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Your Local Brewery News...

Geeves Brewery of Barnsley

As we go to press, Pete and Harry Geeves (pronounced with a J), should have started brewing in their new microbrewery in Barnsley. It will have a capacity of 5.5 barrels and will be situated on the Grange Lane Industrial Estate, Stairfoot. Their beers should start to appear in early August.

The father and son team are obviously very excited to get the project underway and can't wait to start contributing to the local real ale scene, which will of course include the pubs of Sheffield. If you would like to contact them, call Pete on 07859 039 259

Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

Steel City have gone collaboration crazy in July! First, Gazza travelled to London brewery Brodies to brew **Mental Hop Bastard**, a 6% hop monster using over 7kg of Motueka nad Super Alpha, so many in fact they had to be pushed into the copper with a shovel!

Two weeks later we hosted the **Brewing Brothers** from Cervesa Marina in Girona! Gazza met the guys during the Mare di Birra cruise in Barcelona and we arranged a two-way collaboration... of which the home leg has come around very quickly. Some of the resulting beer will be on its way to Catalunya and then, once we've brewed there, we should hopefully have some Catalan cask ale back in the UK!

More Brewery news over the page..



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We've brewed IPA, we've brewed Double IPA, so now for summer we're brewing Blanes Half IPA, a half IPA of around 3% with over 150 IBU and a huge charge of Warrior, Columbus, Simcoe, Citra and Sorachi hops vaguely in the mould of Brewdog's last great beer How to disappear completely although with less dark malts; we are using pale Maris Otter, Caramalt and Weyermann Vienna malt but you don't care about that, do you?

Finally we travelled a little closer to home, brewing with Raw of Staveley, yet another big hop monster, involving Herkules, Pacific Gem and Apollo. On a different note, we're stockpiling the strong beers from our mini-kit, to feature in

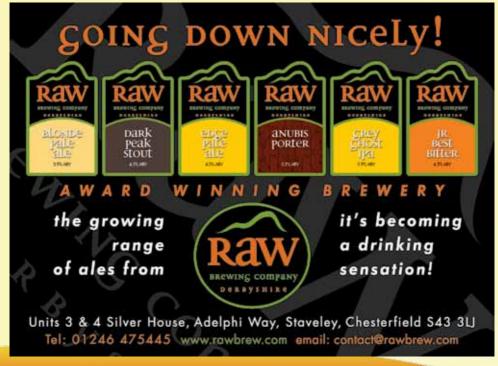
the Sheffield Tap towards the end of September.

Last month we reported on Steel City brewing a beer in the style of a German Kolsch - a small quantity of a one off variation of this has been produced called Morgenstern (German for Morning Star) - another music reference, this time a Rammstein track in honour of the beer's German style. This beer will be sold exclusively at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street.

Barlow Brewery - www.barlowbrewery.co.uk

Barlow Brewery have confirmed they will be laying on a beer & music festival on **Saturday 20th August**, as part of the **Barlow Village Carnival**. This should be a great day out and worth the trip!





If you are going by public transport, the local bus service is route 89 from Chesterfield to Holmesfield operated by Hulleys during the daytime, there is also a limited evening service to/from Sheffield operated by Stagecoach. For more details of this event please refer to the advert elsewhere in this issue.

Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

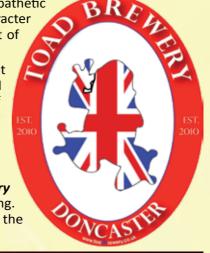
Thornbridge are delighted to announce a new partnership lease with Enterprise for the Hallamshire House pub in Commonside, Sheffield.

The brewery and Enterprise plan a sympathetic refurbishment of the pub to retain its character whilst adding more including the development of an outside area to the rear of the pub.

After a period of closure for refurbishment the Hallamshire House will reopen in mid September. It will carry a full range of Thornbridge Beers and a good range of quality bottled beers. No food will be available just a small range of bar snacks.

Toad Brewery - R.I.P.

...and finally, on a sadder note, *Toad Brewery* of *Doncaster* has unfortunately ceased trading. The staff have been made redundant and the equipment is to be sold off.







Your Local Pub and Beer Festival News...

