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A Sheffield pub crawl with a difference Steel City Brewers' Spanish hop Pub of the Month: The York, Broomhill and all your local pub, brewery and beer festival news.



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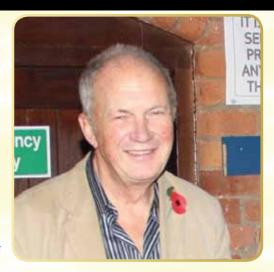
Children under 16 are welcome until 7.30pm but must be seated and under the close supervision of a responsible adult at all times. Under 16s are NOT permitted in the beer tent.

Dave Wickett: 1949 - 2012

It is with deepest regret to announce that Dave Wickett, owner of the Fat Cat & Kelham Island Brewery passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday 16th May 2012 after a long battle against illness. Dave's passion for real ale was the reason The Fat Cat started and helped to make Sheffield the real ale capital that it is today.

Dave will be sadly missed by all at The Fat Cat and Kelham Island Brewery.

Sheffield CAMRA offers our condolences to the family Dave leaves behind, the sad loss of Dave sees him leave quite a legacy as pretty much the founder of the current booming real ale scene.



We'll have more about Dave's achievements in the next issue of Beer Matters.

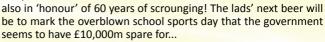


Local Brewery News...

Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

Steel City originally didn't intend to partake in CAMRA's Mild Month, but when they decided to get in on the act, they were unsurprisingly not going for half measures - and so their mild has no bitterness at all! After brewing the ultra-bitter 666IBU DCLXVI in Brizzle with Arbor, the return leg saw Jon travel to Sheffield to brew a OIBU red mild. Using a sack each of melanoidin and carared to get a deep red colour, the brew was then boiled for a minimal time, with no bittering hops - although there is a twist in the form of shed loads of hops after flame-off! The beer is also Steel City's contribution to the jubilee 'celebrations', and given its red colour and Dave & Gazza's views on royalty, Bolshevik Solution seemed the perfect name. A variant has been produced for

the Shakespeare, entitled **Parasite God**, named after a Mortiis track and
also in 'honour' of 60 years of scrour





Acorn Brewery - www.acornbrewery.co.uk

The Euro 2012 special is **England's Dreaming**, and is a 4.5% Light golden ale. With trade increasing month on month, Acorn have invested in 2 x 20 conditioning tanks, 200 more Stainless casks and new chilling equipment.



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Spire Brewery - www.spirebrewery.co.uk

The team at Spire report that they are still brewing at capacity at present with high demand driving sales ever upwards, and they're awaiting delivery of a new conditioning tank which should help matters. Back by popular demand is **Candleriggs 1909** and soon to make an appearance will be **Queen of Diamonds**, a 4.2% pale ale which will be ready for the Jubilee weekend and the Three Valley's Festival.

Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

Brewers from around the world received awards from an elite international panel of judges in the 2012 Brewers Association World Beer Cup. The ninth bi-annual competition boasted the strongest field of entrants on record, with 799 breweries from 54 countries and 45 US States entering 3,921 beers. The entries were eligible for gold, silver and bronze awards in their respective categories. Judges presented a total of 284.

Thornbridge's Raven was awarded a bronze medal in the American Style Black Ale category. "With 71 breweries from the UK entering the competition and only 2 wining awards this highlights the intensity of the competition" says Simon Webster, Thornbridge's Chief Operating Officer. "We are obviously delighted that Raven was successful as it is winning a growing number of fans in the UK, the US and in Europe".



Blue Bee Brewery - www.bluebeebrewery.co.uk



Bunting aficionados and flag wavers everywhere will be delighted at the return of **Red White & Blue** from Blue Bee. A lovely pale ale at 5.0% ABV, with generous quantities of American hops added. The hops are Chinook and Amarillo, which give a fresh and fruity feel; think totally tropical, sunshine and palm trees, swinging gently in your hammock, perfect for the onset of the Great British Summer.

Elsewhere, something extraordinary has happened at the Three Cranes on Queen Street. Surely no other pub in the country would have the sheer brass-neck to remove the Guinness pump two days before St. Patrick's. But that is exactly what they did. They replaced it with Blue Bee's award-winning Lustin' For Stout on hand-pump. Since then, stout sales at the pub have increased four-fold. "Amazing" said Rick. "Incredible" said Luke. "Wow!" said

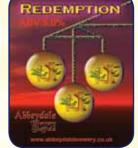
Jen. Proof that people prefer locally brewed, good value, quality product than bland, mass-produced, over-priced keg. Other Blue Bee beers appear on the pumps on a regular basis.

Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

The new cold storage area at Abbeydale is now complete, cooled and open for business. It gives a 100m² of cask storage which will allow the cellaring of some beers like the new special Old Stock as well as giving a sensible place for storing buffer stock for the fast moving beers. Anyone who has seen our old cold

store will know how daft the old cold store was and how urgently more cool storage was needed. This has now allowed the new cask racking machine to be commissioned in the old cold store, the temporary cold store to become a hop and chemicals store and just generally eased a lot of bottlenecks in the production area. Good thing with sales continuing to rise!

Specials for June include **Dr Morton's Ball Relief** at 4.0%, **Dr Morton's Cask Paint** at 4.1% and **Redemption** at 5% - planned as a ginger beer of which a cask will be saved for Sunfest. Speaking of which the Festival is now in its 6th Year! You can follow us on Facebook (Sunfest Real Ale Festival) and follow the developing list of ales and ciders on **YourRound.co.uk** or on the Rising Sun Website. As usual there will be all the Abbeydale beers currently available on show, a mix of new beers and old favourites from established



breweries and new beers from new breweries. We are planning to extend the cider and perry range this year and will also introduce some craft beer in keg. Admission is free with a refundable glass deposit. See the ad in the magazine for further information.

**More Brewery news overleaf...*

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Thurs 31st
Fri 1st June
Sat 2nd
Fri 8th
John Keane Session 9pm
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M & J Blues 9pm
Jim O'Mahoney 9pm
John Keane Session 9pm

Sat 9th tbc

Wed 13th Tracey's Session 9pm Fri 15th Jackalope Tales 9pm

Sat 16th tbc Fri 22nd tbc Sat 23rd tbc

Sun 24th Sea Shanties with Tegi 3 - 6pm Wed 27th John Keane Session 9pm

Fri 28th Billy Martin Jnr. 9pm

OTHER MUSIC EVENTS TO BE CONFIRMED.....

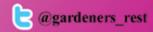
Feast Your Eyes!

A Special Mixed Art Exhibition through May and
June, featuring some of the artists who have exhibited here during
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Sheffield Brewery - www.sheffieldbrewery.com

Sheffield Brewery held a party at the brewery to celebrate their fifth anniversary where a couple of new beers



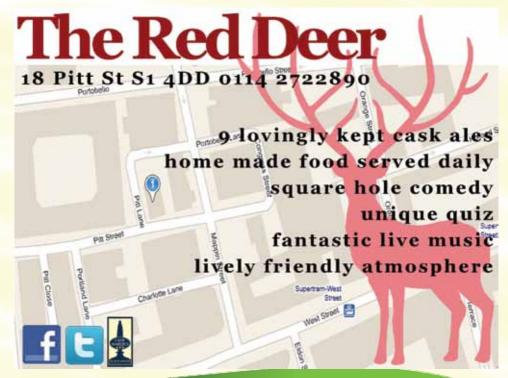
were available – **Chocolate Cascade** (a beer brewed with the interesting combination of Cascade Hops and Chocolate Malt) and **IPA 147** (the latest in their series of IPAs, this one numbered with a snooker reference).

Sheffield Brewery are also brewing a special beer to mark the retirement of Eddy Munnelly of the Gardeners Rest, who is also one of the brewery's directors.

Wood Street Brewery

Wood Street Brewery at the Hillsborough is looking to recruit a full time professional brewer, currently the beer is being brewed by the hotel managers, who have bigger ambitions for their craft brewery!







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Regular Events

Every Tuesday - Big Jim's Quiz

8 pints for the winner plus win up to £100.00 on our rollover Jackpot!

+ a free bowl of home made chips for every team!

Sunday Night - Folk night

Come down and join our musicians in their weekly session.

Special Events

Special Jubilee Brew:

£1.50 a pint all day. Pie, peas & a pint or fish, chips and a pint of Jubilee Brew for £6.00 - all day.

Saturday 23rd June:

The Zero's

playing live from 9pm

Coming soon...

'The Spot' Folk and blues open mic night... Launch night to be confirmed in the next issue of Beer Matters...

The Hillsborough, 54-58 Langsett Road, Sheffield S6 2UB.

Open: Sunday - Thursday 12 - 11pm, Friday & Saturday 12 - 12



Local pub, club and Beer Festival news...

The Mayday bank holiday weekend saw the Hill Top Sports & Social Club put on a beer festival with 12 handpumps on the go (there are normally two) with an excellent, varied selection of beers from local breweries along with Coors Worthington Red Shield, rebadged as Hill Top Ale for the event. Food was also available with a menu perfect for soaking up the beer in the tastiest manner possible and there was entertainment in the evening. This well run club packed them in with both members and other locals trying the beers and ciders.

