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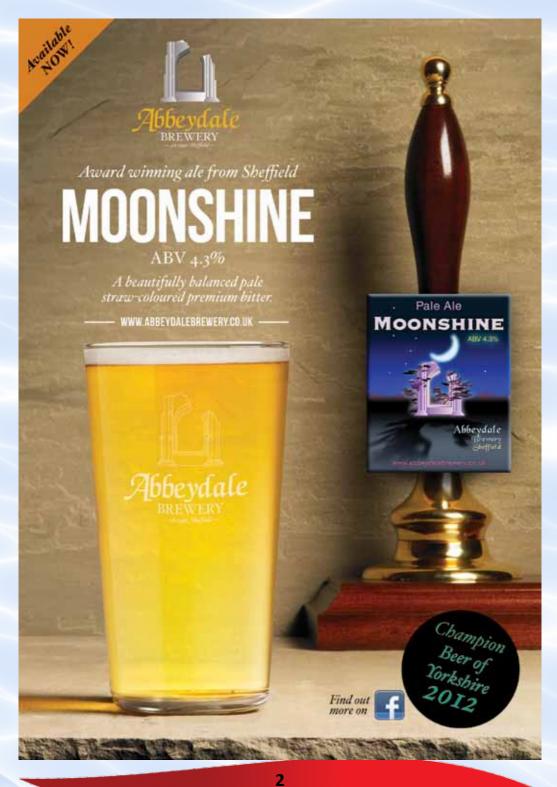
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# Local Brewery News..

#### Kelham Island Brewery - www.kelhambrewery.co.uk

Brand New is **Highway to Hell** (4.8%) an Australian Pale straight from the outback. A trio of specially sourced Australian Hops combined with Australian ale yeast for a refreshing light ale with a nose of citrus and passion fruit. This Highway to Hell will take you straight to beer heaven. Kelham's returning classic for April is much loved **Night Rider** (4.5%). A darker, richer version of **Pale Rider** Its berry fruit North American hop character is complemented by traditional Maris Otter malt with a luxurious roasted crystal and black malt body.

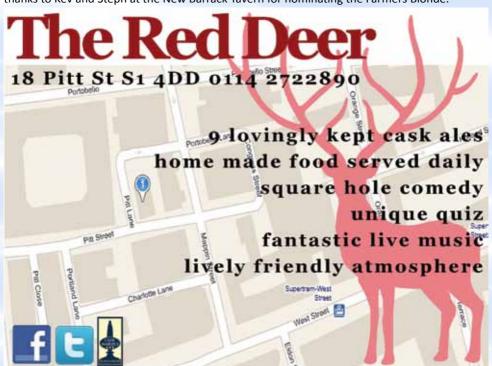
As fellow footballers (Kelham Island Munchen Hunchback only lost one game in 2011). Kelham are happy to help Hallam FC with a commemorative special edition bottled ale to celebrate the opening of the new Clubhouse and Visitor Centre at what is the oldest football ground in the world. It looks a great facility so take in a game and enjoy a beer.

## Bradfield Brewery - www.bradfieldbrewery.co.uk

April sees the return of Bradfield **Ye Olde English Ale** a 4.6% light copper coloured traditional English ale brewed for St George's Day celebrated on 23rd April. The brewery are also launching a range of fruit beers starting with **Farmers Plum Bitter** in May.

Recently Bradfield have won two silver awards, one for their **Farmers Stout** in the dark ales, stouts and porters category at the SIBA craft beer and keg competition 2012 and the other for their ever popular **Farmers Blonde** in the Castle Rock Brewery beer of the year 2011.

Head brewer Paul Ward was naturally delighted with his teams success and a great night was had by all at the awards dinner held on 28th February. The brewery would like to say a special thanks to Kev and Steph at the New Barrack Tavern for nominating the Farmers Blonde.



#### Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

The DCLXVI has now been brewed with Arbor, and was a total success - possibly even the world's bitterest beer! Though not as bitter as the concentrated Columbus extract used in the making, which we estimate to be around 350,000IBU (yes we tasted it, and yes we could still taste it after coffee and breakfast!). Flame-off involved 10kg of Citra, Simcoe and Sorachi Ace.