Following on from last months pub news, *Delaney's music bar* does indeed serve real ale and the bar took part in the Tramlines Festival Blues & Real Ale trail. Delaney's is also the new home of Uncle Alberts Pies, which gathered a good following at the *Nottingham House in Broomhill* before the pub closed.

The Beehive at Harthill is holding what we believe to be their first ever beer festival on the 30th and 31st July and as well as real ale this will feature a hog roast. The bus service from Sheffield is X14 during the daytime and 49 on evenings and Sundays, both drop off right outside the pub.

The Banner Cross at Banner Cross is joining the LocAle scheme with beers from Kelham Island and Abbeydale regularly available.

The Sheaf View at Heeley continues to be popular with a great range of real ales and is approaching 10 years in the Good Beer Guide. Meanwhile nearby both the Shakespeare and the White Lion held beer festivals at the end of July, contributing to the Heeley area becoming an increasingly popular place to drink good beer!

The Nailmakers Arms at Norton has new management, who previously ran a rural real ale pub in Derbyshire. We are not aware yet whether they plan on introducing real ale or not...

The Cross Scythes at Totley have won "Best Food Pub" at the recent Westside Restaurant awards, and to celebrate, have launched a more extensive menu!

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The Barrel at Chapeltown is closing for a major refurbishment which is expected to completely change the layout of the building, it is to be re-branded as the *Barrel Bar & Grill*.

Another pub under new management is the *New Inn on Gleadless Common*. Two real ales, Wells Bombardier Bitter and Tetley Bitter continue to be available.

The Red Lion at Gleadless Townend has replaced John Smiths Cask with Adnams Bitter, Tetley Bitter continues to also be available on handpump.

The White Lion at Heeley has just been re-accredited with Cask Marque, and new outdoor speakers have been installed in their beer garden, which makes it a very lively place to drink!

The East House on Spital Hill is up for sale.

The Horse & Groom on Blackstock Road, which recently reopened as a real ale pub, has adapted their beer range as they discover what their customers prefer. At last report they had a choice of 3 beers from Bradfield Brewery.

Sheffield real ale lover, Anthony Brearey has purchased *The Sheaf, Fraser Road, Millhouses* and is overseeing a comprehensive refurbishment of the pub. It will reopen in early August as *The Ale House* and is an entirely free of tie addition to the real ale circuit. Real food and live bands will also be on the menu!

The Crown at Totley has the answer for those frustrated at not being able to go in pub dining rooms to eat if they are out walking the dog - landlord Tony splits the pub into two halves - dog & nondog! The food is good quality traditional home cooking.

More pub news over the page...



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The Dove and Rainbow continues to support live music, and local talent in particular, with live bands now a common feature on a Friday night, as well as mid week. Any bands wanting to play in their own right, or willing to act as a local support for touring bands can get in touch with "Dove Page" on Facebook and for those who'd rather just come down and have a drink, if you become a friend, they'll keep you updated with the latest line-up of events.

As for the beer: as well as Hobgoblin and Easy Rider as established regular ales, and a mix of one-off and semi-regular guest casks, there is now the addition of the "Dove and Rainbow House Beer" to look out for, brewed by Joshua Tetley. And for the summer cider drinkers there's at least a dozen different ones to choose from, including Westons Scrumpy and Old Rosie on handpull.

The 5th Annual *Sunfest at Nether Green's Rising Sun* was a very successful event, with 110 different beers on offer! The beer list, which was sourced by Dan Baxter at Abbeydale was very well received and featured a number of new breweries and unusual beers as well as beers from breweries which often feature at the Rising Sun.

Throughout the four day event... the Whirlow Hall Farm hog was roasted and devoured, the Five Rivers Morris dancers danced, Loxley Silver Band played, local band "The Call" got people dancing and the Rain Rescue Dog Show raised lots of money. Overall, more than half of the 110 beers had completely sold out — as did the 15 ciders and perries, and more than £2,000 was raised for charity!

The Vine on Cemetery Road closed for redecoration and should by now have reopened under new management.

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The New Barrack Tavern are pleased to announce that for the second year in a row, they are category winners in the Sheffield in Bloom Competition for the best Garden in the Public House/Café/Bar Category! Also, don't forget their August Music Festival with funds being raised for Help the Heroes.