Also the same weekend was Barnsley CAMRA's beer festival in Elsecar, this year moved out of the Hall its been held in for the last couple of years and into a marquee on the railway yard at the steam railway, part of Elsecar Heritage Centre. A great range of beers were featured along with live music, plus plenty of things going on around the heritage centre, such as steam train rides. The event proved popular and was one of the most successful recent beer festivals in Barnsley.

Rutland Arms in Holmesfield is now sporting

6 real ales with three rotating and three permanent beers complimented along with the usual choice of Lagers and Ciders.

They're keeping their fingers crossed for good weather for the Diamond Jubilee weekend as their food will include their "pies galore" range, hot dogs & stone baked pizza's in the garden, not to be missed. The Harthill Morris Men will be performing on June 7th from 7pm.

The Dronfield Arms new restaurant will be called The Vault, and is expected to open on Friday June 8th. It will serve contemporary British cuisine in a friendly unpretentious environment. Their £1 curry night each Monday from 8pm continues to be successful (Ed: I can vouch for that!). The 'Winner Takes All' comedy night on the second Wednesday each month features 7 acts, and the audience select the winner.

Acorn's Old No 7 in Barnsley will be hosting its 2nd Beer Festival between 5th-8th July, featuring over 30 cask and draught ales, lagers and ciders. On the Friday evening there will be a cider tastings by the Real Cider Company and



Barnsley CAMRA will be presenting the pub with the Pub of the Year award!

The Dove and Rainbow has now joined SIBA, so raise a glass to the wider range of local ales that will now be available on a regular/rotating basis. And if you like a bit of live music to accompany your tipple, check out their website www.doveandrainbow.com for the bands schedule throughout the summer, which is filling up nicely. Look out especially for details of a couple of BIG weekends coming up...

The Coach & Horses, which is taking part in the Three Valleys Festival on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend, continues right through onto the bank holiday Tuesday with not only the extra beers but a street party (in the beer garden!) featuring a BBQ and Circus Workshop.

The Silver Fox in Stocksbridge is back on the good beer map with 3 cask beers currently offered. The regular beers are Hobgoblin Ale and St Austell Tribute and the third is a guest beer which changes monthly – during May it was Waggledance honey beer from Wells-Youngs.

The White Lion at Heeley will be holding a Jubilee Beer Festival from the 1st June till the 5th June and will be selling 14 cask ales, 5 of which will have a Jubilee theme. There will be

free food served at 3pm, 6pm and 9pm which will be the best of British, which will include Pork Pies , Dripping Cakes, Potted Meat sandwiches, Cheese and Onion Sandwiches and Black Pudding! Expect a really enjoyable long weekend with live entertainment on all the 5 nights!

The Prince of Wales on Derbyshire Lane has increased there Cask range from 3 to 4 due to very high demand and will now be selling Moonshine, Hobgoblin, Tetleys and Celebration Ale for the Jubilee and European cup.

The Chantrey Arms at Woodseats are now selling Moonshine as a permanent Cask ale as this is proving to be one of the best sellers in the area.

The Three Feathers pub on Bowden Wood Crescent, Manor, was expected to reopen in mid-May, more news on this when we find out!

The Globe on Howard Street, Sheffield City Centre, has been advertising cask ales for just £1.99 a pint recently. This coincided with a mini beer festival held at some of the other pubs in the same chain such as the Beehive on West Street which featured the same price promotion. Our correspondent was encouraged in by the advert but found no beer available, it is thought this may be due to selling faster than expected!

More news overleaf...

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The Curry Inn restaurant in Dronfield, which is in the former Greyhound pub, has closed down according to the notice in the window. It is unknown what is now planned for this venue.

The New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road, Hillsborough, has lots going on over the Queens Jubilee weekend with Pub Olympics, street party, entertainment and lots of charity fundraising efforts.

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
The Blake, Walkley
Red Lion, City Centre
Riverside Café Bar, Kelham Island
The Ball, Crookes
Porter Brook, Sharrow



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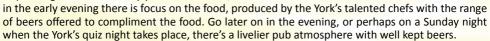
Pub of the Month - June 2012: The York in Broomhill

The York in Broomhill has been trading as a pub on that site for many years, going right back to the year 1830 when it was a travellers inn and blacksmiths. Over recent years it has gone through various guises and themes, some more successful than others.

The Forum Group, the independent Sheffield chain that also owns The Old House, Common Room and Broadfield, bought the pub around two years ago and invested in a major refurbishment and brought us a venue different to the others in the area - a smart yet relaxed bar and restaurant with good beer and good food.

Whilst the refurbishment could be describe as modern, fashionable and edgy, it has been designed to fit well in the Victorian building. There is also a specially constructed decked outdoor drinking area at the rear.

