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BEER MATTERS

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The **FREE** magazine of the
Sheffield & District Branch of CAMRA
(The Campaign for Real Ale)

Sheffield Steel City Beer Festival needs you!



It's approaching that time of year when we gather the teams of volunteers to help put on the CAMRA beer festival, so CAMRA members - *we need YOU!*

The festival this year is our second year at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, a flagship indoor venue close to bus, train and tram stops. There will be a few changes to the layout of the festival this year that will mean a great atmosphere, cooler beer and good service. As ever, the festival is organised, managed and staffed by volunteers wanting to share their enthusiasm for good beer and/or cider.

We are looking for volunteers in all sorts of roles during the festival - serving the range of 150 beers and ciders, staffing the admissions desk, games, tombola, admin office, beer stillage, stewarding and maintaining the site - as well as building and taking down the festival. Festival construction commences on Monday 1st October, with the festival opening on the Wednesday. Take down and pack away happens on the Sunday 7th October and Monday 8th October.

If you can help out, please fill in the staffing form on **page 16** or on our website.



INSIDE BEER MATTERS THIS ISSUE...

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A visit to the pubs of Lincoln - Is Sheffield the Beer Capital of the UK?

Plus all of your local pub, brewery and Beer Festival news...



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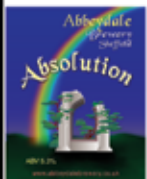
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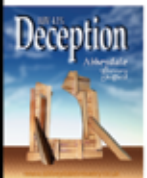
Our Local Heroes



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 * Magna festival



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Abbey Ale 5.5%
 Pale modern IPA with
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Mule Cooler 4.2%
 A pale, hoppy beer with
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 and a bitter finish.



**Dr Morton's Tie
 Breaker 5.1%** Pale and
 hoppy, crisp and bitter

See the website or facebook for more specials



Local Brewery News...

Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

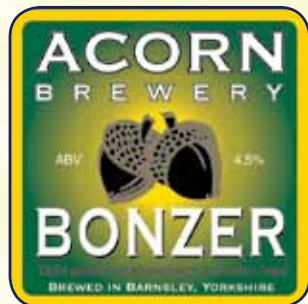
Steel City's current beer is **New Dawn Fades** (named after a Joy Division track, but you all knew that...), a triumphant return to pale hoppy beers, after Gazza and Dave realised they hadn't brewed one since April! New Dawn Fades comes in at 4.8%, combining over 100IBU of Citra and US Magnum with a totally tropical taste (can we say that? oh well, we just did...) of mango, grapefruit and melon. The mini-kit was used to brew **Citra8**, a 7%ish single-hop IPA for York Beer Festival, celebrating 800 years since York was granted its Royal Charter.

Available soon will be an as-yet unnamed 8% Citra-hopped Baltic Porter collaboration brewed at Kocour in Czech Republic! Plans for the autumn include a bitter

- but not as you know it! To be named **Barbed Wire Kisses**, it will be bitter coloured (but with melanoidin malt, not rancid crystal malt!) and use English hops (but no nasty Fuggles or Goldings, rather Admiral and First Gold).

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

New beer for August is **Bonzer**, a 4.5% Australian Pale Ale brewed with Galaxy and Summer hops. Sales of our **Blonde** are going from strength to strength in the South Yorkshire area with a listing for the bottled version gaining a listing in Sainsburys.



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Acorn Brewery is expanding as demand spirals for its award winning cask-conditioned ales. Famous for its traditional Acorn Barnsley Bitter brew, the Wombwell brewer has reported a sales spike of 13 per cent over the past year.

Now a £60,000 investment has been made which takes production capacity to 140 brewer's barrels or more than 40,000 pints a week. It includes new ICS cooling equipment, two new 20-barrel conditioning tanks and 200 stainless steel casks.

This latest expansion follows investment last year in fermenting and cold store equipment to develop off-trade sales. The bottled range now sells through Tesco, Waitrose, Asda, Yorkshire's Rhythm & Booze chain, while Sainsbury's recently agreed to roll out Acorn Blonde to Yorkshire stores.

Abbeydale Brewery - www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk

Abbeydale were delighted that the Beer Capital Survey once again showed **Moonshine** as the beer most frequently found in the pubs surveyed. This supports the claim to be the most popular beer in Sheffield for the fourth year running. Abbeydale have also just signed a contract with M&B to supply Moonshine to some of their local outlets including a number of Ember Inns and popular M&B real ale outlets such as the Hammer and Pincers at Bents Green and the Hare and Hounds at Dore. It also secures the supply of Moonshine to the Lescar in Sharrowvale.

