Sheffield CAMRA people.



The overall champion beer of the festival was Marble Dobber, which was the winner of the Strong Bitter category. The separate Champion Beer of Sheffield competition was won by Abbeydale Brewery with Deception. Other category winners were White Rose Raven (mild), White Rose Original Blonde (Bitter), The Brew Company Hop Monster (Best Bitter), Marble Chocolate (Stout) and Dark Star Smoked Porter (Porter).

Congratulations and thanks to all those at the awards ceremony. Also note that as the Brew Company was unable to make the awards night we plan on arranging a

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If you are interested in joining our free LocAle scheme all you need to do is sell at least one real ale product brewed within 20 miles of your pub. We are able to supply a range of promotional material including pump clip crowns and window stickers, as well publicity here and on our website. Please contact Alan Gibbons for further information. E-mail: treasurer@sheffieldcamra.org.uk or on 07760 308766.

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Real Ale Reviews: Acorn Gorlovka by Andrea Waterhouse

Everyone probably knows by now that I love a nice dark beer. I also like strong, tasty beers too. So, when I get to mix the two and get my hands on a strong, tasty, dark beer, then I'm laughing! This particular beer is Acorn Gorlovka!

Acorn Brewery Limited is based in Wombwell, near Barnsley in Yorkshire. The business was set up in May 2003 and since then has brewed cask beers sold supplied to over 300 outlets nationwide. As well as seasonal and special beers Acorn produce a core range that have gained awards from the Brewing industry and from CAMRA. Among their permanent



industry and from CAMRA. Among their permanent portfolio you will find Barnsley Gold (a citrus golden beer at 4.3% ABV), Barnsley Bitter (a bitter, chestnut beer at 3.8% ABV) and Old Moor Porter (a smooth, full bodied dark beer at 4.4% ABV).

Gorlovka got its name both from its beer style and also from a place. Gorlovka is the Ukrainian twin town of Barnsley. When Acorn were planning to do a Russian Imperial Stout this seemed the obvious choice for a name, connecting the beer both to its local heritage and the country that gave the beer style its name! Initially a seasonally produced beer it is now brewed regularly due to demand. It weighs in at 6.0% ABV and is brewed in the style of an Imperial Stout. This is a type of stout that was originally brewed to export to the Baltic region. Gorlovka is slightly less strong than what is expected of a typical Imperial Stout (they were high in alcohol to help them survive the long journey to the Baltic States) but it does stand up in terms of the flavour.

Gorlovka is a dark ebony coloured stout with hints of red and a small lasting tan head. Aroma is quite roasty, with a good amount of dark fruit, coffee and dark chocolate. Texture is medium bodied with a nice smooth mouthfeel. The primary flavours that come through reflect those in the aroma. This is balanced by a bitter spiciness from the Challenger hops and hints of toffee and a slight sweetness. This all leads to a dry, bitter finish and a long fruit and chocolate aftertaste.

I was really impressed with Gorlovka, but found that it was far too drinkable for a 6% beer! I will concede that not everyone will like this one. Those who don't like rich fruit flavours will probably not appreciate the taste of this one, and I doubt I could persuade lager drinkers to try something this deep, dark and dangerous! The good side is that there is consequently much more left for those of us who go weak at the thought of a tasty, strong dark beer! Gorlovka is extremely flavoursome, rich and smooth and actually rather well balanced too. The combination of the fruit, chocolate and slight sweetness works really well with the bitterness and the spicy hop character. A well crafted beer indeed! Availability is thankfully good around my neck of the woods. Just be warned that, although it's not the strongest beer in Imperial Stout terms, it is quite strong and should be treated with the respect it deserves. It is more a sipping than a tipping down your neck type of beer!

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There are four rooms, one of which has recently been added - one room has a large open fire, which is very welcome in winter. There are wooden beams and stone flagged floors which are all original.