Depending what time of day you visit the York, the mood is different -



The cask beers are mostly sourced from local breweries in line with their policy of sourcing food and drink locally where they can and when the pub opened they carried a house beer called Anvil Porter supplied by the Brew Company. Real Cider is also available at the York, as are a selection of European beers.

We'll be presenting the York with our June Pub of the Month award on the evening of **Tuesday 12th June**, why not come down from 8pm and join us for the presentation and enjoy a beer or two? The York is easy to find, on the main road in the centre of Broomhill, served by bus routes 51, 52 and 120.







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Beers on the beach by The Steel City Brewers

Some readers may remember our Blanes IPA last summer, a collaboration with Catalan cuckoo brewery Marina. Some may even be among the lucky few who got to try the Spanish-brewed return leg of the collaboration, The Grim North Black IPA (it appeared at the Sheffield Tap, and didn't last very long!). Both beers were highly successful, and led to an invitation to appear at the Birrasana festival in Blanes, about an hour north of Barcelona.



Never one afraid to mix business with pleasure, I

booked flights to Barcelona for the Friday morning, and back on Sunday evening, while Gazza flew out Saturday morning and back Monday. A relatively sociable 1020 take-off from Leeds/Bradford airport still entailed a less sociable 0645 start from Sheffield, and an uneventful flight saw us land at Barcelona in time for the 1408 train to the centre. Bizarrely, the tourist office in the airport sells 2, 3, 4 and 5 day travelcards, but not one-day tickets! However, the friendly chap behind the counter recommended we buy a 10-trip ticket at the airport station, as these are useable for multiple passengers, and each trip is valid for 75 minutes, including up to 3 changes of transport. The advice turned out to be good, as myself & Shazz used one card between us over 2 days, at a total cost of €9.25, rather than four one-day cards at €6.95 each!

Arriving in Barcelona at 1430, we opted to head straight to the Barri Gotic (Gothic Quarter), where we spent a couple of hours wandering the back streets among numerous old buildings, in particular the magnificent gothic cathedral (a much better building than the seemingly more famous Sagrada Familia in my opinion). One downside of Spanish culture is that very few bars are open in the afternoon—some open at lunchtime for a couple of hours, many don't even do that. The majority open/re-open at around 1800, and carry on past midnight, however we had to leave at 1930 to get to Blanes, where we were meeting Kevin and Pepe from Marina (along with several other brewers!). We tried to visit El Vaso de Oro, quoted as a brewpub though the beers are actually brewed nearby, not on the premises. However, our gen that it was one of the few bars open in the afternoon proved to be false, the shutters were firmly down at 1700. We therefore retreated back into Barri Gotic and had a look at the Church of Santa Maria del Mar - as a staunch atheist, it does faintly irritate me that so much of the world's finest architecture is owned by the church! The building would make a cracking brewpub...

We then headed to the excellent 2D2D Spuma, about 15 minutes away by metro near Maragal or Congres stops. 2D2D have a bar and bottle shop side by side, we opted to hit the bottle shop first... oh dear! Proper kid-in-a-sweetshop time! I bought 10 bottles, and could have bought 10 times as many, just from the 'Spanish' shelves - then there were Italian, American, Belgian and Dutch beers (not to mention a few British!). The lady serving recognised my Steel City t-shirt, and despite not speaking English was clearly quite excited! She then showed me the local beer magazine, which had a 4-page article about our collaborations with Marina!

With my bag now considerably heavier (would have loved to buy more, but with the ridiculously over-the-top security regulations on planes now one can no longer carry beer onto a plane, as obviously one might use it to blow the plane up or something... and I wasn't willing to pay Ryotscare £20 to have baggage handlers inevitably smash the bottles), we adjourned next door to the bar. As well as 2 fridges full of bottles (plus one can summon any beer from next door to drink on site too!), 5 beers were on tap. Two were from the Belgian Chouffe brewery, which I flagged as we were short of time. Instead we had Marina Mas Cremat Stout, Zulogaarden Vibria Bitter (which was actually a pale ale, and a very good one at that, plenty of hop character), and Mikkeller Texas Ranger, a chilli stout, that for me had just the right balance between roasted malts and chilli heat.

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We then caught the train north to Blanes, the majority of the journey closely following the coastline, reminiscent of the 'Sea Wall' between Dawlish and Teignmouth. On route, I made a start on my haul from 2D2D Spuma, starting with CCM Weizen 4.0% before moving on to Cibeles IPA Dry Hopping, much more to my taste! Only 5.1%, but a respectable 50IBU (bit low for an IPA, mind...) and a nice aroma from the dry-hopping. To the dark side next, with Fort Oatmeal Porter 6.5%, a full bodied porter with distinct roast notes. A few more bottles as we watched the sun set over the Med, before finishing with L'Arensys Guineu Rocaters 6.4%.