Outside of Moonshine, Abbeydale are continuing their run of sports-themed beers with **Dr Morton's Tie Breaker**, this one at 5.1%, pale and hoppy, crisp and bitter. They have also brewed again **Abbey Ale** a 5.5% IPA which proved very popular when it was brewed for the first time a couple of months ago. Forthcoming beers for September include **Dr Morton's Mule Cooler** and a new beer for the Sheffield Food Festival where Abbeydale will be on show alongside 8 other local breweries as part of the Sheffield Breweries Co-operative Craft Beer Marquee.



Kelham Island Brewery - www.kelhambrewery.co.uk

After August's brave offerings of a cloudy wheat beer (**White Rider** 5.2%) and a special smoked porter (**Firestarter** 3.8%) Kelham goes back to its roots with a super strong IPA. **Route 66** - 6.6%. Get yer kicks with this epic American IPA. We have found a selection of the best hops the USA has to offer and carefully blended them to create a monster of a beer with a huge pungent aroma of citrus, lychees, strawberry and blackberry. This golden beer takes you on a journey of mouth watering juicy flavours seducing the pallet into thirsting for more.



As summer draws to a close cheer yourself up with a really cracking chocolate stout. **Back to black** - 4.1%. Welcome in the change of seasons with this malty sweet and robust stout. Luxurious malty and oaty tones dominate while a creamy sweetness gives way to a slightly spiced bitter finish. Don't let your tears dry on their own at Summer's end. Lift a glass and your spirits while you try to remember where you left your coat.

Blue Bee Brewery - www.bluebeebrewery.co.uk

Huge thanks to all who came down to the Rutland Arms for the birthday do, a great time was had by all and much Blue Bee was supped during the evening. (Sort of what was expected, really). And the cake, of course! Cheers, Mike!

The port-infused **Lustin' For Stout** proved a real hit and will certainly come round again. The real news is that Blue Bee have joined SIBA and are now on the DDS list. Expect to see **Nectar Pale** and **Bees Knees Bitter** in more pubs across Sheffield.

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Local Pub, Club and Beer Festival news...

The University Arms is holding its 2nd music festival in successive months. After the great success of Tramlines the guys at the Arms now bring you "Summer Breeze". A Jazz, Blues & Swing Festival taking place over the weekend of Friday 31st August - Sunday 2nd September. The cost of a weekend ticket is only £3 and with bands like the Humming Birds, Natchez Burning & several other local artists appearing over the festival, its well worth the entrance fee. During the weekend the Arms will be offering a selection of Real Ales & Ciders as well as a BBQ. For more ticket info contact University Arms or See Sax Bob (Humming Birds).

In other news the kitchen at the pub is being refurbished at the moment so they are unable to offer any food service throughout the month but the pub remains open during this period. Normal service resumes on Monday 3rd Sept with a new menu featuring some home cooked favourites as well as new dishes to get taste buds tingling!

Volunteers have done their bit to spruce up one of Sheffield's most popular parks - and had their hard work rewarded with free drinks at the local pub. Friends of Millhouses Park gave up hours of their time to weed, dig and tidy up shrubbery in a bid to prepare it for the busy school holiday period. Nearby pub **The Waggon and Horses** on Abbeydale Road South then welcomed the green fingered group inside and replenished their energy with free drinks.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor John Campbell, cut the ribbon on Thursday 2nd August to mark the reopening of the **Cross Scythes on Derbyshire Lane**, a new partnership between Thornbridge brewery and Punch Taverns. Punch has invested £200k in the refurbishment of the pub and have been encouraged by the great response to the refurbishment from those living locally. www.crossscythes.co.uk

The next Beer Festival at **The Old No 7 in Barnsley** is planned for early November with 21 cask ales, 10 ciders/perrys and 4 changing craft keg beers. Quiz night on a Wednesday is proving very popular with a gallon of beer to be won and a cash snowball growing every week.