The Fat Cat on Alma Street, which is considered the original multi-real ale free house in Sheffield, celebrates it's 30th anniversary this month. It was opened by former Sheffield Polytechnic lecturer, businessman and real ale lover Dave Wickett in 1981.

The celebrations includes a beer festival at the pub from **18th to 21st August** with up to 40 beers split between the pub and the Kelham Island Brewery visitors centre (located in the beer garden) along with a BBQ and live music.

The Woodseats Palace ('spoons) celebrated 10 years open as a pub last month.

The Devonshire Cat held a cider festival over the Tramlines festival weekend and the pub was very busy with festival goers. This will be among the last events organised by Manager Ben Tysoe as he is leaving to take a career break after 10 years running this excellent pub and plans on travelling to New Zealand and Australia.

The Pub of the month award

Our pub of the month awards are designed to highlight and support pubs and bars across Sheffield and District that consistently serve good quality real ale in a friendly and comfortable environment.

These are the only real principle we apply, so anything from a community local to a trendy city bar can win if it meets CAMRA's basic ideals. If you are a CAMRA

member why not pay a visit to some of the nominated pubs and vote whether you think they deserve to win or not.

To vote for a pub you must be a CAMRA member, and have visited the pub within the last 3 months. The book with the nomination forms to add your vote to is available at all branch meetings, or alternatively send an e-mail with your name, membership number, name of pub and an indication of whether you are casting a positive or negative vote to potm@sheffieldcamra.org.uk

Active for voting:

Fox & Duck (Broomhill) bus 51,52,120 Old Horns (High Bradfield) bus 61,62

Wellington (Shalesmoor)

bus 11,12,14,35,37,57,58,77,78,79 or tram blue,yellow

Old Crown (Handsworth) bus 52 Ship (Shalesmoor)

bus 11,14,57,58,78,79 or tram blue, yellow





Spire Brewery unveil their new tap in Dronfield

Spire Brewery are set to open The Three Tuns (formerly the Hallowes) in Dronfield, at the end of July. For those who don't know it, the pub is a large mock Tudor style pub near the Hallowes estate, where Cemetery Road meets Chesterfield Road.

The Three Tuns has benefitted from a refurbishment both in the customer areas and behind the scenes and the bar will offer up to **12** real ales - some from Spire Brewery plus guest ales from other micro-breweries along with traditional cider and genuine continental beers such as **Bernard Pilsner** from the Czech Republic.



Good value food will also be available lunchtime and early evening on weekdays and all day at weekends and will be traditional, home cooked pub grub such as steak & ale pie, sausage & mash and an all day breakfast, all at a reasonable price. The Three Tuns also wish to offer a pleasant and comfortable environment for all. There will be a quality line in tea, coffee and cakes, children will be welcome up until 8pm, and the Three Tuns will be dog friendly.

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Pub of the Month - August 2011 Gardeners Rest - Neepsend

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A central bar serves two separate rooms with a snug to the left and a lounge to the right, situated behind which is the conservatory surrounded on two sides by the



recently completed garden that overlooks the River Don. Pat Wilson and Eddie Munnelly reopened it as a freehouse in October 1998 with an emphasis on real ale.

Being extensively damaged during the floods of June 2007 it took some time to repair reopening in November 2009. The pub retains its friendly atmosphere with a clientele of young and old with regulars from near and far.

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There is always something going on: live music is a feature on Friday and Saturday nights with a free general knowledge quiz on Sunday evenings. One survivor from the floods is the bar billiards table which has been fully refurbished and is the last one to be found in a Sheffield pub.

The walls exhibit an ever changing selection of art from mainly local artists. Once a year the art is replaced by the entries for the Gardeners Rest photographic competition, which anybody with a camera can enter.

There are 12 cask beers on sale, of which at least four will be from the nearby Sheffield Brewery for which the pubs serves as "brewery tap", with the others mainly from microbreweries. A range of continental beers are served on draft and in bottles as well as a couple of real ciders.

The presentation evening at the Gardeners Rest will be on Tuesday 16th August from 8pm. Pat, Eddie and, the friendly mannequin, Stella invite customers old and new to celebrate their achievement with a party night.

The Gardeners Rest is open Monday to Thursday 3pm - 11pm, Friday and Saturday 12noon - 12midnight & Sundays 12noon - 11pm.