On arrival in Blanes we took a bus to the centre of the town (the station being about a mile away,

as they wanted it near the railway), where we met Kevin and Pep and headed out for dinner at a nearby bar. Some excellent Tapas was served, accompanied by bottles of Marina Pale Ale (which was also briefly available in the Sheffield Tap).

Next day didn't involve the hoped-for lie-in, as I had to get down to the festival for 8.30 for set-up. On arrival, I was impressed with the arrangement... basically two rows of covered stands (the covers would prove useful protection from both hot sun and torrential rain at various time in the day!), each manned by the brewers themselves. We were in between Marina on one side, and Alvinne and De Molen on the other.



Behind us, not 5 feet away, was the beach, and 30 feet beyond that the Mediterranean.



Over the course of the day, we tried over 60 beers (mostly Catalan), some highlights being Laugar CCVIII (named on the same principle as our own DCLXVI – a 208IBU breakfast tipple!), Marina Pacific Lager (5.0%, and 60IBU, pretty respectable for a lager!), Reptilian Shakti IPA (6.9%, 100+ IBU, a pale orange IPA), Naparbier El Raval (an APA, brewed in collaboration with Danes Evil Twin), Nomada Garrapinale Tropical Party IPA (with New Zealand hops, and actual tropical fruits!), and Font del Diable Mr Soul, a pale ale at 4.0% and 54IBU, with shedloads of Atlas, Columbus, Bramling Cross and Citra. Oh, and of course Steel City A Slight Case of Overhopping 11 (4.8%, 94.7IBU)!

We also chatted to several like-minded brewers, in particular we noticed the logo of Basque brewery Laugar looked quite

industrial - it turns out they are from the

Spanish 'Steel Town'! With a coincidence like that (and their beers being pretty good of course!) there's only one thing to do - arrange a collaboration! Glenn from Alvinne also seemed keen to do a collaboration with us, so looks like a Steel City in Belgium report may follow! I was also impressed by Reptilian brewery's t-shirts, as they featured similar artwork to some of our own pumpclips, including a somewhat satanic goat-head, pentagram and inverted cross! He declined to sell us some, but swapped two for two of our own t-shirts, result!

Over the 2 days of the festival we sold a keykeg each of A Slight Case of Overhopping 11, Queen Anne's Revenge Jamaican Stout, and Vane Tempest. The unsold keykeg of Vane Tempest was sent to 2D2D Spuma. Big thanks to Kevin and Pep for the invite, we'll definitely be back next year!



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Beer Festivals near and far...

We start June with the Royal Jubilee bank holiday weekend and there is lots going on in pubs around our area, much of which is covered in the Pub News column.

On the festival front Saxophone Bob presents **Jubilee Blues on Saturday 2nd June at CADS on Snow Lane, Shalesmoor** (not far from the Shakespeare) from 5pm until midnight with a line-up of 5 blues bands, food and a real ale bar. Entry costs £6. This is the first of the three blues & ale festivals he runs each year, the others being Tramlines and Christmas Blues.

There is also a beer festival at the **Commercial in Chapeltown** from **31st May to 5th June**. This features a list of 60 different beers and ciders with food available at the usual times and the Harthill Morris Men performing on the Thursday evening. The pub's website is **www.the-commie.co.uk**

Otherwise the beer festival action on the Jubilee weekend is further South at the **Three Valleys Festival** in S17 and S18, this is spread across 10 venues with a free bus service in between on the Saturday. To get to this festival, which features over 100 beers, 20 odd ciders, around 15 bands and lots of food you can get the train to either Dronfield or Dore and pick the free bus service up at those stations or alternatively get the Stagecoach 43, 44 or 44A bus from Sheffield to one of the Dronfield venues then use the free festival bus to get to the other venues. You can find out more about this event at **www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk**

Also on the Southside is the Jubilee beer festival at **the White Lion**, **Heeley**, featuring 14 real ales and entertainment. Conveniently, if you want to combine this with a trip to the Three Valleys Festival the buses to Dronfield (43/44/44A) stop outside the White Lion on the way....

