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# Sheffield Steel City Beer Festival announced!





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### Local Brewery News...

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

Steel City's Bolshevik Solution has certainly proved an interesting beer! 10kg of hops went in the copper (6bbl), another 2kg in the fermenter, and another kilo in the casks! So despite having no bitterness, it's still our hoppiest beer ever, though the lads are upset that no-one has taken offence at the pumpclip's implication that the royal family should be lined up in a cellar and shot!

On sale at the Shakespeare festival was a dry-hopped special named Earache 25 Year Beer - this was the only cask of it, the rest has gone in a limited edition run of 250 bottles commissioned by Earache Records, the label who brought us such legends (and inspiration for our beer names/clips!) as Napalm Death, Bolt Thrower and Mortis. This beer, and the anti-jubilee special 'Parasite God', were among the first to run out at the festival.



### Bradfield Brewery - www.bradfieldbrewery.com

Bradfield Brewery are getting into the sports events being held this year after waving the official England band off to the Euros in Ukraine and Poland with plenty of Farmers Blonde to keep them going! They brewed a special to mark the occasion Farmers Euro 2012 4.2% a light hoppy beer along with there usual seasonal beer Farmers Wim-Bull-Don a 4.5% fruity ale to mark the Wimbledon tennis championships. Available from 9th July will be another special to celebrate the Olympics, Farmers Golden Best a 4.4% golden coloured best bitter.

More Brewery news overleaf...

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After the success of the fruit beers they have produced they are hoping to brew a fruit beer in July – watch this space for the next special in the fruit range. Also don't forget the Tramlines Ale is now available ready for the festival held from 20th to 22nd July. It's a good job they had a bigger brew kit installed!!

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

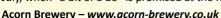
Blue Bee's flagship ale **Nectar Pale**, scooped the Champion Beer of the Festival award at Stockport recently. Extra investment has seen the all-new cold store completed, with a star-studded turn-out for the grand opening. In addition, another load of new casks have been purchased.

Rich has produced a new seasonal special, called **Light Blue**. It is pale in colour, and at 3.6% ABV, the weakest beer yet to come from The Hive. It is summed up as 'a Summer quaffer with Summit hops - lots of them'. While promoting responsible drinking, Rich also added "you can drink this by the gallon - super stuff!"

Last month the brewery was delighted to welcome a coach-load from the Friends of Highgate for the day. A short brewery tour was followed by a bit of a crawl taking in pubs that regularly stock Blue Bee, and the day was hailed a resounding success.

And finally, just like The Queen, Blue Bee has two birthdays a year. The next all-important date for your diary is Tuesday 24

July, when "a bit of a do" is promised at the Rutland Arms. Beware, these guys know how to party.



Acorn's Olympic beer is Hoptathlon, a 4.5% light golden well hopped bitter. The guys would like to remind you all that brewery tours are available - please see the website for more details.

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### On The Edge Brewery

July sees the launch of a new craft brewery in Sheffield, based in Nether Edge, called On The Edge. They will be brewing on a very small scale (it is a half barrel plant!) and the beer range will be interesting,

experimental and ever changing.

The brewery is actually in the brewer's house and in fact grew out of home brewing having got his beer up to a good standard.

On the Edge will be launching 10 of their beers at a Beer Festival on Saturday 14th July 12noon- 11pm at The Old Junior School, South View Road.

Beer Festival brew styles include: American style dry hopped,



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Thurs 19th Scandi Session 9pm

Fri 20 - Sun 22nd TRAMLINES WEEKEND (see below)

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### Local Pub, Club and Beer Festival news...

Subtle changes are afoot at the Three Cranes in Sheffield City Centre, the guys that manage the pub have now taken on a lease from the pub's owner so it is now their own business and are free to implement their own ideas. This pub has already been going from strength to strength, it has maintained its traditional interior and values and has a selection of real ales including a number from Sheffield's Blue Bee Brewery and a real cider, good value food is served at lunchtime, sport is shown on the telly and look out for the all vinyl disco on a Friday evening. Looking forward there are plans to hold a beer festival and there are possibilities of extending the food offer and also introducing live music in the future.

It is reported that Mike, manager of the **Sportsman on Cambridge Street** is leaving the pub soon.

The landlord of the **Victoria in Dronfield** was recently robbed in the early hours of the morning, if anyone saw anything suspicious please report this to the Police.

The 'True North' house beers in the Forum Group bars (Old House, Common Room, Forum, York and Broadfield) are now being brewed by Welbeck Abbey instead of The Brew Company. True North Brewery does not yet exist.

The Three Merry Lads, Lodge Moor will be having a beer festival over the August Bank Holiday. The festival will run from the 24th to 27th August and will feature local breweries and some from further afield.