How to get there: The 53 Bus stops just outside the pub and Infirmary Road tram stop is a five minute walk away. For more information, please visit their website at **www.gardenersrest.com** which is ably maintained by Patty the Duck!

Rob Carroll



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A pub crawl of Dronfield

It wasn't that long ago that there was very little to interest the discerning beer drinker in the town of Dronfield. Recently times have changed and both the pub scene and local public transport has improved, so read on and find out where to drink on your next visit!

First of all getting there. Dronfield has a railway station in the town centre served by Northern Rail hourly on the Leeds-Nottingham route. Stagecoach are the main bus operator and have three key routes around the area - the 43 from Sheffield to Chesterfield which serves Bowshaw, Dronfield Woodhouse, Gosforth and Hallowes, the 44/44A from Sheffield to Chesterfield which serves Coal Aston, Dronfield Station and Hallowes and the 293 from Sheffield to Dronfield which serves Dronfield Woodhouse, Civic Centre, Gosforth, Hill Top and Hallowes. A flat fare applies within the town of £1.20. A Dayrider ticket valid in Sheffield & Dronfield costs £3.20. Additionally TM Travel operate services 14/15 which serve Apperknowle, Coal Aston, Dronfield Centre and Dronfield Woodhouse on their way to Holmesfield (day ticket £3).

We start at *The Three Tuns*, (previously known as the Hallowes) which is due to reopen at the end of July under the management of *Spire Brewery* with 12 handpumps, showcasing not only beer from Spire Brewery but some interesting guests too along with real cider. This is quite a large pub in the "Brewers Tudor" style, a popular design of estate pub in S17 and S18 a few years ago.



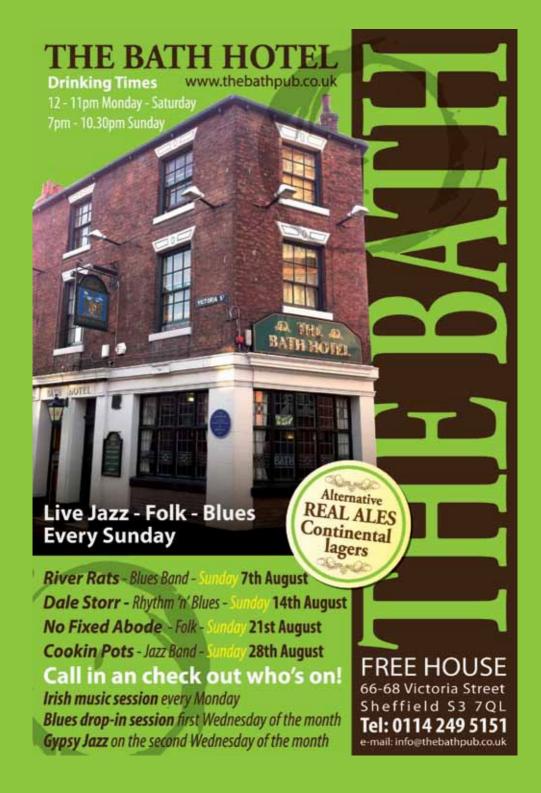
Ten minutes walk along Chesterfield Road into the lower part of Dronfield Town Centre and we come to the *White Swan*, a two roomed town centre local which focuses on live music and sport. Two real ales available, both generally well known session bitters. Over the road is the former *Old Sidings* bar which was once a popular, lively town centre bar with a railway theme before a bit of a decline and closure, it will soon be reopening as a freehouse called the *Dronfield Arms*. Watch the pub news column for developments here!