The Crown at Killamarsh is now Cask-Marque

accredited and their hard work over the past 12 months has seen the real ales on offer increase from 1 to three! They now serve Sharp's Doom Bar, Leeds Pale and one rotating guest. For more info, visit www.crownkillamarsh.co.uk

Rutland Arms, Holmesfield is the traditional locals local, oozing that special country pub atmosphere, sporting SIX real ales from Black Sheep, Theakstons, Harvest Pale, Doombar and a rotation from Bradfield Brewery & Sheffield Brewery, see you soon.

The Wetherspoon pubs across Sheffield are holding a battle of the brewers during September - see advert for more details.

The Fox & Duck in Broomhill, which is under new management, is undergoing a little bit of a refurbishment ahead of the new University year commencing.

The Old Horns Inn at High Bradfield has an improved selection of guest ales alongside the usual Thwaites offerings.

The new Greene King pub in Handsworth is now under construction.

The Springvale on Commonsides has reopened with 2 real ales following a minor refurbishment. Also reopened is the Noah's Ark. The Freedom House in Walkley is to be converted to residential use and isn't expected to reopen as a pub.

The Red Lion in Litton has had a change of management, and the Landlord (Ian) is retiring from the **Bridge at Curbar**.

The Old Bulls Head at Hucklow, which we reported had gone to auction, failed to make its reserve price.

The Ye Olde Derwent Inn in Bamford is to be converted into tea rooms.

The Victoria in Dronfield now has 4 real ales, at the time of Dronfield CAMRA's branch meeting there the choice was Bradfield Farmers Blonde, Concertina Club One Eyed Jack and two others.

The Manor House Hotel Bar by Dronfield Civic Centre now has a real ale in the form of Abbeydale Moonshine.

The Talbot Arms in Dronfield Woodhouse is, at the time of writing, closed with the pub company looking for a new tenant.

More overleaf



SUMMER BREEZE



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@University Arms



Beer Festival news...

We approach a busy season for beer festivals in Sheffield as we approach autumn and the University students return.

Starting with CAMRA festivals, **Keighley** takes place from **6th to 8th September** showcasing a range of around 60 beers and 12 ciders & perries, also the same weekend is **Tamworth**, well known for new beers not found in pubs and around 100 beers available to try. From Sheffield by train, change at Leeds for Keighley or Derby for Tamworth. **14th to 17th September** sees **Long Eaton** beer festival with around 36 real ales plus cider, perry and fruit wines, trains run direct from Sheffield.

19th to 22nd September is **York** beer festival featuring over 100 beers, ciders and perries in a big tent on Knavesmire, again direct trains run regularly from Sheffield to York. **Scunthorpe** is the same weekend, in Campbells Bar from **20th to 23rd September**. This is a smaller grass roots festival with 25 beers.

The following weekend, **27th to 30th September**, the **Amber Valley** Beer Festival takes place at the Midland Railway Centre at Butterley station near Ripley, Derbyshire. To get there from Sheffield catch the train to Alfreton then use bus 9 to Butterley station where the effort will be rewarded with over 100 beers and ciders along with a steam train gala and more.

Finally don't forget Sheffield CAMRA's Steel City Beer & Cider Festival at Ponds Forge from 3rd to 6th October... Looking for a works night out or affordable corporate hospitality this October? Or maybe even a birthday party destination with decent beer? Once again this year at Sheffield CAMRA's Steel City Beer & Cider Festival we will be doing discounted group packages for groups of 6 or more that book in advance.

For £10 per person you get fast-track admission, a souvenir pint glass, programme and a starter pack of beer tokens. For larger groups we can also reserve and decorate tables for the party.

To book a group, make initial enquiries via treasurer@sheffieldcamra.org.uk - Payment should then be made by cheque, once the cheque is received then an e-ticket will be sent to the group booker. We'll have your glasses, programmes and beer tokens waiting for you on the door when you arrive on the day, meaning you can get straight in and to the bar, enjoying the beer, cider and entertainment from the word go!

Other festivals now, **Sheffield Rugby Union Club** hold their annual beer & cider festival at **Abbeydale Sports Club** from the **14th to 16th**

September in a series of tents on the edge of the rugby pitch. A great range of mainly local ales feature at this friendly little festival plus proper cider, entertainment, food and charity fundraising. Buses 97/98/218 pass the end of the drive or Dore & Totley railway station is less than 5 minutes walk away.