The Cricketers Arms on Bramall Lane, by Sheffield United's stadium, continues to offer cask ales from Kelham Island Brewery including Easy Rider and Red & White Wizards and real cider has now been added to the bar for the summer in the form of Weston's Old Rosie. A mini beer festival is planned for the 3rd to 5th August when the real ale range will be extended to 5 Kelham Island beers plus a guest. This pub is a free house just recently opened after 4 years of being closed and boarded up and the prices are being kept as reasonable as possible, currently the maximum price for cask ale is £2.40 a pint.



The New Barrack Tavern have a few big events coming... July 22nd sees an all-day comedy event from 2pm featuring six headline acts before their Edinburgh Festival performances. Coming up in August: Wednesday 22nd there's a Comedy Gong Show, Friday 24th from 7pm sees the Jack of Harps and Frank White & Hillbilly Cats, Saturday 25th there's the Highway Child & Stumble and on Sunday 26th, Laughing Gravy & Reasons to be Cheerful with a raffle in aid of Help for Heroes.

They would also like to say a huge thanks to all who attended, donated to, and all the bands who played at their recent Weston Park Cancer Hospital Charity Day. The final figure raised was just over £1,000!

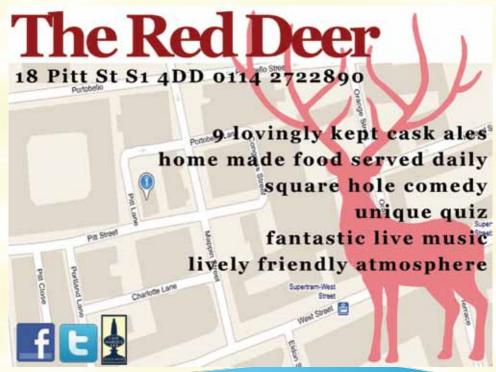


The Crown & Glove at Stannington, (the only pub named this in the world so it is believed), aka "the top house" have after much thought in these hard times for the public house industry decided to re-launch their kitchen. The kitchen has been awarded a five star hygiene rating and meals are now available priced at 2 for £5.00 with a separate specials board with prices starting from £3.50. Not many places offer this at the hours of Mon - Fri 5pm till 8pm. Sunday dining is also priced at 2 meals for £5.00, opening times for Sunday are noon till 6pm. So far feedback is good and meals are proving popular.

The owners are also proud to be a part of Cask Marque and due to popular demand have now installed a 4th hand pull. At the time of writing the cask ales on offer are: Black Sheep Ale & Black Sheep Bitter in rotation, Bombardier, Sharp's Doom Bar and St. Austell Tribute.

Emails from a number of members recently complaining that they feel ripped off in a slowly growing number of pubs that are charging more for two halves than for one pint. Should we name and shame these venues or does the extra glassware justify the premium?

More news overleaf...



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The Hearty Oak in Dronfield Woodhouse has introduced a new food menu, part of which features 'British Tapas'. More on this elsewhere in this issue, the bar still carried beers from Ashover brewery with a discount for CAMRA members.

Other pubs in our area with CAMRA discount on pints of beer include the Jolly Farmer in Dronfield Woodhouse, the Red Deer in Sheffield City Centre and The Hop, also in Sheffield City Centre. Also don't forget you can use your Wetherspoons discount vouchers in Wetherspoons pubs across the City plus the New Barrack Tavern in Hillsborough (and most other Castle Rock pubs too). Also if you drink in the Dronfield Arms in Dronfield, whilst there isn't a CAMRA discount you can buy a regulars card which gets you a free pint for every seven you buy. Varsity Bar on Sheffield's West Street also has a discount card you can buy.

The University Arms has entered the pub garden into "Yorkshire in Bloom 2012" for the first time. This fantastic secret garden, on the edge of Sheffield's City centre, is a peaceful haven for our customers, old and new, to sit back and enjoy the great British summer time (hopefully!) whilst at the same time sampling one of the six hand pulled real ales on offer including their badged "Thirst Degree", a 3.7% pale hoppy beer.

Events include Dale Storrs on Saturday 14th July from 8.30pm and an alternative Tramlines session on Saturday 20th July with 9 bands playing from 2pm till 9pm. Headlining the event will be "Steel Trees", with last years headliners, "GirlSpit" supporting.

They are also hosting a Jazz, Blues & Swing Festival 31st August - 2nd September featuring 10 sessions with some great local bands, tickets are priced at £3 for the weekend and are available from Bob (Humming Birds) or from behind the bar.

The Dronfield Arms have now opened their downstairs restaurant 'The Vault'. It is open Thursday to Saturday and offers food and surroundings of a standard of a quality restaurant but with the prices and relaxed atmosphere of a Gastropub. Visit www.vault-restaurant.co.uk for more information. Meanwhile in the main bar upstairs its business as usual with a changing range of real ales, look out for special offers midweek. The monthly comedy club is also proving popular and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile round the corner at the Three Tuns, following its huge popularity at the Three Valleys Festival, the outdoor pizza oven should be pressed into regular evening service quite soon, once the Great British weather allows!