Meanwhile, back 'home', Gazza brewed Vane Tempest, another pale hoppy beer, named after a song by Blyth Power. April's beer is pencilled in as a hopfenweisse, using Bavarian wheat and yeast, but with a 'Yorkshire Twist' in the form of a shedload of citrus hops!

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

**Darkness** makes a welcome return weighing in at 4.2%. Aromatic roast malts give a deep red colour and Fuggle hops give a mild level of bitterness and aroma. Also available for April and May is a new brew to celebrate the Queens Diamond jubilee. **God Save The Queen** has an abv of 4.5%. Brewed with a touch of Rye and crystal malt for a smooth creamy body. Admiral hops for bitterness with Sovereign and Goldings on the aroma. I'm sure this will get even the hardcore punks celebrating.



#### Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

For April, Abbeydale are launching an extra-special special. This is a beer called **Now Then**, named for the local magazine and sporting the logo. It is celebrating Now Then's third birthday and will be available to free-trade and DDS outlets across the city and beyond. It is a 4.1% pale and hoppy beer, well balanced and easy drinking, the recipe having been arrived at with the help of Now Then's James Lock. The Riverside is planning to keep the beer on until it runs out so you should be sure of finding it there through most of April.

The other specials for April are a return for **Resurrection**, a 4.6% golden beer with a non-Easter theme and possibly a little later in the month, a new **Dr Morton's - Moose Abuse Juice** but at press brewing date, recipe and abv were undecided.

More brewery news overleaf...

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WELBECK ABBEY BREWERY

Abbeydale were delighted to win the **Champion Beer of Yorkshire** for the second year running at the Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival at Magna. This time the win was for **Moonshine**. Dan Baxter of Abbeydale who was at the judging said "This is a great win for our most popular beer. It has always accounted for more than 40% of our brewery's production and been a best-seller in and around Sheffield so it is great for it to follow **Absolution** last year and win this amazing prize."

Finally, if you haven't already check out Abbeydale's new website at **www. abbeydalebrewery.co.uk** and our new look on Facebook. Also check out the smartphone app Untappd - a very social app for beer drinkers.

#### Welbeck Abbey Brewery - www.welbeckabbeybrewery.co.uk

Since Christmas our brewer Claire has been very busy at numerous 'Meet the brewer' events between Sheffield, Lincoln and Nottingham. Now the weather is getting better, Claire is taking more and more bookings for brewery tours – if you would like a tour, please call or email Claire for the information.

Last month Sheffield CAMRA held their awards evening to follow up from the Steel City Beer Festival. As our **Portland Black** won the Porter category, we were invited to the evening of food and

Pale Ale

Abbeydale

beer. We sent a cask of the award winning beer which was enjoyed by quite a few very merry Sheffield CAMRA members - Thanks for a brilliant night!

The next brew day for Project Venus is to be held at Zero Degrees in Reading, but following that, the summer brew day will be at Welbeck. The one-off exclusive beer should be available in June, but more details to come.

**Donovan** is the next in the racehorse series, and this beer will be a lovely fresh spring ale. This is to be a European lager-style pale ale, at 4.0% brewed with Czech Saaz and Polish Junga hops for a refreshing and zingy drink. Look out for it in bottles in the Welbeck farm shop too.

As we move to spring and summer, we'll be brewing **Red Feather** 3.9% sweet, malty amber ale in place of **Ernest George** 4.2% Deep ruby ale. Don't panic though, Ernest George will be back next October through til March.

#### Blue Bee Brewery - www.bluebeebrewery.co.uk

Word from The Hive - plenty to report this month. The cold store has been extended, giving the brewery some valuable extra storage space. Just in time, too, before the long hot summer kicks in (ahem).

The World Snooker Championship starts this month, so look out for some new snooker ales: **Brown Ball**, 4.0% abv, is a specially hopped version of Bees Knees Bitter; **Blue Ball**, 5.0% abv, will be a brand new pale beer with "lots of hops"; and **Pink Ball**, 6.0% abv, a specially hopped version of Tangled Up IPA.