The same weekend is the **Sheffield food & drink festival** which features a local craft brewers collective beer tent in the **Peace Gardens (Sheffield City Centre)**, 9 beers from local brewers will feature. **The Old Hall Inn near Chinley** (on the Sheffield-Manchester railway) hold their excellent twice yearly beer festival from **21st to 23rd September** with a choice of around 140 beers promised this time along with cider, food and entertainment. This is a great rural venue complete with minstrels gallery and large garden.

Photo Corner



Presentation of the District Pub of the Year award at the Anglers Rest, Millers Dale



Sheffield & District CAMRA chairman Andy Cullen presented our August Pub of the Month award certificate to the management team at the Blake, Walkley. Congratulations to all at the Blake on the well deserved award and thanks for putting on a great do on the presentation night.



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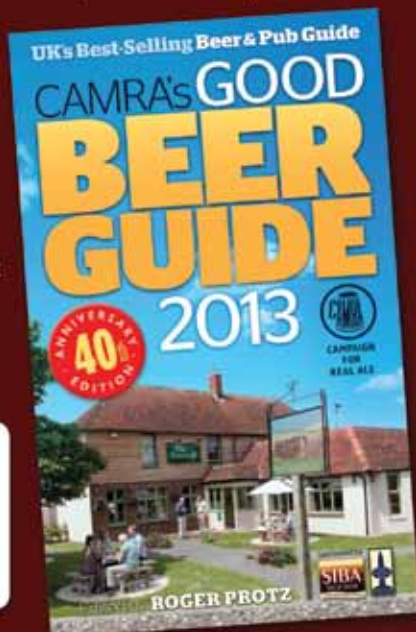
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- A 'Beer Index' that helps you find your very own perfect pint wherever it is available

Buying the book direct from CAMRA helps us campaign to support and protect real ale, cider & perry and pubs and pub-goers. The *Good Beer Guide 2013* will be published in September and you can place your order now (details below).



NEW!

Take the *Good Beer Guide* with you wherever you go!

The *Good Beer Guide* mobile app is available from the iPhone AppStore and the Android Play Store and is the perfect way to find great pubs serving the best beer while on the move.

The new *Good Beer Guide* e-Book will be out in September for all ePUB compatible devices with full-colour imagery and direct web and email links (where supported). You can find out more at www.camra.org.uk/gbg

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The Good Beer Guide 2013

The 40th edition of the UK's best-selling beer & pub guide, the Good Beer Guide, goes on sale from the 13th September. The guide is fully revised and updated each year and features pubs across the United Kingdom that serve the best real ale.

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	Name
	Address
	Postcode
	Telephone number
	e-mail address
	CAMRA membership number
	Relevant qualifications (if applicable)
	Medical restrictions (if applicable)

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 1st October		
Tuesday 2nd October		
Wednesday 3rd October		

First of all which job would you prefer to do? (please tick)		
Serving on the real ale bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cellar
Serving on the cider bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward/Security
Serving on the bottle bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration
Admissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site technical support
Ticket sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)
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Please now mark when you will be working	1100-1300	1300-1500	1500-1700	1700-1900	1900-2100	2100-2300	2300-0030
Wednesday 3rd October (open 17:00-23:00)							
Thursday 4th October (open 12:00-23:00)							
Friday 5th October (open 12:00-23:00)							
Saturday 6th October (open 12:00-23:00)							

Please tick when you will be helping to take down the festival, including returning the kit to storage	
	<div>Morning</div> <div>Afternoon</div>
Sunday 7th October	
Monday 8th October	

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By signing this staffing form you indicate that you understand and will comply with the festival staff guidelines, including health & safety, licensing requirements and food hygiene regulations.

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Is Sheffield the Beer Capital?

Every year we gather a number of volunteers to survey the beers in Sheffield's pubs and bars, primarily to take the pulse of the City's real ale scene but for the last few years to prove that Sheffield is indeed the real ale capital of England on the basis of the number of different beers available on the same day. This is something that Derby started to claim and Sheffield has successfully contested ever since. More recently Nottingham, York and Norwich have also started to do an annual beer census along the same lines.

Derby claim to beat us if you work on the basis of beers per head of population but we think that's nonsense - you could stick a pub in a tiny rural village and call that the beer capital on that basis - and anyway on those terms Norwich and York both beat Derby anyway.

Norwich and York both surveyed on the same day, 30th June, a month before we did ours, with York getting 247 different beers and Norwich 254. Both very impressive numbers, especially for the size of their cities, proves they are great places to try a varied range of real ales and a high marker for us to beat in Sheffield.