The York at Broomhill was voted the winner of our June Pub of the Month competition by our members. Pictured is Sheffield & District CAMRA Chairman Andrew Cullen with the owner of the York and his bar managers, of whose hospitality we are grateful.



The beer was excellent, as was the buffet laid on. We also learned about the 'True North' house beers - the staff go to Welbeck Abbey Brewery to help brew these beers to their specification.

Andrew presented team York with their Pub of the Month certificate with a short speech mentioning it was great an independent local operator had invested so much money in the venue and cared equally about both the food and the beer.





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### Three Valleys Festival 2012





Saturday 2nd June saw the 3rd annual Three Valleys Beer Festival, spread across 10 venues in and near Dronfield. The weather was overcast but dry, the free bus service between venues erratic but all the venues put on a good show. I managed to get round all 10 venues so here is what was going on at each.

I started at the **Coach & Horses** at about 11:30am just as things were getting started. The outside bar was up and running with some interesting guest beers, the outdoor music area was set up and the Coachmen were helping sound check before whizzing off to perform elsewhere - these guys were the hardest working band of the festival, performing at the Horns, Three Tuns and the Coach & Horses!

As the pub started slowly getting busy, I got the free bus down the road to the **Dronfield Arms**, entered the pub and visited the main bar to acquire some festival tokens to spend at the outside bar, which had been built on the decking area at the rear of the pub. A good range of beers plus some real ciders were available on this bar. The pub car park was closed off for the day and Moss Valley Fine meats had a stand there serving their own quality foods including burgers, sausages and bacon. There was also a stage on the car park with a band

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performing, although this early in the day when people were still relatively sober it required the lead singer to coax drinkers down off the decking onto the car park and closer to the stage!

A few minutes walk got me to the **Three Tuns** and proved a fantastic sight, of course the mock Tudor building is imposing in its own right but the pub was covered in bunting and again the car park had been closed off and was filled with a brass band, outside cider and perry bar, a wonderful smelling hog roast, wood fired pizza oven ably staffed by Spire Brewery's Dave McLaren, hay bales for extra seating and people enjoying themselves. Inside the pub, there was a fantastic range of 15 Spire Brewery beers on the main bar covering every style you could imagine, and if that wasn't enough, to compliment the range, there were also 19 guest beers available from the cellar! I will admit to enjoying one of David's pizzas, made from scratch in front of me with every topping on the list...

A free bus ride later and I was at the Jolly Farmer. As well as a decent range of beers on the hand pumps, a number of guest ales from Kelham Island Brewery were being served on gravity and the brewery had a stand next to the bar with the brewers available to answer questions about how the beer is brewed. The pub was also serving a good value food menu all afternoon. After a quick chat with the brewers I was offered a lift to our next venue, the Hearty Oak. An interesting selection of beers from Derbyshire was on the bar, with the winner in my eyes being the Lemongrass & Ginger beer from Leatherbritches brewery, tasty and refreshing. A selection of ciders also featured here and a carvery stall near the bar cervi-





ciders also featured here and a carvery stall near the bar serving hot roast meat sandwiches.







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The next stop was **Barlow Brewery**. All the action was in the former farmyard, with a band on stage, a van serving gourmet sausages (I resisted the ones made with Anastasia Imperial Russian Stout and tried the Chili Chocolate sausages out of pure curiosity - they were really nice) and a marquee with seating and a bar serving a selection of Barlow beers.

Up in the village of Holmesfield, the **Horns Inn** was quite busy, although as we went before the band was on and avoided the queues that had been reported earlier in the day. Three beers and three ciders were on the main pub bar and a further ten or so guest beers were on the festival bar in the back room. I tried the Dark Star Saison along with a beer or two from RAW brewery. There was a BBQ going on outside in the beer garden.

Our next stop was the Miners Arms, an interchange point between the free festival bus routes, here there was less going on but an interesting selection of beers on the bar and a food menu was being served for those wanting a sit down meal. The bus then took us onto the Cricket Inn. During the day there had been a cricket match to watch, a BBQ and a bouncy castle for the kids

although a rain shower had cut things short, it was evening when we got there and there was a choice of Thornbridge beers - cask ales on the main bar in the pub and an outside bar doing their 'craft keg' beers. Whilst we waited for the late running free festival bus to turn up, some pork

crackling and apple sauce was ordered from the bar snack menu which kept us amused until the bus came and took us up to the **Castle Inn**.

Our final stop had a range of additional beers and ciders had been put on for the festival and the band was just starting..... and a good time was had by all.

For those that enjoyed Three Valleys and cannot wait until next year, some of the venues will be running their own individual events this summer.