Suzanne has been at the Red Lion for 4 years and is assisted by the bar and kitchen staff,



all of whom help to make this a very efficiently run pub. There are four hand pumps on the bar with permanent and changing guest beers and food is served all day everyday.

Suzy and the team always extend a warm welcome to everyone, including walkers, cyclists and dogs. So when you're next in the area, do call in - or better still, join us on *Friday 8th April* for the award presentation!

John Coulson

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produce, such as Homemade Pie of the Day, Fish and Chips and Sausage and Mash, will be available from 12.00pm until 5.30pm on both days.

Manager Tom Delany has been working closely with independent breweries recently and will be bringing new ales to the pub's range from Two Roses, a Barnsley Brewery, for CAMRA members to enjoy.

The University Arms will be hosting a number of beer festivals over the coming year, where customers will be able to sample real ales from all corners of the UK.

Regular events at the pub 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. All events are open to all.

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 guest beers and find out about forthcoming events www.facebook.com/universityarms

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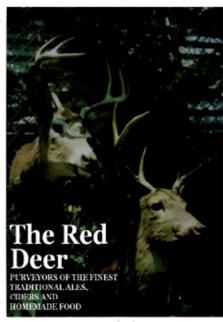
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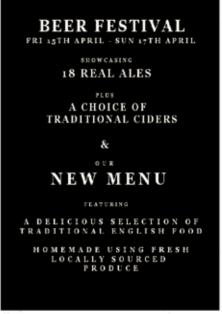
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Dates for your diary... Socials, meetings etc.

Tuesday 29th March 8pm - Walkabout - An opportunity to get out drinking in an area of Sheffield we don't normally get to. This month it is Woodseats and Heeley, starting at the Woodseats Palace, then the Chantrey Arms before getting the bus down to Heeley for the White Lion, Crown, Sheaf View and Shakespeare.

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.

Thursday 7th April 8pm - Members Weekend Planning Meeting - We continue to discuss plans for the National Members Weekend and AGM we are hosting, this is the last meeting before the event! The meeting is upstairs at the Rutland Arms, Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre.

Friday 8th April - Pub of the Month - You've voted the Red Lion at Litton as the April winner, book a seat on our minibus and travel out to this lovely country pub and see the branch chairman present the certificate.

Tuesday 12th April to Thursday 14th April - Members Weekend Bar set up - We need help setting up the beer festival we are holding at University House for the Members Weekend. If you can help please fill in the staffing form found at **www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk**.

Friday 15th April to Sunday 17th April - CAMRA National Members Weekend & AGM - At the Octagon Centre and University House - visit www.*camra.org.uk/agm* for more details.

Monday 18th April - Members Bar take down - We need help taking all the beer festival kit down and putting it away into storage.

Tuesday 19th April - 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. If you are interested in helping with the organisation you are welcome to attend. (buses 53,78,79. Postcode S6 1GA)

Tuesday 26th April 8pm - Beer Matters Distribution & Committee meeting - The May issue of Beer Matters will be available to collect from the Rutland Arms 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 upstairs room. **(NOTE THE NEW VENUE)**

Saturday 30th April 12pm - Rico's Belgian Beer Pub Crawl - If you have had more than your fair share of traditional British beers during April and fancy a change, Rico, our social secretary will take you on a pub crawl drinking Belgian beer to highlight the increased availability of genuine foreign beers in Sheffield, starting at the Sheffield Tap at midday.

Tuesday 3rd May 8pm - Branch meeting - We get together to share pub, club and brewery news and catch up on branch & campaign business, over a pint or two. The venue this month is to be confirmed.

Sunday 8th May 11am - RambAle - A Sunday stroll through beautiful Peak District scenery combined with drinking real ale at country pubs. This month we get the 11:14 train from Sheffield out to New Mills Central and walk back to Chinley, stopping off at a number of pubs including the Old Hall Inn, before getting the train back to Sheffield.

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



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