On 28th July our teams (and individuals) set out on their respective pub crawls around the city, with daytime crawls taking in Dore, Totley, Bradway, Woodseats, Heeley, Lodge Moor, Crookes, Walkley, Nether Green, Broomhill, Handsworth, Darnall, Attercliffe, Chapeltown, Hillsborough, Bradfield, Bents Green, Ecclesall Road, City Centre, Kelham Island and more. In each pub a list of all the real ales on the bar were duly noted, along with the price where obvious.

In total we surveyed 138 pubs, due to a shortage of volunteers we missed out some key pubs such as those along the Abbeydale Road corridor like the Alehouse and the Broadfield. However we still counted a total of 309 different beers which means that in terms of sheer choice, Sheffield

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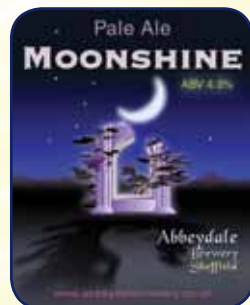


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continues to be the beer capital. I also think in the spirit of the beer capital, Sheffield proves it in other ways too such as the number of breweries, the fact that real ale is offered in such a diverse range of venues, the fact that festivals like Tramlines and Sheftival featured real ale on the bars and the number of beer festivals all year round.

A few other little notes from the survey - the most commonly encountered brewery was Greene King, however the most commonly encountered beer was **Abbeydale Moonshine**, with Bradfield Farmers Blonde in 2nd place and joint third being Carlsberg Tetley Cask Bitter and Kelham Island Easy Rider. The cheapest pint was Greene King Ruddles Bitter available in the Rawson Spring Wetherspoons at Hillsborough for £1.55, the most expensive pint in a pub was Thornbridge St Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout in the Hallamshire House at £4 a pint - however there was more expensive Thornbridge beer found in the Mecure St Paul hotel. Not all beer prices were recorded but amongst those that were the average pint cost £2.70.



So, the competing cities vital statistics.....

	Total Beers	Distinct Beers	Pubs	Breweries	Average Price	Population	Beers per 1,000 population
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Nine of our local breweries are involved, Abbeydale, Blue Bee, Bradfield, The Brew Company, Kelham Island, Sheffield Brewery, White Rose, Welbeck Abbey and Wood Street Brewery. Situated in The Peace Gardens the marquee will feature 9 hand pulls, one for each brewery providing a unique opportunity to sample from some of the best craft beers Sheffield has to offer including beers created especially for the Festival. The Marquee will also host 'meet the brewer' sessions allowing you the chance to further discuss the beers on offer with tasting advice and information regarding the production methods used.

For more on the 'craft beer tent', which runs from the 14th to 16th September (incidentally the same weekend as the Sheffield RUFC beer festival) please see the advert elsewhere in this issue.

The other initiative is a couple of new categories in the Eat Sheffield awards.

This year there is a category for Traditional Craft Ale Pub, aiming to recognise and showcase the quality and variety of the region's pubs, in particular those that are supporting independent craft ale producers and micro breweries by offering a variety of local ales alongside national and international craft beers and show a considerable knowledge in this area. Further we would like to recognise those that seek to compliment the beverages offered with well-cooked classical pub food reflecting menu seasonality and support for the local food industry. "Craft beer can be defined as beer made by a brewer that is small, independent, and traditional." The Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA).

The other new category is for 'Bar Team', which has been created to show recognition to bar tenders and establishments that consciously seek to provide their customers with service, knowledge and passion by showcasing a diverse range of high quality beverage choices including beers, wines and spirits as well as non-alcoholic options, offering a beverage menu that celebrates traditional and classic but also seeks to provide us with new and exciting choices. The team will show dedication and an extensive product knowledge including insight into mixology and cocktails and may provide further theatre via the art of flaring.

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Lincoln Real Ale Crawl

We were blessed with a sunny spring evening for this beer mission for my girlfriend's birthday. We came to Lincoln for her birthday last year but spent it at the beer festival which was again this same weekend. Whilst we enjoyed the festival we felt we should explore the local real ale scene this time round. And so, armed with a reporter's notebook, a CAMRA pen, a digital camera and the Good Beer Guide App, we set out across one of the most historic cities in the north of England, to see what it could offer us.