The Dronfield Arms will be holding a beer festival over the August bank holiday weekend to celebrate their first birthday and Barlow Brewery will be holding 'Rock the Carnival' on Saturday 18th August with 10 bands on throughout the afternoon and evening and a bar serving a range of their beers, this is part of the Barlow village carnival which features a parade, funfair and more. Note an entry fee is charged. It is also expected that the Three Tuns will be holding a first birthday party at some point this summer.

To get to the Dronfield Arms, it is just round the corner from Dronfield railway station or buses 44/44A (Sheffield-Chesterfield) stop next to the pub. Barlow is served by bus 89 (Holmesfield-Chesterfield, connections at Holmesfield are available with bus 14/15 to Dronfield, Coal Aston and Apperknowle). Andrew Cullen

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1	Patron Saint and his fire breathing foe. 6,6	(The) <b>George</b> , (and) <b>Dragon</b>
2	Imagine sitting under this in the blazing sun enjoying your pint. 4	
3	Pointer, perhaps, with a little bit and a long, narrow piece of raised land. 3,9	
4	First in the queue to succeed 'er. 6,5	
2	The university which you went to but without your Latin mother. 4	
9	Angry game for a confused veteran – well almost. 9,6	
7	Amphibian without its tail sounds as though it's at home. 3,3	
∞	Offensive description of one of our European neighbours followed by standard rubbish. 4,6	
6	Under which tribe, for example, may meet. 3,4	
10	Sounds like where an old Liberal keeps his animals. 3,3	
11	Boast but the king has been removed. 4	
12	Loads of money with incomplete cry returning when you meet knave. 7,4	
13	Depressed by the dance? 4,4	
14	A part of Belfast where you could stay? Yes, but this is much nearer home. 12,5	
15	Where your hips are replaced. 4,3	
16	A book for liturgical use. 7	
17	Counties that rent the tools of war. 10,4	

26	26 Don't believe this following a performance. 8
27	Field event followed by these messed up royals. 6,7
28	One of the reasons for occupying the streets. 3,3
29	A sign of delirium tremens? 6
30	A delicate rearrangement lacking energy could by another name to be found in various North African cities. 6
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May be used for corn dollies who have an opinion. 5,4

Poison found growing in the churchyard. 3,4

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Got up for 5/- 4,5

'It's a beast,' Ron lied shaken but he was right. 3,4

Shouldn't they be selling wine here? 6

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Communist stag. 3,4

18

Uncooked issue attached to a coil of wire. 6,6

22

You need to watch your pockets in here.

The British Polio Fellowship gratefully acknowledges the support of Sheffield & District CAMRA in promoting this fundraising activity.

Further details of Sheffield & District CAMRA activities are available from beermatters@sheffieldcamra.org.uk



### Cullenary Delights - British Tapas

Tapas on pub food menus hasn't exactly had a glorious history, whether it be an attempt at proper Spanish Tapas, Greek Meze or a 'Sheffield Tapas' which seems to involve normal Tapas with a liberal sprinkling of Henderson's Relish. I cannot think of any good beer venue that has managed to pull it off, with the notable exception of the Wick at Both Ends on Sheffield's West Street who have done it their own way with their 'Wick & Mix' menu.

Done right a Tapas menu can work well - it offers the flexibility of being tailored to the occasion whether that be one that requires a bar snack, light lunch or a full meal and if there is a group of people eating together it helps along the social aspect of the meal.

As you can imagine I was intrigued when I was invited to the Hearty Oak in Dronfield Woodhouse for a preview of their 'British Tapas', which is one part of the new menu to be launched the following day. Now, the tapas principle still applies - you order a number of small dishes to suit - however all the dishes are generally mini versions of British pub favourites and all pretty damn tasty treats.

The good news for those of you who aren't keen on 'foreign muck' is there isn't a vine leaf to be seen, the only continental item on the menu is olives served with a chilli oil dip. The rest of the menu includes meatballs, fishcake, chicken wings, sausages, black pudding fritters, mini pasties, mushrooms glazed in a stilton sauce (a personal favourite) and battered goats cheese. Each dish costs around the £3 mark. By the time this issue of Beer Matters goes to print, real ale drinkers wanting a bar snack will have a special deal available - £10 for two pints of cask beer and two items from the Tapas menu - probably ideal for two to share I guess!

Thanks to the team at the Hearty Oak for their hospitality, everyone on our table certainly enjoyed their food, if you fancy going there to try it the pub can be found on Northern Common and they serve food from midday to 9pm daily. Buses 14,15,43A,89 and 254 pass close. Real Ales on the bar are currently supplied by Ashover Brewery.



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### Sheffield Beer Capital Survey 2012









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Now we have Norwich, Nottingham and York all doing the same survey to see if they can be named the beer capital. Of course the whole contest thing is a bit of fun really, it proves just how good the beer scene now is and also provides us with useful data to take the pulse of the pubs of Sheffield.

We are conducting the survey in Sheffield this year on Saturday 28th July and are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help - this way as well as being able to survey as many pubs as possible, it is also a social occasion.