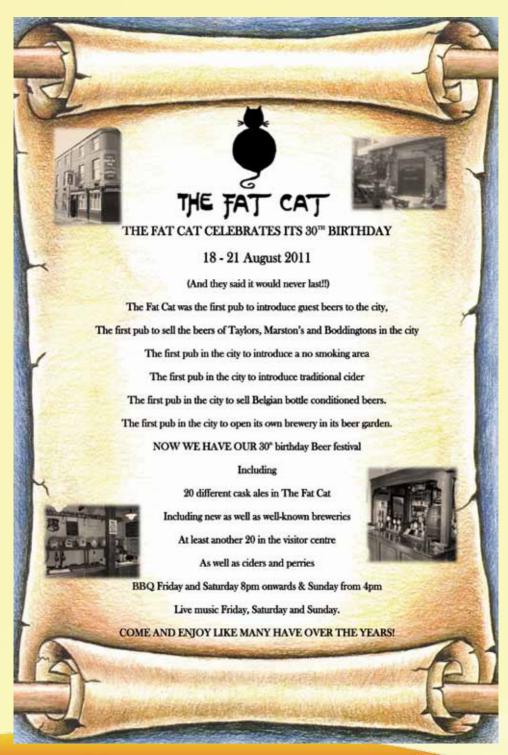


Head for the station then over the bridge and up the hill past the Forge shopping centre and you will come to the *Green Dragon*, the oldest pub in the area, thought to date back to the 17th century. This is a comfy, traditional pub split into a number of distinctive areas. Two real ales, Theakston's Bitter and Tetley Bitter. Continue up the hill and another historic pub under the same management, the *Blue Stoops*, dates back to the 18th Century and is split into three rooms,

this focuses on entertainment and attracts a younger crowd and just has the one real ale, usually Wells Bombardier Bitter.

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Around the corner, near Sainsburys and the Gunstones Bakery is a small, L-shaped pub called the *Victoria Inn*. A friendly welcome from Howie and one real ale in the form of Wychwood Hobgoblin. This pub is owned by Punch Taverns who are planning on selling it so enjoy it whilst its still open!

Walk back to the mini-roundabout and turn left, walk down the hill to Sheffield Road and next to the Sheffield FC football ground you will find the *Coach & Horses*, a fairly small, friendly and smart establishment with around 5 real ales, mostly from Thornbridge and a real cider. There is also an outdoor drinking area on the front.

Across the road from the Coach & Horses is a bus stop where we pick up the 43 bus for a 5-10 minute ride up to the *Jolly Farmer* in Dronfield Woodhouse, a local estate pub built in the 1970s and since converted to an "Alehouse" theme. The bar boasts a decent selection of real ales stillaged in a glass fronted cellar, located behind the bar, with a CAMRA members



discount available until 7pm Sun-Thurs. Reasonably priced food is also a feature.

Walk up the hill and you come to the *Talbot Arms*. Choice of beers are John Smiths Cask or Black Sheep Bitter. There is a pool table, Sport on the TV and food is served at the weekend. Live music also features on a regular basis. The building reminds of a working mens club in its layout, however inside it is quite nicely decorated!

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Up Carr Lane is the *Miners Arms*, a local pub with lots of cosy corners, a pool table and a proper beer garden. A choice of mainly well known beer brands on the bar, however one of the pumps normally has something more interesting on. The pub also offers a menu of traditional pub grub.

Our final call on this crawl, on Northern Common (the road from Bradway to Holmesfield) is the *Hearty Oak*, another pub of the "Brewers Tudor" style, this has been smartly refurbished and has three rooms the main lounge where good quality food is served (the meat is all sourced from a farm on the same road as the pub, also look out for their gourmet pizzas), the conservatory which can be hired for meetings and functions and the Oak Room (the tap room) which offers a



more traditional pub atmosphere and contains a pool table. Two real ales feature regularly - Abbeydale Moonshine and Abbeydale Brimstone.

Bus 293 will return you from here to Sheffield or buses 14/15 stop just around the corner on Carr Lane.

Also worth considering during your crawl around the area are: The Bridge (next to the rail station) & The Hyde Park Inn at Hill Top.

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2011 Beer Capital Survey: The results are in...



We regularly hear that Sheffield is the real ale capital of Britain thanks to the massive choice of beers on the bar not to mention the award winning pubs and breweries.

The Beer Capital Survey is all about proving it in the face of competition from places like Norwich, Derby and Nottingham, we run a number of pub crawls on the same day to visit as many pubs as possible, recording the beer range available along with, where possible, the prices. At the end of the day this gives us a final score of how many different beers are on the bars of Sheffield on the

same day, as well as useful data on average prices, most commonly available beer etc.

The 2011 survey took place on Saturday 16th July and for those that joined us on the survey crawls it was a great social occasion visiting pubs that we don't always normally get chance to drink in and the final score was a new record - 257 different cask beers available on the bars of Sheffield on the same day!