First portal of call was Strugglers Inn which is a cosy traditional pub with the beer garden larger than the inside! A banner fixed to the front proudly proclaimed its inclusion in the Good Beer Guide and indeed, 8 out of 9 hand pumps were ready to dispense beer. Situated in a quiet part of the city it is close to the wall of Lincoln Castle and provides drinkers with a good range of snacks including crisps, pork pies and Cornish Pasties. Not particularly cheap though; both of our beers were under 4.0% but still cost £3 a pint. However it was Lincolnshire CAMRA's pub of the year and is one of the best ale pubs in the city. I chose Hophead by Brewsters (3.6%) and the Mrs had Banquo by Newby Whyte Brewery (3.8%) which we enjoyed in the beer garden reading a copy of *Imp Ale*, the publication by Lincolnshire CAMRA.



Next up (and just around the corner) is The Victoria, a Bateman's pub. There are 3 Batemans pubs in Lincoln, unsurprising as they are a prominent Lincolnshire brewer dating back to 1874. However The Victoria was the most convenient one to visit for the route I had planned. The layout here was similar to The Strugglers with the bar in the middle and rooms either side, with a gravel beer garden running down the left side of the pub. Good views of the castle wall and yet again there were quality snacks on offer (beginning to put Sheffield to shame!) of which I had a generous slice of pork pie with a Dijon mustard dip. It was refreshing to find a pub offering a CAMRA member discount if only 5%, however the round still came to £6.56 with the pork pie. I sampled *Gravitas* by Vale Brewery Company (4.8%), and my better half had *Gate Hopper* by Maypole Brewery (4.0%), both of which we found to be pleasant if not exactly setting us on fire.

The Magna Carta has arguably the best spot in the city, set in an ancient square at the top of the hill and in between the majestic cathedral and the imposing castle walls. This is a Marston's outlet and I would imagine it is one of their managed houses being in such a prominent spot. A generic typical pub food menu is offer, attracting families and we also ate here as it was convenient and cheap. A multi-levelled pub that saw a jazz band setting up as we were finishing our food, a staple of Friday nights according to a wallboard. Whilst this may be a national brewery pub (we tend to favour free houses) I would recommend a visit due to its location and character.



Next we set off down the hill in search of the highly anticipated Green Dragon; however it is not the only establishment that fronts onto the canal. This was something we soon learned for we wandered into The Witch and Wardrobe by mistake. We did not actually realise this until we left and came across the real Green Dragon a few doors down! This went some way to explain the rather run down and rough and ready nature that the Witch and Wardrobe presented us with. An appearance that was not consistent with the description the Good Beer Guide App. None the less we had a drink in the enclosed and modest but empty beer garden with the Mrs supping *Tom Fool* (4.0%) from Jennings and *Mansfield Cask* (3.9%) tickling my pallet. Both beers were distinctly average which, in terms of the *Mansfield Cask*, was a little surprising. I used to work in a *Mansfield* tenancy pub in Baslow (The Rutland Arms) and recall quite enjoying *Mansfield* beer. My taste in beer has perhaps evolved over time, something I have suspected for a while. Either way I could not help but feel that this fine building had potential which was not being fully exploited. Having said that there were advertisements for an 18 ale beer festival over the diamond jubilee weekend, perhaps demonstrating ambition beyond the constraints of the Marston estate.

So it was quite a surprise when we walked along the canal towards what we thought was our next choice of venue and there, standing majestically in all its Tudor timber framed glory, was the Green Dragon. One of the oldest buildings in Lincoln this public house is made up of 3 levels, each with their own distinct character. The bottom level is more of a bar area but had plenty of hand pumps most of which were in use. Milestone was the featured brewery; again not a surprise for it is also a prominent Lincolnshire Brewery and can be frequently found supplying guest ales around Sheffield pubs. There is also a bar on the 1st floor with comfy chairs and snug style corners, with food being served on the 2nd floor. A pint and a half of Crusader by Milestone was drunk a beer which rang a vague bell. Which, as it turned out, was because it is not a beer I like, having sampled it before somewhere closer to home.




The light was fading fast now but we still had a good couple of ale pubs to check out. First up was The Jolly Brewer; think the Dove and Rainbow but appealing beyond the rock crowd being, brighter more vibrant and offering a very good range of beer. A huge beer garden (for this urban setting at least) along with a dart board and table football were all on offer with the obligatory wide ranging juke box. There were 6 ales on with Milestone featuring yet again of which we had a pint and a half of the wonderful Raspberry Wheat Beer (4.6%) after a pint and a half of Old Grafter (4.5%) by Dark Tribe. It would be a good place to end the night but we were determined to get to one more pub and, after calling ahead to make sure they were serving late, we made our way back up the hill.