The majority of the pub crawls start at midday, simply turn up in the first pub and make yourself known to the person leading the survey crawl. The daytime meeting points are:

Route 1 - Devonshire Arms, Dore, 12pm. (bus route 30 or M17). This route takes in Dore, Totley, Bradway, Woodseats and Heeley.

Route 2 - Hammer & Pincers, Bents Green, 12pm (bus routes 65,81,82,83,88,214 or 272). This route follows the Ecclesall Road corridor towards the City Centre.

Route 3 - Sheffield Tap, 12pm. This route takes in Chapeltown, Hillsborough and Bradfield.

Route 4 - Bankers Draft, 11am. This route takes in part of the City Centre.

Route 5 - Bankers Draft, 11am. This route takes in the other part of the City Centre.

Route 6 - Three Merry Lads, Lodge Moor, 12pm. This route takes in Lodge Moor, Nether Green and Ranmoor.

Route 7 - Cobden View, Crookes, 12pm. This route takes in Crookes, Commonside, Walkley and Broomhill.

Route 8 - Old Crown, Handsworth, 12pm. This route takes in Handsworth, Darnall, Attercliffe and part of the City Centre.

Once the daytime crawls are complete we meet in the Red Deer in Sheffield City Centre at 7pm to hand in the survey forms, we then split Into three groups to survey the 'Valley of Beer' which is the triangle taking in Kelham Island, Shalesmoor and Hillsborough, finishing at the end of the night in the Kelham Island Tavern.





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The venue is once again Ponds Forge, one of Sheffield's flagship venues located in the City Centre easily accessed by bus, train or tram. This is a large venue with plenty of seating for those wanting to sit down and relax over a few beers.

There will be some changes from last year to make

improvements, for example the bar and hall will be laid out differently, to see what else we've changed you'll just have to come along and find out..!

To make our beer festival happen we need the help of a number of sponsors as holding it at such a flagship venue comes at a cost! If your business is interested we can arrange a sponsorship package to suit whatever the size of the budget - whether this is sponsoring a single beer or advertising in the programme for less than £100 right up to sponsoring the venue for several thousand pounds. Regardless of the size of the sponsorship we will ensure your logo is displayed and also provide you with some complimentary entry tickets so you can bring some guests to see what you have supported and enjoy a few beers together! If you would like to know more about sponsorship or advertising at the festival contact Dave Williams (davewilliams@sheffieldcamra.org.uk) or Geoff Mason (secretary@sheffieldcamra.org.uk)

Our beer festival cannot happen without volunteer staff. Whether a regular or newbie, your help will be appreciated and whilst you don't get paid, you will enjoy free entry to the festival with the chance to see the entertainment for free and sample a few beers.

We have a huge team of volunteer staff each year who work because they believe in the event and enjoy it. Whilst we will need plenty on the bars, there are other tasks too - cellar work, running the games, staffing the tombola, stewarding, working the admissions desks, selling CAMRA membership, doing admin, doing odd technical jobs and more. More details on how to volunteer will be in the next issue of Beer Matters.



# Kev and Steph welcome customers old and new to the

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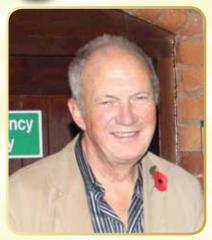








### David Wickett: 1947 - 2012



In the summer of 1981, Dave Wickett and friend and business partner Bruce Bentley bought a street corner pub in the Kelham Island area which was declared surplus to requirements by Stones Brewery. After six weeks hard work cleaning and decorating, the Fat Cat opened its doors for the first time on 21st August 1981 as Sheffield's first real ale freehouse. This marked the beginning of the City's development as the real ale capital of Britain.

A year or so later, Dave acquired the Good Doctor (formerly the Talbot) on Hoyle Street which he renamed the Old Toad. Although the pub closed not long after to make way for the widening of the inner ring road, the name survived when Dave opened an English style pub in Rochester, New York State. From the USA he brought back the concept of the American sports bar which led to Champs on Ecclesall Road.

In 1990 Dave decided to try his hand at brewing, opening

the first new brewery in Sheffield for nearly 100 years. This was the Kelham Island Brewery which initially occupied a purpose built structure in the garden of the Fat Cat, no bigger than a double garage. At the time this was a minnow as Sheffield still had four major commercial breweries. By the end of the decade all had closed leaving Kelham Island as the city's largest brewer. This led to the need for larger premises so the brewery was relocated in new premises built on the carpark adjacent to the Fat Cat,

with the old brewhouse becoming a visitor centre. Over the years Kelham Island has been the training ground for a number of the areas successful brewers, and in 2004 the brewery won CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain award with Pale Rider. When friend Jim Harrison decided to start a brewery he turned to Dave for advice and assistance resulting in the establishment of the Thornbridge Brewery later in 2004. More recently Dave joined forces with the owner of the Welbeck estate to open the Welbeck Abbey Brewery in North Nottinghamshire.