Pre-empting a flurry of milds hitting the streets in May, Richard has produced **Turned Out Mild**, a dark and tasty brew at 3.7% abv.

And finally, in an unusual collaboration, the Sheffield Steel Rollergirls turned up to help brew their own beer. **Amber's Nectar**, 4.0% abv, is the girls' own

interpretation of the fine Nectar Pale. All of the above can be found in the free houses across Sheffield and beyond, but by their very nature, only available while stocks last.





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# All the latest Pub and Festival news...

The landmark and locally well-known **Beauchief Hotel**, which was closed at the time of writing, is heading for a new era. The rear extension where the majority of the hotel rooms are located is to be redeveloped into flats, however the main building, which is the classic railway hotel, has been taken over by Brewkitchen, the partnership of Thornbridge Brewery and Richard Smith restaurants. The new Beauchief will be refurbished and have 8 hotel rooms, restaurant and cellar bar.

The Kelham Island Tavern celebrated their 10th anniversary with a beer festival in March.

During the same weekend, the **New Barrack Tavern** also held a beer festival and it has been noted that their guest beers have started to be a bit more 'exotic' too.

The Noah's Ark in Crookes has closed once again, this time however for a refurbishment and will reopen under the management of the Beacon Pub Company, who have leased it from Enterprise Inns.

The Old Queens Head by Sheffield Interchange is under new management and trading properly again, real ales from Thwaites feature along with pub food.

The Hillsborough Hotel is under management(kind of). The new boss is Alison, who has been the Hotel Manageress there for a while. She wishes to re-establish its reputation for great beer and as part of this has renamed Crown Brewery to Wood Street Brewery after the road that runs down the side of the hotel. Until a brewer is recruited Alison will be brewing herself, up to 4 times a week and producing enough to supply local free houses as well as The Hillsborough. She is grateful to a number of other local breweries for their help and support in getting Wood Street Brewery up and running (in what other industry would that happen I wonder?!). Back in the bar of the subtly renamed Hillsborough, a beer festival is planned for the summer. Until then the usual routine of beer, food, entertainment etc – see their advert for details.



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Greene King's Hungry Horse pub chain is coming to **Handsworth** with a new build planned.

The Old Monk on Tudor Square, Sheffield City Centre, will have a range of snooker themed beers from Blue Bee Brewery during the world championships at The Crucible. The beers are Brown Ball, Blue Ball and Pink Ball. Blue Ball is a brand new one off beer, Brown Ball and Pink Ball are existing beers that have been dry hopped.

Shakespeares are holding a St. George's Day beer tasting on Monday 23rd April, with six thirds of different traditional and contemporary English style ales — Mild, Bitter, Brown Ale, Blonde, IPA, and Stout/Porter, with a guided tasting and beers matched with food. Tickets cost £10, and include the 6 tasters, food tasters and a free pint of your favourite beer at the end. Email <code>info@shakespeares-sheffield.co.uk</code> for info or to book places.

The Hearty Oak at Dronfield Woodhouse has decided to make Friday night a regular entertainment night with a programme of DJs and live acts planned. The rest of the week there are various offers on food and at the time of writing there is still a discount being offered to CAMRA members on beers from Ashover Brewery. See the pub's website for more

information. www.heartyoak.com

**The Dove and Rainbow** will be holding their Annual St George's Day Beer Festival from Friday 20th April, featuring almost exclusively local real ales. They also now stock Yorkshire Crisps as their standard range, including the ever popular Hendersons Relish Flavour!

The developments at the **Sheffield Tap**, long awaited thanks to all the bureaucracy involved, should be happening soon. The planning applications are now in and hopefully work should start soon to restore and convert the neighbouring part of the building.

The new area will include a brewery producing interesting beers. Some of the beers will be brewed in collaboration with established brewers who will be allowed to be a bit more adventurous than normal and most of the Tap beers will be sold exclusively through the Sheffield, Euston and York Tap and Pivni York.

Also as part of the development there will be a new bottle cellar with a display window and another drinking room with views of the brewery and a small bar area which can be used if the room is hired for functions. Watch this space for the latest news!

More pub and festival news overleaf.