And so we arrived at The Morning Star, in a residential setting but not at all far from the town centre. It was equipped with 6 hand

pumps mostly stocked with beers from national breweries, which was fast becoming the norm around Lincoln. Hobgoblin, Bass, Timothy Taylor Golden Best, Ruddles, Bombardier and Deuchars were the ales on offer, of which I could not resist a pint of Bass having worked for them and served it many times in my youth. A cosy pub which has the bar in the middle and a larger rear room than the one that wraps around the front of the bar. Dogs are allowed and on that night they were serving after time; the few beer drinkers that had returned from the festival with a thirst not yet quenched. While the prospect of another pint was enticing we decided to call it a day and headed back to The Duke William which we were staying above.

All in all I would say that the pub scene in Lincoln is better than the real ale scene. To say it is such a significant city there is certainly room for a couple more local breweries. But I would recommend trying the beer festival at The Drill Hall as last year that at least was stocked with a good range of beer. So do go for a pub crawl but go for the history just don't expect the local real ale scene to provide any major revelations on the bar.

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Tuesday 4th September 8pm - Sheffield Branch meeting We share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on campaigning issues, vote for pub of the month and more, all over a pint or two of course. This month the meeting is at the Nether Edge Bowling Club, on bus route 22.

Friday 7th September 7pm - Route 43 bus crawl We meet at the Three Tuns then use the 43 bus to visit a number of real ale pubs on the route into Sheffield before returning to Dronfield on the last bus. A Stagecoach bus Dayrider ticket costs £3.40.

Tuesday 11th September 8pm - Tasting Panel: Blue Bee Brewery Our tasting panels are charged with keeping on top of the regular beers being produced by local breweries and providing tasting notes for the Good Beer Guide and other CAMRA uses. This time we are getting together at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street to sample some of the beers from Blue Bee Brewery.

Saturday 15th September 12:00 - RambAle Our monthly country walk that also includes refreshment stops at real ale pubs. We meet at the Fox House Inn between 12 and 12:30 for a walk via Blackamoor to Totley, finishing at the SRUFC Beer Festival at Abbeydale Sports Club. To get to Fox House use bus routes 65/214/272 from Sheffield Interchange (departures at 11:25, 11:45 and 12:00).

Tuesday 18th September 8:30pm - Steel City Beer Festival planning meeting The organising committees final planning meeting to discuss arrangements for our forthcoming beer festival. The meeting as usual is at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road, bus route 53.

Wednesday 19th September 8pm - Dronfield Branch meeting We share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on campaigning issues, vote for pub awards, arrange socials and more, all over a pint or two of course. This month the meeting is at the Miners Arms in Hundall.

Saturday 22nd September - Day trip to Ulverston Our mini-coach will take you to Ulverston, including the brew pub that contains Ulverston brewery, known for brewing beers with a Laurel & Hardy theme. There will also be a dining stop on the way back.

Tuesday 25th September 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & committee meeting Volunteers who distribute the magazines meet up at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street for a beer together and collect their supply of the October issue. We ask you take a sensible quantity and do not duplicate others. A supply will also be made available at the Three Tuns in Dronfield the following day for local distribution. The committee meeting follows in the upstairs room.

Friday 28th September 8pm - Walkabout in Norton Lees Meet at the Mount Pleasant on Derbyshire Lane (bus route 20A) for a pleasant amble to Woodseats taking in the Prince of Wales and Cross Scythes along the way.

Monday 1st October and Tuesday 2nd October 9am - Steel City Beer Festival set up We move into Ponds Forge to start constructing the festival - everything has to be set up from scratch including the stillage, bars, stalls etc and volunteers are needed!

Wednesday 3rd October to Saturday 6th October - Steel City Beer Festival We are open at Ponds Forge selling lots of beer, cider and perry. See elsewhere in this issue for details!

Sunday 7th October and Monday 8th October - Steel City Beer Festival take down The festival is over but there is still work to be done and we really need volunteers. Everything has to be dismantled, returned to store and the venue left as found.

Tuesday 9th October 8pm - Branch meeting The venue this month is the Sportsman at Crosspool (bus route 51).

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