Dave Wickett was born in London on 24th May 1947 and raised in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. After graduation he moved to Sheffield to take up a lecturers post at Sheffield Polytechnic (now Hallam University), and was instrumental in introducing cask beer in the staff bar. Already a keen football supporter, he became an avid fan of Sheffield United following the Blades around the country as well attending all home games. Even after giving up lecturing to concentrate on his business interests Dave retained his academic links with Hallam, through a placement programme for business studies students to work at the Old Toad in Rochester. He also had links with the University of Sheffield, reviving the annual Audit Feast, and more recently helping to develop a master's degree course in brewing.

Towards the end of 2009 Dave began to feel unwell and in January 2010 was diagnosed with an incurable cancer. Although given only six months, he battled on for nearly 2½ years, and even after being confined to a wheel chair about a year ago he continued to play an active part in running his businesses until the end, including a visit to the US late in 2011. Dave died on 16 May, and his lasting memorial will be the Fat Cat and Kelham Island Brewery, but above all his huge contribution to the real ale cause.



### Beer Festivals near and far...

The main CAMRA beer festival in our region this month is **Derby's summer**beer festival, held at the Assembly Rooms located on their Market

Square from 11th to 15th July and features over 200 real ales served in air conditioned comfort! There are also ciders, perries, imported beers, food, stalls and entertainment. The theme this year is the 35th anniversary of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, entry is free for CAMRA members and Derby is easily reached by train from Sheffield – up to 4 trains an hour with a journey of around 35 minutes. For more information visit www.derbycamra.org.uk

Before then is **Sunfest at the Rising Sun** pub in Nether Green from 5th to 8th July. This sees all the handpumps in the pub given over to Abbeydale Brewery and a beer tent in the car park with around 100 guest beers along with a choice of cider and perry. The car park is closed off for the

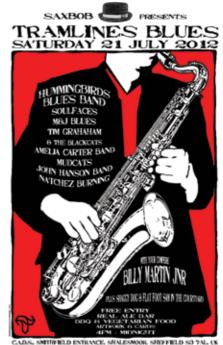
festival and also features additional outdoor seating, food and entertainment. The Rising Sun is served by bus route 120 every 8-15 minutes until late, additionally routes 86 and 123 in the daytime less frequently.

At the end of July it is **Tramlines festival** which takes over Central Sheffield. This is principally a music festival but the majority of venues will have real ale and all gigs offer free admission. As well as most of the venues being along the tram route, there is also a free 'busker bus' service. From a real ale drinkers point of view the best venue will be the Blues stage at Snow Lane CADS (near Shakespeares and Kelham Island Tavern or a short walk from Shalesmoor), however even all the outdoor stages (except for the Folk stage which is sponsored by Thornbridge) will have the official Tramlines real ale brewed by Bradfield Brewery.

Good news for those planning on attending Sheftival on 4th and 5th August. This event combines live

music, sporting activities, a big screen showing the Olympics, a funfair, games and various stalls and is being held across Don Valley Bowl and neighbouring venues. The good news for Beer Matters readers is the event also features a real ale trail, so should have something decent to drink as well as providing fun for all the family. The festival is easily accessed by tram (the Arena/Don Valley Stadium tram stop adjoins the Bowl) and discounted tram tickets are available in conjunction with Sheftival tickets if purchased together in advance. For more information visit www.sheftival.co.uk

Many of us are then off down to London for CAMRA's **Great British Beer Festival**, held at Olympia from 7th to 11th August. This attracts large crowds sampling from a range of over 800 different beers and ciders and should be a great opportunity to showcase the Best of British to visitors in London for the Olympics as well as entertain the usual beer lovers. For more information and to buy discounted advance tickets visit **www.gbbf.org.uk** London is easily reached from Sheffield with plenty of scheduled trains (East Midlands Trains) and coaches (Megabus and National Express), remember its usually much cheaper to book travel in advance, visit the operators' websites for more details.



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# A year and half in the life of a new CAMRA Member...

I've been a member of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) for the past 18 months and I was thinking about how much I've been involved with over that time. I've been to a variety of events and meetings, visited pubs right across the city and beyond, been to breweries and beer festivals. I've met a good bunch of people of different ages from different walks of life. The following will at least give you a better idea of what we, as a branch, get up to and hopefully encourage a few of you to come along to a few events or meetings.

Following a bout of illness where drinking was not remotely enjoyable, I came out the other side truly aware of what I'd been missing. I had been a student in Sheffield and seemed to have let the amazing real ale scene completely pass me by for a long time. Feeling better I started to get around more pubs and experience the wide range of local beers that the city had to offer. I had always kind of meant to join CAMRA but never quite got round to it but reinvigorated and reading Beer Matters every month I decided to take the plunge. With my joint membership begungt (my cide



drinking wife can come along to beer festivals for cheap admission too) I checked out the first social event in the branch diary and decided to go along.