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The Earl of Arundel and Surrey has been sold freehold and is currently closed. It is not yet known who has bought it or what their plans are for the building.

**Old No 7 in Barnsley** is going from strength to strength with beers form Raw, Dark Star, Double Top, Thornbridge, Nogne (Norway) and Magic Rock featuring of late.

# **Pub of the Month nominations**

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 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

If you wish to nominate another pub, you need to complete a nomination form and submit it at a branch meeting or committee meeting. To qualify the pub must have been open and selling real ale for the past twelve months, and under the same management for at least the last six months.

# **Current nominations:**

Old Horns, High Bradfield (bus route 61/62)

The Stag, Sharrow (bus route 4)

The York, Broomhill (bus routes 51,52,120)

The Blake, Walkley (bus routes 31,31A)

## Tramlines Festival news...

Four Sheffield brewers are competing to become Tramlines 2012's official ale. A panel of judges will choose the winning ale which will be sold at the festival and venues across Sheffield on the run up to the festival.

The brewers entering the competition are *The Brew Company, Bradfield Brewery, Sheffield Brewery and White Rose Brewery.* 

The lucky judges making the final selection include two members of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), festival organisers, local press and members of the public.

Sarah Nulty, Festival Director at Tramlines and one of the judging panel said: "The Blues and Ale Trail is a key part of the festival and real ale is something that our punters love. Last year's Tramlines Ale was a great success so this year we wanted to open it up to other brewers in the city.

Sheffield has a fantastic real ale community and some brilliant breweries and we need to celebrate that. And I must admit - there could be harder jobs, who can grumble at tasting some of Sheffield's finest ale?"

In true Tramlines fashion the winner will be selected as part of a good old knees up at The Riverside, Mowbray Street, on Tuesday 10 April.

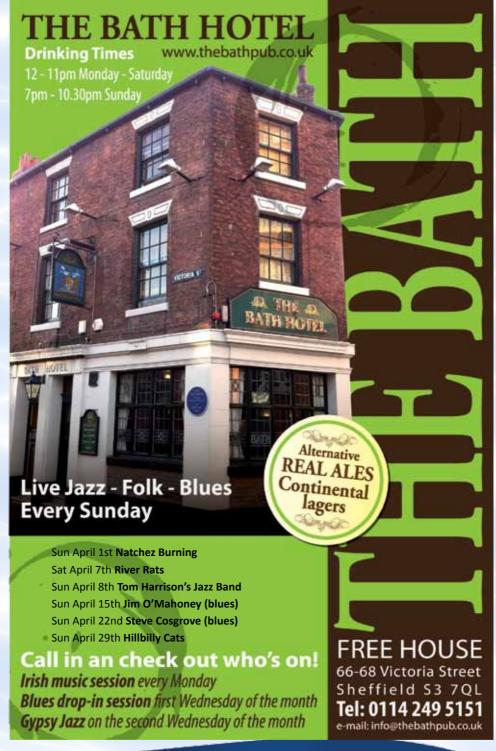
The ales will be anonymously sold from taps numbered 1-4 and the judges will have voting cards to select their favourite.

In the spirit of Tramlines entry is free and entertainment will be provided by local bands Unsung National Heroes and Hot Soles. The party starts at 8pm and goes on until late.

Magician Ben Z will provide table entertainment and DJ's will be playing all night.

Sarah Nulty added: "Great ale, great music and lots to entertain. It should be a fantastic night, so come on down and have your say on which ale should win."

The panel of judges consists of Sarah Nulty, Festival Director, Tramlines. Colin Drury, Columist, Sheffield Star. Simon Jenkinson, Yorkshire Post and Beer Writer of the Year 2010. Alex Barlow, All Beer Owner and Beer Expert/Writer & our very own Andrew Cullen, Sheffield & District CAMRA Chairman.





# A Woodseats wander...

Woodseats, Norton Lees and Millhouses isn't exactly famed as the home of good beer, but recently the pub scene has been slowly improving and there is a good choice of local pubs for those living in the area.