If you fancy travelling a bit further to a CAMRA beer festival, **Stockport Beer & Cider festival** takes place from **31st May to 2nd June at Edgeley Park football ground**. Around 80 real ales are featured along with imported beers, cider and perry. For more information visit **www.stockportfestival.org.uk**

The following weekend sees a beer festival at **Shakespeare's on Gibralter Street, Sheffield City Centre** (just off West Bar roundabout). This runs from **7th to 9th June** and will be the usual format - local ales on



the main bar downstairs, festival guests from further afield on the festival bar in the upstairs beer room, live music upstairs in the bard's room and food from the Artisan Pizza Company's stall in the beer garden. Altogether the festival will feature over 40 beers and ciders (food and music is evening only). The pub's website is **www.shakespeares-sheffield.co.uk**

Saturday 16th June it's the Welland Valley Beer Festival down in Northamptonshire, this involves travelling with East Midlands Trains from Sheffield down to Market Harborough. This is the event, now in its 10th year, that inspired the Three Valleys Festival. The beer, cider, food and entertainment is spread across 15 pubs linked by a vintage bus service, this also picks up near Market Harborough railway station (just the other side of the railway bridge). The beer range in total runs to about 250 different ales! The festival website is www.wellandvalleybeerfestival.co.uk

The Kelham Island Tavern holds its annual midsummer beer festival from 21st to 24th June with around 30 real ales to choose from, many of them new or rare beers. Cider also features and food will be served at lunchtime 12-3pm on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be live music from 9pm on the Thursday. The pub's website is www.kelhamislandtavern.co.uk

Also that weekend, the **22nd and 23rd June**, on the other side of the Pennines in Manchester is the **Greater Manchester CAMRA Cider & Perry festival**. The venue is Copper Face Jacks which is part of the Palace Hotel on Oxford Street (across from Oxford Road railway station) and features a range of 60 ciders and perrys. Admission is £3 (or £2 for CAMRA members), food and soft drinks are available in the venue. East Midlands Trains run from Sheffield to Manchester Oxford Road every hour, cheaper tickets sometimes available if you book in advance.

Looking a bit further ahead, the Derby Summer beer festival is at the Derby Assembly Rooms from 11th to 15th July, Tramlines festival takes place in Sheffield from 20th to 22nd July and Sheftival takes place at Don Valley Bowl (with real ale tent) on the 4th and 5th August.

Also of course don't forget the CAMRA Great British Beer Festival at Olympia down in that there London 7th to 11th August. This is CAMRA's flagship national beer festival showcasing beers from across the UK along with imported beers, cider and perry. From Sheffield to London you can travel by East Midlands Trains, Megabus or National Express, all of who generally offer cheaper tickets to those booking in advance. For more information about the festival, including sales of discounted entry tickets, visit www.gbbf.org.uk

For listings of all local CAMRA festivals visit www.camra.ora.uk





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Sunday 9 June: Monsal Head, 12:00-13:30; Great Longstone 14:00 - 15:00

Friday 15 June: The Ale House, Fraser Rd, S8, 19:45

Monday 18 June: Bradfield, The Old Horns Inn, S35, 19:45

Tuesday 28 June: Folk Train - 19:14 Sheffield Station to Edale, with dancing at The

Rambler, Edale (see: http://www.folktrain.org.uk/)

Monday 9 July: The Greystones, Greystones Rd, S11, 19:45

Wednesday 18 July: Nether Edge (S7) - Byron House, Nether Edge Rd, 19:45-

20:30; The Union, Union Rd, 20:45

Thursday 26 July: The Forum, Devonshire St, S3, 19:45 - 21:30

New members - experienced or beginners - are always welcome and can come along to one of the regular practice sessions on Monday nights (September-May) at 19:45 in the Burton Building, Burton Street Institute, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH. Or meet us afterwards, from 21:45, in The Gardener's Rest (105 Neepsend Lane, S3 8AT) - a good place to get to know us informally before taking the plunge! If you want to find out more please get in touch.

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A (not the usual suspects) Sheffield Pub Crawl...

This is a description of a first try out for a new route which stems from the perception that most beer-oriented visitors to Sheffield tend to go for the easy to reach city centre pubs or the famous "Valley of Beer", so I wanted to do something a little bit different...

I'd arranged to meet my crawling companion, Jeff, at Arundel Gate in time to get to the first pub for 12 noon. I arrived just as the bus pulled up, so we hurriedly got on and bought our CityWide all day bus tickets, and the bus then proceeded to go nowhere for about six or seven minutes. Something to do with a timetable...

We got to Attercliffe, crossed the road to the Carlton (right), and found it had been open since 11! This is a really nice pub, with wood panelling on walls and ceiling, a friendly and knowledgeable landlady and an interesting selection of well kept beers. There are six hand pumps, though only three beers were on, it being Tuesday. We had Black Iris Bitter 4.3% which was an unusual best bitter with a hard to pin down flavour. The others were Cottage Riley Kestrel 4.3% and Great Newsome Sleck Dust 3.7%.