This was a Saturday walkabout in Ridgeway, an area of Sheffield I'd never previously been to for anything, never mind a guided tour around the local hostelries with some knowledgeable and good natured ale drinkers. I had a really nice time and decided that I would definitely keep going to things like this. The chance to visit different pubs in areas I rarely, if ever, go to is a brilliant way to spend a few hours. I decided to follow this up with a visit to The Princess Royal in Crookes for a Branch Meeting. This was during some truly horrendous snow, hiking up some seriously steep hills to find yet another pub I had never previously been to. Due to the weather it was a sparse turnout but the ale was good (I think this was my first introduction to The Sheffield Brewery Company's beers - definitely been drinking in the wrong pubs) and the management even provided us hardy travellers a few sandwiches and chips. At this meeting we discussed the judging for the next year's Pub of the Year competition and I somehow found myself on the judging panel.

It wasn't long before I was attending a Pub of the Month award at the wonderful Rutland Arms - only my second visit there - where we were treated to a Slutty Rutty Buffet along with the obligatory fab beer, with another presentation the following month at the Sheffield Tap. These are really good nights at deserving pubs where members can get together and celebrate the positives of what we are campaigning for. If you fancy trying out a CAMRA night out then these are a really good way to start.

What was great by this time was that I was already getting to know a lot of the crowd as everyone was friendly and welcoming. Branch meetings were informative about our local pubs and breweries, which was really useful to me as a newcomer. These branch meetings were again taking me to pubs I hadn't been to before in areas of the city I didn't know very well. Over the past year I've been to branch meetings in city centre venues like the Swim Inn and the Red Deer, to places a bit further out like the White Lion in Heeley and the Gardener's Rest in Neepsend, with more far flung places included like last month's host pub, the Plough in Low Bradfield. All of the pubs are generous enough to give us a room to ourselves and some even provide nibbles which are always well received.

As I mentioned earlier I got involved in the judging for the Branch Pub of the Year award. This involved visiting those pubs at the top of the vote of branch members to judge them according to CAMRA's Pub of the Year guidelines. An enjoyable month was spent visiting these pubs and taking note of things such as the welcome, general atmosphere, value for money and, most importantly, the quality of their

cask ale. This was an arduous task and definitely not just a really good excuse to visit the best pubs the area has to offer sampling their wares. It was such a chore I volunteered again a year later, this year with a tighter deadline and the need to get to more pubs in just over two weeks. The winners on both occasions were the Kelham Island Tavern taking the overall award the Angler's Rest in Miller's Dale picking up the district prize. Details of the Angler's Rest award presentation are in the branch diary at the back of this newsletter, and if last year's is anything to go by it will be well worth the trip.

As the first AGM since I joined came into view I decided to take the pluinge and stand for election to the branch committee. I was elected, more by virtue of no one not wanting me there rather than a major electoral campaign, at the University Arms. At my first committee meeting I ended up with the position of secretary. The eyes of every experienced committee member turning to me suggested this was not a popular post. All it means is that I attend every meeting, which I was doing anyway, but now with the excuse that I have to go to the pub and have no real choice due to my responsibilities - as far as the wife's concerned I now go to the pub on 'business'. It's my job to take notes and put together the minutes which are distributed at the next meeting.

At about the same time we had the honour of hosting the National AGM and Member's Weekend. I came on board too late to help organise this but volunteered to assist during the course of the weekend. I did some stewarding, worked on the bar and the glass stand. For this I got paid in beer tokens, more than I could use considering how much time I worked and little time I had to drink but I still enjoyed a wide variety of local ales that weekend. The event was reported as being a big success and those CAMRA members from further afield I spoke to were all impressed by the range of pubs and ales available. Overall it was fun to be involved with and helped enhance Sheffield's reputation as Britain's Beer Capital.

Which leads me nicely onto the next activity I was involved with. In July every year, a group of branch members set off from a number of points around the city surveying the real ales available in our pubs. We take down information on what the beers are and how much they sell for. We meet up in town before splitting off on a few different routes around the Valley of Beer. Obviously it is a good chance to visit some rarely visited pubs and to sample a wide range of beers. The widest range in Britain as it turns out. We are due to undertake this Beer Capital Survey again on 28th July - details are in the branch diary. I would recommend going along even if just for part of the day and enjoy a social day out with other drinkers - the more the merrier.

The biggest thing the branch is involved with is the setting up of the Steel City Beer & Cider Festival. Last year's was the 37th and moved into a much larger venue than previous years, Ponds Forge. I went along to every planning meeting and learned a lot about the amount of work required to stage something like that. I took the week off work when it came along to help with the set up and running of the festival. It was a brilliant week and would again recommend volunteering - you don't need to be there for a week but a few hours here and there, whether it's helping put the stillage up, serve a few drinks or taking it all down again at the end will always be greatly appreciated. I've been there, done that and quite literally got the T-shirt.