On the main drag in Woodseats, there is the **Woodseats Palace**, a typical Wetherspoons with a reasonable beer selection at reasonable prices. There is also the **Chantrey**,



a traditional pub which had Kelham Island Easy Rider, Tetley Bitter and Wells Bombardier Bitter and finally the **Big Tree**, a larger pub that attracts a livelier crowd, on the bar Greene King IPA and Old Speckled Hen. However the best pub in Woodseats is clearly the **Ale House on Fraser Road** for the range and quality of the beers. I do feel this pub needs much more support if it is to remain as good.

Moving up the hill to the Hemsworth/Norton Lees area, the **New Inn** had Hobgoblin & Speckled Hen, the **Mount Pleasant** had Mount Pleasant cask (Tetley), Ringwood's 49'er, Ossett's Excelsior and Courage Directors, **The Sportsman** had Tetley bitter & Bombardier, the **Prince of Wales** had Abbeydale Absolution, Moonshine and Tetley Bitter. **The Cross Scythes** - no real ale!!!

Millhouses on 11/03/12 - Waggon & Horses: Adnams Bitter, Tetley bitter, Courage Best, Doombar (none of the local ales as in Sheffield real ale guide anymore!), Robin Hood: Leeds pale, bitter & twisted, Everard's elixir and The Millhouses - Woodforde's Wherry, Doombar, Caledonian's over the bar.

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Sat 21st

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Billy Martin Jnr. Billy's Birthday

Bash 9pm

Louisiana Keith 9pm Tracey's Session 8.30pm Bluegrass Group 8.30pm

M & J Blues 9pm Jim O'Mahoney 9pm

John Keane and Friends 9pm

Robin Hoare 9pm Scandi Session 9pm Jackalope Tales 9pm

Dale Storr 9pm

John Keane Session 9pm Galactic Session 9pm Billy Martin Jnr. 9pm

Black Hares 9pm

# **Quiz Night**

Every Sunday from 9pm A general knowledge quiz (free) followed by the 'On the Spot' Raffle quiz with the chance to win up to £150 (tickets 50p)

# FUTURE EVENTS in April and May ...

- Gardeners Folk Weekend music and dance 12th/13th May
- The Last Orders Beer Festival 17th 20th May

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# Dronfield Sub-branch is formed



A meeting was held in the Green Dragon, Dronfield, on the 15th March to test the water on what level of interest there is in forming a separate sub-branch of CAMRA for the Dronfield area.

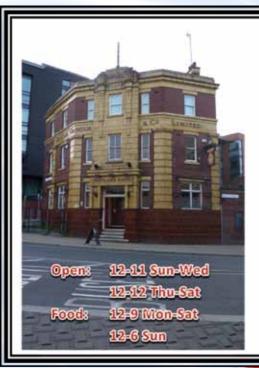
22 people attended and there was a lot of enthusiasm in the room for Dronfield & District to get its own bit of CAMRA. On the bar in the Green Dragon was Theakston XB and Tetley Bitter - not an exciting choice but kept in good condition and enjoyed.

**Rob Barwell** volunteered to be chairman, **Mozza Cooper** volunteered to be Social

Secretary and *Nick Wheat* also volunteered to join the initial committee, after East Midlands Regional Director Julian Tubbs explained how it all worked.

It was proposed that the Dronfield & District Sub-branch of CAMRA will meet every other Wednesday with a monthly branch meeting and a monthly social, starting with the inaugural meeting on Wednesday 18th April at the Hearty Oak in Dronfield Woodhouse, which can be reached on the number 89 bus.

It was also suggested at the meeting to look at whether Hundall and Barlow should be part of the sub-branch. Many of those attending moved on down to the Dronfield Arms after the meeting to sample a few other beers.



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# **Special Events**

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# Coming soon...

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# **Awards Gallery**















## Presented at the Steel City Beer Festival award evening

- 1: Mallinsons Brewery. 2: Bradfield Brewery. 3: Great Heck Brewery. 4: CAMRA Membership Director, Keith Spencer on behalf of Imperial Brewery. 5: Welbeck Abbey Brewery. 6: Thornbridge Brewery.
- 7: Branch Chairman, Andy Cullen presenting the special award to Chris Aucott (Manager) and Richard Bateman (Cellarman/bar staff) at the Interval Café Bar in the University of Sheffield Student Union.