On leaving the Carlton we just missed a bus back into the city, but as Jeff pointed out, there was bound to be another one along in a minute, and indeed there was. Changing buses in Waingate, just outside the market, we arrived outside the **White Lion** to discover that it's not open at lunch times during the week, so we went straight to the **Sheaf View (left)**. This is an excellent pub, a slightly unusual shape with a long thin room, almost a passageway, leading to the large bar area with its eight hand pumps and vast selection of continental lagers and malt whiskies. Beers available included Derventio Boars Head 5.5%, Atomic Planet 4.1% and Vale Spring

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Promise 3.9%, which was a very drinkable well balanced bitter, right up my street, and a contender for beer of the day.



Next we walked the short distance to Abbeydale Road and caught an 87 to the **Broadfield (left)**, which has 10 hand pumps, with eight ales and two ciders. The beers were mostly local, the likes of Wentworth Black Zac 4.6%, Acorn Old Moor Porter 4.4% and Kelham Island Pride of Sheffield 4.0%. We decided to try the Coastal Faeries Old Ale 4.4% (from Cornwall), which unfortunately was probably not quite ready - the barman had trouble pouring it because it was so lively.

To make up for the missed pub, we decided to go slightly off piste and walked round the corner to **The Lounge (Montgomery Hotel)**. We struck unlucky,

with Sheffield Five Rivers just gone off and Kelham Island Easy Rider due to come on next, which left Sheffield Crucible Best 3.8% as the only available ale. No choice, but a good ale nevertheless.

We went out to the bus stop across the road where the 22 runs every 10 minutes into the city centre. Our next destination was Broomhill, but we mistakenly got on a 120 that only went as far as Hallamshire Hospital, and had to walk the last bit up hill to the **Fox and Duck (right)**. There were eight hand pumps on here, two of them with ciders. The ales included two from Milestone, two Cottage and Black Hole Brewery's Cosmic 4.2%. I had the Cottage Bristol Bulldog 4.3% and Jeff had their Between The Posts 4.6%. This pub is owned by the student union and staffed by students, but the clientèle seemed to be mostly middle aged locals.



Just a few yards away is the **York**, which is in the same ownership as the Broadfield, though I find it a less congenial pub as it has a strong emphasis on food, with tables set up for diners reducing the available space for drinking. There are nine hand pumps here, serving two ciders and seven ales. I had the Double Maxim 4.7% and Jeff went for the Brew Company's Anvil Porter 3.9%. Others included True North First Born 4.3%, Brew Company's Cedar Lake Amber 4.6% and Milestone Shine On 4.0%.



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Next we caught another 120 to Nether Green, arriving at the **Rising Sun (left)**. There were an impressive dozen hand pumps here, with Pot Belly Crazy Daze 5.5%, Foxfield Dark Mild 3.3% and Brown Cow Captain Oates 4.5% amongst the ales on offer. There were also a couple from Oxfordshire Ales, one from Raw and five from Abbeydale. We had been meaning to get something to eat about this time, but there is no food here on Tuesdays, so we just carried on drinking. The mild was very good, and I was tempted by the Crazy Daze but resisted. My beer of the day was the Captain Oates, a dark and complex beer. Next up were the **Bulls Head (right)** and the **Ranmoor**, a quick bus ride or

a reasonable walk down the road. At the former I made my first drinking error of the day, going for the Acorn Yorkshire Pride 3.7%, which is a pale ale tasting of perfume and lychees, not my cup of tea at all. The others on offer included Wharfe Bank Tether Blond 4.1%, which Jeff enjoyed. We then popped into the **Ranmoor**, where there are five hand pumps, including Timothy Taylor Landlord 4.3% and Woodforde's Wherry 3.7%, of which I had a half just to refresh my palate after the lychees. We caught what turned out to be our last bus of the day from outside the Ranmoor to the University, walked through Weston Park and arrived at the bus stop just having missed the 95 up the hill to the **Blake Hotel**. As it was getting cold and dark, we decided to give the Blake a miss on this occasion.



The bus stop is just opposite the **Star & Garter**, recently reopened after refurbishment and now sporting four hand pumps, so we popped in just to get warm. We went for "Star & Garter Ale", which is rebadged Tetleys Bitter 3.7%. This was very pleasant and at only £2.15 a pint surprisingly cheap.

From here we walked down the hill to reach the **Shakespeare**. Here there's an overwhelming array of 13 hand pumps, but by this time I was beyond note taking, so all I can say is that I had a modest half of Revolutions Devolution 4.5%. Then all good intentions went out of the window and I had another pint of the same to finish off.