The festival itself took place on a scorcher of a weekend that no one was expecting. The heat pushed the cooling to max and saw people searching for the Sun rather than a huge range of ales, ciders, perries and foreign beers. However, those who turned up had a good time and I'm already getting emails from people outside of the region wanting the dates so they can book it in their diaries. I'll definitely be doing it again this year and the time is already booked off work. I am really excited to be returning to Ponds Forge where we are looking to make it even better than last year. Make sure you come along to the city's biggest beer event.

There's loads of other stuff I've done since I joined and I'd be here forever if I mentioned everything. Along with the various Pub of the Month presentations, walkabouts and meetings I have visited Bradfield Brewery, been on the New Members' Social hosted by Blue Bee Brewery, gone to the very swish Beer Festival Awards Night at Thornbridge Hall (where I even handed out one of the awards to Great Heck Brewery) and been on a couple of the monthly RambAles run by Mike, our membership secretary.

What surprised me about getting involved was how easy it was to join in and get along with the people there. If you want to get involved or find out a bit more about any of the events feel free to get in touch with me (details below). You don't need to let us know you're coming along (unless it's for one of the trips), you can just turn up at any meeting or social and introduce yourself. Just keep an eye on the branch diary and see what takes your fancy. It really has been very worthwhile and I've got a lot out of it well beyond the Wetherspoons vouchers. Hope to see some of you soon.

Geoff Mason (Secretary and Branch Contact of Sheffield & District CAMRA)

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### Dates for your diary...

**Friday 29th June 8pm - Special award presentation** Pat & Eddy at the Gardeners Rest are selling up and retiring after many years of running real ale pubs in the area. We mark our appreciation of their work by presenting them with a special certificate, come down to the Gardeners to join us, have a beer or two and enjoy the live music. Bus 53 stops outside the Gardeners Rest.

Sunday 1st July 9:30am - Thornbridge Hall Charity Garden Party We are running a coach trip to the annual garden party at Thornbridge Hall. Thornbridge beer will be available to drink and the Hall Brewery will be open to visitors, there will also be a craft fair, entertainment, food and more, with various charity fundraising going on. This trip is suitable for all the family and will be picking up in both Sheffield and Dronfield. Please book places via Richard Ryan.

**Tuesday 3rd July 8pm - Branch meeting Formal meeting for members to discuss pub, club and brewery news, campaigning issues and more, all over a pint or two of course. This month the meeting is at the Prince of Wales on Derbyshire Lane, Norton Lees. Bus 20A passes the pub.** 

**Sunday 8th July 12noon** - **RambAle** Our monthly event which combines a gentle walk in the countryside with pubs serving good beer, led by our Membership Secretary Mike Humphrey. Start at the Grouse at 12 - the 11:00 272 from the Interchange gets to Fox House in time to walk down to the Grouse. Then via the Fox House and the Norfolk Arms (Ringinglow) to the Rising Sun for the last day of Sunfest.

**Tuesday 17th July 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting** We discuss arrangements for this years Steel City Beer Festival. The meeting is at the New Barrack Tavern, Penistone Road. Bus 53 stops outside the pub.

Wednesday 18th July 8pm - Dronfield Sub Branch meeting Formal meeting for members to discuss pub, club and brewery news, campaigning issues and more, all over a pint or two of course. This month the meeting is at the Dronfield Arms (TBC).

**Friday 20th July - District Pub of the Year** Our members voted the Anglers Rest at Millers Dale the best real ale pub in the Derbyshire part of our branch area. Join us as we present the certificate and enjoy a pint or two. We will be running a minibus out there from Sheffield City Centre, please book seats via Richard Ryan.

**Tuesday 24th July 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & committee meeting** The August issue of Beer Matters will be available at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, for distributors to collect. Many volunteers take this opportunity to enjoy a beer together. The committee meeting follows in the upstairs room. This coincides with a Blue Bee Brewery birthday celebration in the pub which all members are invited to attend.

Saturday 28th July 12pm - Beer Capital Survey With all the challenges from York, Nottingham, Derby and Norwich for the title of Beer Capital of Britain on the basis of the choice of beers on the bars, it's time to survey Sheffield again to see how many beers are out there and what sort of prices they are. We will be running a number of pub crawls working our way in to town from the suburbs and villages in the daytime then the Kelham Island/Valley of beer area in the evening. Daytime routes commence in Dore, Bents Green, Handsworth, Chapeltown, Crookes and Walkley, evening routes commence in the Red Deer in Sheffield City Centre. All are welcome to join us on the survey crawls, which should be good fun if there are a few people out.

**Tuesday 31st July 8pm - Branch meeting** Formal meeting for members to discuss pub, club and brewery news, campaigning issues and more, all over a pint or two of course. This month the meeting is **\*VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED\*** 

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