Have you had a Shakespearience?

The Shakespeare on Gibralter Street in Sheffield City Centre re-opened on the evening of the 20th July as an independently owned free house. Some building work has been taking place over the past few months, some to fix issues with the building but also some improvements such as making the front room of the pub bigger by bringing the archway area into the pub.



The main bar downstairs will offer a range of real ales and upstairs will also have a bar and operate as the 'Bards Live Music & Events Venue'

The "Shakespearience" they aim to offer is a pub with 19th century character focusing on simply good beer and music.

The pub can be found just off West Bar close to Kelham Island with most Hillsborough buses stopping outside (11,12,14,17,57,58,66,78,79).

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Sheffield Steel City Beer & Cider Festival 2011



Sheffield's Steel City Beer & Cider Festival is being planned and subject to final confirmation will take place from Thursday 29th September to Saturday 1st October.

It is a new venue and not only is it indoors and therefore mud and portaloo free, it is also in a much more convenient location!

The new venue is **Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield City Centre**, close to the rail station and bus interchange, also served by Fitzalan Square tram stop.

The festival will see a bigger range of beers and ciders than last year and will have the usual other attractions such as live music, stalls, tombola etc.

More information next month...



Cider month cometh

As you will have read last month, the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, was judged as a joint runner up in the Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year competition. With the winner being in Hull and other joint runner up being in Huddersfield, this technically makes the Rutland the best pub for cider in South Yorkshire!

The award presentation has been arranged for *Sunday 28th August at 3pm*, all are welcome to come down to see this, join the pub's celebrations and enjoy the great cider, beer and food the Rutland serves!

Meanwhile the search for the *Sheffield & District* branch cider pub of the year now begins. We are currently taking nominations for pubs CAMRA members think are a great place to drink real cider & perry who we should support in the promotion of the availability of this traditional British drink. Nominations can be made until the end of August, we will then open voting at the September branch meeting.



The winner will be announced in October, which is CAMRA's National Cider Month.















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Steel City Festival Workers Social by Dave Pickersgill



The first Saturday in July saw the annual Steel City Beer Festival workers social, over thirty members visiting the Raw Brewery at Staveley, before progressing to the Arkwright Arms at Sutton-cum-Duckmanton, for their annual Hawaiian Shirt appreciation party. The latter featured an extensive choice of beer, mostly from Ashover and Raw, alongside a bouncy castle and an outside BBQ which included excellent home-made veggie burgers.

After several years of enjoying real ale, Raw Brewing Head Brewer & Managing Director, David Hemstock decided to have a go. After several months of experimentation, it was clear that the product was good. It was time to turn this passion into reality – alongside fellow Director, Michelle Tuddenham, Raw Brewing Company was created. As David says, "I have no regrets about getting into this – going fantastic!" John and Kathy from the Arkwright Arms are also partners in the business.

The name Raw indicates that raw and natural ingredients are used to produce high quality beer. Alongside a selection of special editions and seasonals, the core range



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The five barrel brewery was sourced from the expanding Wigan based Prospect Brewery, moving across the Pennines in April 2010. The first brew was on 15th May, with Patsy and John from Prospect assisting with the birth of *Grey Ghost* IPA (5%). Two stablemates quickly followed: *Dark Peak Stout* (4.5%) and *Blonde Pale Ale* (3.9%). Raw was launched at The Arkwright Arms where they are now regulars. The beers are often available in Sheffield at the Fat Cat, the Harlequin and the Rutland.

Despite working at the annual Sheffield beer festival for more than thirty years, this was the first workers social I have enjoyed —I am sure it will be the first of many! 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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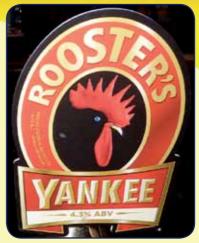
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Real Ale Review: Roosters Yankee by Andrea Waterhouse

Summer is (hopefully) here, so I'm searching for refreshing beers to tempt me away from my beloved dark side! For this reason I chose a pint of Roosters Yankee the other day. Yankee is a beer I used to drink quite regularly, so it was a good chance to revisit an old favourite!