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# Beer Festivals near and far.

This month's guide to beer festivals in and near our area starts with those organised by CAMRA during April and there are several on the same weekend.

Amongst the first to open their doors is Doncaster from the 12th to 14th April at Doncaster College's Hubs building, just a few minutes walk down the riverside from the bus & train Interchange. From Sheffield to Doncaster there are regular trains along with the frequent X78 bus, operated by First.

More information is in the festival's advert. Also the same weekend is Mansfield's mini-festival, from 12th to 15th April, a very grass roots affair with 25 beers in a pub function room - the Rufford Arms on Chesterfield Road to be specific. Stagecoach Bus 53 from Sheffield to Mansfield runs past the venue during the daytime.

New Mills beer festival is the same weekend too, on the Friday 13th and Saturday 14th at Hills & Mills Snooker Club, located near New Mills Newtown station which is on the Manchester-Buxton line. If you are going from Sheffield there are direct trains to New Mills Central station and it is walkable from there.

Onto the next weekend and Hull Beer Festival runs from the 19th to 21st April in a new venue - the Holy Trinity Church - with a range of about 60 real ales and 20 traditional ciders. The venue is about a 10 minute walk from the railway station. Direct trains run from Sheffield to Hull hourly.

Also from the 19th to 21st is Skipton Beer Festival with over 65 beers plus cider in Skipton Town Hall. From Sheffield by train change at Leeds for Skipton.

Details of all the CAMRA festivals can be found online by visiting www.camra.org.uk

St George's day falls in April and there are a number of pubs holding beer festivals - see the pub news column for some of these - and there are also rumours that a real ale tent is to appear in town for St George's day.

Into May and we have the annual Beer & Cider festival organised by the University of Sheffield Students Union. This is run by the management of the Interval Café Bar with some help from the Real Ale Society. The festival features upwards of 50 real ales plus continental beers, cider and food spread across the Raynor Lounge, Interval and Union Gardens. The full event is on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th of May with a cider party on the Sunday.

This festival is one of the few student union events open to the public and is worth a visit! Access is available via Bar One on Glossop Road or via Interval at the Union Concourse on Western Bank.

Also in May on the bank holiday weekend (4th to 7th) is the beer festival at Dronfield Hill Top Club on Longacre Road, which is a short walk from the nearest bus route (Stagecoach 43 on Hollins Spring Avenue) but should be worth the effort. The festival bar will feature 14 local beers (including one or two festival specials) all served on handpump at reasonable prices. Also expect a cider sourced fairly locally.

Entertainment on the Friday night starts with the Barlow Singers at 6:30pm with folk band 'Scuppered' on later until the early hours. Saturday daytime is all about sport on the big screen, with a family disco in the evening with games from 7 to 9:30pm. Sunday night will see live music and Monday is expected to be a more chilled out quiet drinking up session! Food will be available throughout the festival with the club serving pub grub during the day and hot pork sarnies in the evening.

Barnsley CAMRA have moved their Elsecar beer festival from Easter to Mayday bank holiday weekend this year with a new venue, just over the road from the old one! The festival is at the Elsecar Heritage Centre with around 30 real ales, many of them new or rare! The beer festival will run alongside a steam weekend at the Heritage Centre, raising money for the Macmillan cancer charity with train rides, music and other attractions. From Sheffield there is a regular train service to Elsecar, the venue is a 10 minute walk from the station.

Looking further ahead in May there is the Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival (see advert) and Lincoln CAMRA beer festival, then the Three Valleys Festival in Dronfield on the 2nd June, more about these in next months issue.





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# Pub of the Month - April 2012 Henry's - Cambridge Street

Henry's is a City Centre bar that has existed in Sheffield for many years and at one time was a really classy wine bar that you got dressed up to go to. More recently it went through some other short lived incarnations before being closed down thanks to a council compulsory purchase order, as the entire area is due to be redeveloped into the Sevenstone retail quarter. With the recession the developers have put the scheme off by a few years and that gave the opportunity for Mark Simmonite to come in and lease the building, bring it up to standard and open his version of Henry's.