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Student Union Beer Festival report

The Real Ale & Cider Festival was again on the weekend of the May Bank Holiday in the Raynor Lounge of the University of Sheffield Students' Union. Having had to downsize from the previous year, there was still quite a sizeable selection of beer to be consumed. In total there was 66 Beers (including fruit beers) and 21 Ciders opposed to last year's 89 (including fruit beer etc) and 24 Ciders. The festival is the handy work of Interval Café/Bar with the University of Sheffield Real Ale Society helping in the setting up and running of the festival over the week before and during the weekend itself



There were beers ranging in flavours from Coffees to Cucumbers (Thornbridge Wye) offering a wide selection for the vast majority of the customers who are students, and introducing them to fine delights of Real Ale compared to the normal drinks of Lager offered in Bar One. Another interesting part of the festival was the Brewdog drinks on offer in Keg & Bottled form which provided an interesting mid ground for those who normally try lagers but didn't fancy Real Ale, with Tactical Nuclear Penguin selling out rather quickly.

Ironically the Students' Union Newspaper earlier claimed the Real Ale Society were root cause of Binge Drinking the comparison at closing time of the Beer Festival in the Raynor Lounge and the drunken debauchery club night 'pre drinking' in Bar One was quite noticeable.

Overall the festival was quite a success compared to previous years, despite the Beer room only being open on Friday & Saturday, compared to last year's Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday more money was taken. However due to the construction work on the University House and Fusion & Foundry being out of operation for the majority of the next year, the festival has an unknown future, but hopefully it will have a long lasting future.

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Dates for your diary...

Friday 25th May 8pm - Walkabout in Commonside & Walkley A wander around the real ale pubs in the area, starting at the Closed Shop then via the Hallamshire House and Blake, before walking down the hill to finish at the Hillsborough Hotel. Bus route 95 (First) takes you to Commonside.

Saturday 26th May 11:24am - Imperial Club Brewery award presentation A train trip to Mexborough to present the certificates to Imperial Club Brewery for their category wins at our Steel City Beer Festival. We'll enjoy a few beers at the Imperial Club then have a little bit of a wander around Mexborough before returning to Sheffield. The train departs Sheffield at 11:24 and A South Yorkshire Daytripper ticket will cover the train ride plus your bus or tram to the station for £6.30 or an off peak return train ticket is £4.50.

Tuesday 29th May 8pm - Branch meeting All members are invited along to the monthly formal meeting to share pub, club and brewery news, vote for pub of the month, catch up on what's happening in the campaign and more, all over a few beers of course. The meeting this month is at the Plough in Low Bradfield, bus routes 61/62 (TM Travel) will get you there.

Saturday 2nd June 12pm - Trip to Three Valleys Festival We catch the Stagecoach 43 bus from Flat Street at midday, which takes us to the Coach & Horses in Dronfield, the first of ten venues featuring extra real ales and cider along with food and entertainment. A free bus service will take us to the other venues, we plan to finish at another venue on the 43 bus route for the return to Sheffield. A Stagecoach Dayrider ticket for the 43 bus costs £3.40.

Tuesday 12th June 8pm - Pub of the Month The award we present, which is nominated and voted for by our members, to highlight pubs and bars across our area serving good real ale in an agreeable setting. The June winner is the York at Broomhill, come along and see the presentation and enjoy a pint or two. Broomhill is served by buses 51,52 and 120.

Tuesday 19th June 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting Our monthly meeting held at the New Barrack Tavern to discuss arrangements for our annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, planned to take place at Ponds Forge this October. Bus 53 passes the pub.

Wednesday 20th June 8pm - Dronfield Sub Branch meeting All members are invited along to the monthly formal meeting to share pub, club and brewery news, vote for pub of the month, catch up on what's happening in the campaign and more, all over a few beers of course. This month the meeting is at the George and Dragon in Holmesfield, which is on bus route 89.

Friday 22nd June - Trip to Welbeck Abbey Brewery Our minibus will pick you up outside the Old Queens Head pub in Sheffield Interchange and take you to the brewery on the Welbeck Abbey estate for a tour and a few samples, with a pub stop on the way back. Please book places in advance by contacting our social secretary Richard Ryan.

Saturday 23rd June - Sheffield Pub of the Year presentation At the Kelham Island Tavern during their beer festival!

Tuesday 26th June 8pm - Beer Matters Distribution & Committee meeting The July issue of Beer Matters will be at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre for distributors to collect, why not join them for a beer! The committee meeting follows in the upstairs room.

Friday 29th June - Special Award celebration at The Gardeners Rest, Neepsend.

Sunday 1st July - Dronfield Sub Branch Social at Dr Burns charity Garden Party, Rotherham.

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