Yankee is produced by Roosters Brewery, based in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire and run by Sean and Alison Franklin. They began in October 1993 and produce a variety of cask beers under the brand name of Roosters. Some of their permanent beers are Wrangler (a pale beer brewed with New Zealand hops at 3.7%), Wild Mule (another pale bitter beer at 3.9%), YPA (a Yorkshire Pale Ale at 4.3%), Leghorn (a golden full flavoured beer, also at 4.3%) and, of



course, Yankee. Also look out for seasonal beers and specials. Roosters beers are known for their aromatic qualities and are all highly flavoured, very hoppy and generally quite light in colour. They also tend to be under 5%, with the exception of the lovely Juniper IPA; a distinctive beer brewed with Juniper berries, which just tips the scales at 5%.

Roosters Yankee weighs in at 4.3% ABV and is made using American Cascade hops (hence the name Yankee), Golden Promise Malt and water from Yorkshire. Looks wise, Yankee is a light straw-colour with a small white coloured, slightly frothy head. It has quite a strong (but not at all over-powering) aroma that is quite complex for something of this light colour. Predominantly it smells of fruit and hops (the fruit is quite tropical and full of grapefruits, oranges and even lychees), with floral undertones. The texture is slightly syrupy, but retains a lightness that is refreshing and easy to drink. Taste wise, Yankee is a well balanced beer with plenty of taste. It blends flavours of malt and hops (the hops provide the dominant tastes of oranges and lemons), with bitterness and fruit. This all leads to a finish that is bitter and hoppy, ending with a long and lingering aftertaste.

Yankee is one of those beers that I can always rely on. As with everything, I have had some pints of it that are better than others, but I must say, I have never had a bad pint of Yankee...so that must tell you something! It is well crafted, well balanced and has bags of aroma and taste. The flavours work really well together and it is a refreshing and very welcome choice on a warm summer afternoon or evening. The not excessive strength also means that you aren't going to be bowled over after a couple!

I thoroughly recommend Roosters Yankee, particularly for people who like a light, fruity beer. I also think that anyone who appreciates a good pint of well made beer should give Yankee I try. Yankee tastes good, doesn't overpower your taste buds and is refreshing too! What more could you want?

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

Tuesday 9th August 20:00hrs - Branch meeting We meet and discuss pub, club and brewery news, catch up on any campaigning issues, vote for pub of the month and any other local branch business, all over a pint or two. This month the venue is the White Lion at Heeley, which is on bus routes 20,20A,43,53,89,253.

Saturday 13th August - RambALE A country walk along the Monsal Trail, from the Anglers Rest in Millers Dale to Bakewell. We will be taking the 1125 #65 bus from Sheffield, arriving in Millers Dale at 1235. The walk is about 6 miles and mostly level. Suggested bus ticket, a YoYo+ at £5.80.

Tuesday 16th August 20:00hrs - Pub of the Month Members have voted the Gardeners Rest in Neepsend as the August winner, come and join us at the pub as they celebrate this and see us present the certificate. Get there on bus 53.

Saturday 20th August - day trip to Richmond, North Yorkshire

Tuesday 23rd August 20:30hrs - 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)

Friday 26th August 19:00hrs - Minibus trip to the pubs of Dronfield & District Our minibus will take you to a number of real ale pubs in the Dronfield area, including the Three Tuns, recently opened by Spire Brewery. The minibus will depart from the Old Queens Head by Sheffield Interchange, please book places via Richard Ryan.

Sunday 28th August 15:00hrs - Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year (Joint Runner Up) The Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, has been named the joint runner up in the Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year competition. Join us at the pub to celebrate this and see the certificate presented.

Tuesday 30th August 20:00hrs - Beer Matters Distribution Social & Committee meeting The September 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.

Tuesday 6th September 20:00hrs - Branch meeting We meet and discuss pub, club and brewery news, catch up on any campaigning issues, vote for pub of the month and any other local branch business, all over a pint or two. This month the venue is the Alehouse on Fraser Road, Millhouses. Buses 87,97,98 nearby.

Looking further ahead:

Day trip by train to York - 17th September

Steel City Beer & Cider Festival - 29th September to 1st October

Minibus trip to the Yorkshire Dales - 22nd October

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



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