The current Henry's bar has a similar internal layout with high ceilings, pillars, steps and various levels, it has been decorated in a more contemporary manner and has more tables in the bar area, as well as an upstairs restaurant and beer garden at the back. The big change from our point of view is the choice of beer available with two banks of handpumps dispensing a large range of real ales, mainly from breweries in Yorkshire along with traditional cider. The prices are also very reasonable.



A simple menu of sandwiches, burgers and pub favourites are cooked on the premises using quality ingredients and served in the bar, additionally on Friday and Saturday evening a bistro style menu is served upstairs for those that book. A further development coming soon is Aardvark Brewery, to be located next door to supply the bar with house beers and possibly also cider.

Henry's has proved a worthy addition to Sheffield's beer scene and we will be presenting their Pub of the Month certificate on Tuesday 10th April, why not come down from 8pm and see the presentation and enjoy a few beers and celebrate Henry's success.

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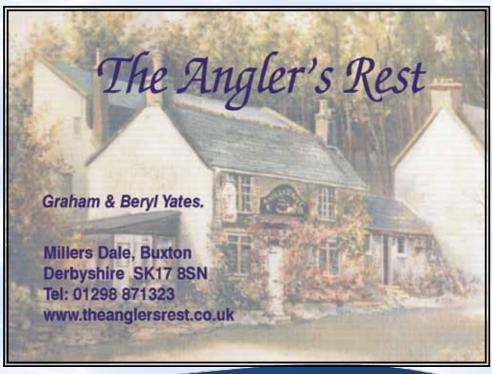
# Sheffield's Real Ale guide

Every now and again we publish a list of pubs and bars in the City Centre where real ale is available. As you can see there are lots of venues to choose from and vary from traditional locals to lively bars. For more detailed descriptions we suggest you buy a copy of our 'Real Ale Guide to Sheffield', available in selected pubs for just £5 or online at www.camra.org.uk/shop

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# District Pub of the Year 2012 The Angler's Rest - Millers Dale.

The Sheffield & District CAMRA Pub of the Year competition is now at its conclusion. All our members in the area were able to vote for the best real ale pubs, with the pubs coming out top in the vote then visited by various judges to find the overall winner, which is a pub with good beer, consumer friendly practices, good atmosphere and somewhere that a full cross section of people all feel welcome and comfortable.



We award two winners, one in Sheffield which goes forward into the Yorkshire County round of the national

competition and one in the 'District' part of our branch area, which goes forward into the Derbyshire County round of the national competition.

The Sheffield winner will be announced at the branch AGM on the 3rd April, however we can now reveal the District winner - for the second year in a row it is the *Anglers Rest at Millers Dale* (between Tideswell and Buxton). The Anglers Rest is in quite a scenic and secluded spot, sat below the main road with a riverside car park and ticks the nice country pub box with its ivy clad frontage,

it is popular with both locals in nearby villages and visitors walking and cycling on the nearby Monsal Trail. Inside there are three rooms, the tap room with pool table and dart board, this is simply furnished and walkers are welcome complete with boots and dogs! There is also a more comfortable lounge with a great friendly and relaxed atmosphere and a separate dining room.

On the bar there is a choice of well kept ales with guest ales normally sourced locally, Storm Brewery in Macclesfield being a particular favourite. Look out for more information about the Anglers Rest soon, including a date for the presentation night, we will be running a minibus out there for the event.





















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Friday 6th April (Good Friday) Bus Pass Buskers (Fantastic Live Band)	9pm	Tuesday 24th April Traditional Folk Night (All welcome to	8pm	
Saturday 7th April Fire Cracker (Excellent Live Band)	9pm	watch or join in) Thursday 26th April The Crashers	9pm	
Tuesday 10th April Traditional Folk Night (All welcome to watch or join in)	8pm	(Excellent Live Band) Saturday 28th April Steel Yard Blues	9pm	
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# Spire Brewery (Chesterfield) relocated

After many months of planning, David McLaren and the team at Chesterfield's Spire Brewery have now successfully relocated their brewery, lock, stock and smoking mash tun to a new location, which is less than a mile away from their previous premises in Staveley.

Their new home, which is just off the Staveley to Eckington road, is at Deepdale Close on the Hartington Industrial Estate.

Previously, Spire operated from three separate units and this often caused issues when brewing – often having to run from one unit to the other to check that all is well with the transfer of the beer from the copper to the fermentation vessel. In the new unit, everything has been planned so that the process of creating beer is more linear and thus runs smoother.



During January, extra beer was brewed and stockpiled to help the brewery cope with the closure and move of the brewing kit, but work took longer than expected (it always does) and they ran out of beer & only just managed to keep their 2 pubs supplied! Luckily they are now brewing again (back to back brews) and hope to have replenished their core stock in the next couple of weeks.

They have kept the same brewing kit but have added some much needed upgrades, and they



will also soon be adding additional Fermentation Vessels and Conditioning Tanks in order to expand production with a greater emphasis on bottling beers.

New brews will also be on the cards once stock of the core range is back to normal... Watch out for **Deepdale Pale Ale**, which will be their first special in the new premises at Deepdale Close, hence the name. It will be a pale hoppy creation at 4.8%.

The new premises also features an upstairs terrace bar which overlooks the whole brewing plant, this will give Spire more scope for brewery tours & functions! Once the dust has settled, there will be an official open

evening which will include beer tasting and a buffet to help soakage, invitations will be sent out to local CAMRA branches in due course. *Alun Waterhouse (Spire Brewery Liaison Officer)* 



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# Dates for your diary...

#### Tuesday 3rd April 8pm - Branch AGM

The branch's formal annual general meeting to approve accounts, elect the committee and debate any motions submitted. The business of a normal branch meeting follows where we share pub, club and brewery news, vote for pub of the month and catch up on campaigning news. The venue is the Red Deer on Pitt Street, Sheffield City Centre.

#### Tuesday 10th April 8pm - Pub of the Month

Members have voted Henry's on Cambridge Street in Sheffield City Centre as our April winner, come along and see the branch chairman present the certificate, enjoy a beer or two and help the bar celebrate!

#### Tuesday 17th April 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting

We continue to discuss arrangements for our Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, which we anticipate taking place at Ponds Forge this October. Volunteers wishing to help with the organising are still welcome to come along! The meeting is at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road. (bus route 53 stops outside or Bamforth Street tram stop is close by).

#### Wednesday 18th April 8pm - Dronfield sub-branch meeting

The first ever meeting for the Dronfield sub-branch, this will be principally confirming the committee and establishing how the sub-branch will operate going forward - with a pint or two of beer of course. The meeting is at the Hearty Oak on Northern Common in Dronfield Woodhouse, bus 89 stops just round the corner on Carr Lane or bus 43 is a short walk away.

### Sunday 22nd April 11:15 - RambAle

A nice scenic walk in the Peak District with a pub or two along the way. This time we start at the Ladybower Inn, located by the reservoirs and dams near Bamford, by catching the 273 bus from Sheffield Interchange which departs at 11:23.

## Tuesday 24th April 8pm - Beer Matters Distribution Social and Committee Meeting

Copies of the May issue of Beer Matters will be available at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, to distribute to pubs in our area from this point, why not have a social pint with other distributors? The committee meeting follows in the upstairs room.

Note - please ensure you sign your copies out on a distribution run and take a sensible number, we didn't have enough to go round last month yet some pubs got more than they needed.

#### Friday 27th April 8pm - Community Pubs Month Walkabout

We take you on a walk round the local pubs of Millhouses, all of which are slightly different. We start in the Robin Hood Ember Inns pub on Abbeydale Road South/Archer Road crossroads (buses 87,97,98) and will visit the Wagon & Horses, The Ale House and the Millhouses.

#### Saturday 28th April 2pm - South Yorkshire Young Members (18-30) social

Meet at the Sheffield Tap for a pub crawl around Sheffield.

#### Tuesday 1st May 8pm - Branch meeting

We share pub, club and brewery news, vote for pub of the month and catch up on campaigning news, all over a pint or two. The venue this month is the Sheffield Tap at Sheffield railway station.

For more information and to book places on trips, please contact our Social Secretary Richard Ryan on 07432 293 513



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