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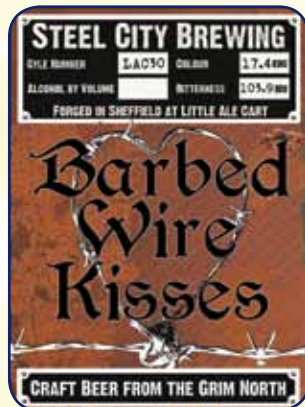
We know from past experience many of you reading Beer Matters are interested in local brewery history and may like to download the document we've found on the internet that has information about the many breweries that Sheffield used to have. The document is actually an out of print book and runs to 28 pages and as well as the information the author has researched, it also contains maps, illustrations and old adverts from the archive. You can download it for free at www.mrsmiggins-pieshop.co.uk/Brewery/Bygone%20Breweries.pdf

Steel City Brewing - www.steelcitybrewing.co.uk

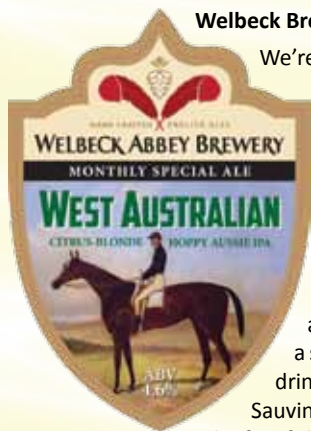
Steel City's latest beer is **Barbed Wire Kisses** (named after an obscure compilation by Scottish Rockers The Jesus and Mary Chain - barbed wire seems to fit with just how twisted this take on traditional bitter is!). Weighing in at around 5%, BWK has a mid-brown colour from the use of German Caraared and Melanoidin malts, giving body without any nasty toffee tastes. 103IBU of Admiral hops were followed by 5kg of Admiral and First Gold at flame-off, aided by 2kg of Summer hops (the only non-English hops used) in the fermenter, topped off by more First Gold in the cask. In all over 10kg of hops went into 6bbl of beer. Look out for it at Sheffield beer festival, Nottingham beer festival, and the Cask & Welly.

The minikit was used to produce **Best Foot Forward, Fellow Casketeers!**, a 6% ESB for Sheffield Beer Festival, hopped using Admiral (150IBU!) for bittering and First Gold for flavour.

Meanwhile, two specials are featuring at York beer festival, from the minikit **Citra 8** (celebrating 800 years since York received its Royal Charter) is a 7.4% Citra single-hop IPA, while a dry-hopped special is named **Red Rose Relegation Celebration** to celebrate the hilarious relegation of Lancashire cricket club to Division 2 (and Yorkshire passing them in the other direction!).



Welbeck Brewery - www.welbeckabbeybrewery.co.uk



We're still going strong here at Welbeck, brewing our regular range of 4 beers plus a different special each month. Last month's special, **Aphrodite** 5.2% NZ Pale, went down a storm. For September we're bring you **West Australian**, a 4.6% Aussie hopped IPA which is jam packed with mouth wateringly sweet papaya, melon, and pineapple fruit flavours – but don't be fooled in this juicy sensation, it's balanced out with a real resinous IPA smash in your mouth!

The Bluecoat in Rotherham is known for being one of the best pubs for miles around, and they've really showed it in August, winning two awards from Rotherham CAMRA. To help them celebrate, we've brewed a special ale exclusive to them which was named in a competition for the drinkers – Abbey Blue, a 3.6% golden ale hopped with zingy, spicy, Nelson Sauvin. After they asked so nicely for me to make it, I only thought it would be fair if they came and helped brew it. By that I mean do all the hard graft

Don't forget our open brewery tour on **October 25th at 7:30pm**. Many people have said they'd love to come on a brewery tour, but aren't able to get a large enough group of friends together to make a booking. The open Tour evenings will be 7:30pm until 9pm for £7.50 a head including some free beer. You'll still need to book by emailing me at Claire@welbeckabbeybrewery.co.uk but can come as an individual or a small group.

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Blue Bee Brewery - www.bluebeebrewery.co.uk

Word from The Hive... Autumn is upon us, and Blue Bee have produced the seasonal special. Brown Street, a 3.8% brown ale, is a malty, hoppy affair with a fruity, berry finish. It is named after the street in Sheffield where the award-winning Rutland Arms can be found.

The guys have been in cahoots with Shakespeare's on Gibraltar Street; the results should be good. Blue Bee is proud to get a permanent presence in the pub thanks to the installation of a cask stillaged on the bar. It will feature a rotating range of the brewery's beers, including occasional specials.

Talking of which, The Shakespeare's charity special has been produced. A group from the pub spent a day brewing with Rich to come up with a mid-4% pale beer using New Zealand Green Bullet hops. Called 'Shake Rattle 'n' Roll' it will be on sale during October.

Thornbridge Brewery - www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

Thornbridge Brewery has won the 'Best Speciality from Midlands and East Anglia' award in the Great Taste 2012 awards. "Hoppy, subtle, pale gold, character and complexity with a long aftertaste" commented judges as they awarded Thornbridge Brewery's Jaipur IPA a coveted Golden Fork Award for Best Speciality from Midlands and East Anglia at the annual Great Taste 2012 Awards dinner on 3rd September. Based in Bakewell, Derbyshire, Thornbridge Brewery is now amongst the top food and drink producers in the UK having won through round after round of rigorous judging with its Jaipur IPA – ale which one judge described as "a meadow in a glass".

Guild of Fine Food chairman Bob Farrand commented; "Thornbridge Brewery can be rightly proud of this award for its Jaipur IPA which received huge plaudits from the judges. The Golden Fork Award places this incredibly complex Ale alongside exquisite fine foods and it rightly deserves its place there. Brewing is going through exciting times with some outstanding craft breweries setting up and we are pleased that Great Taste 2012 is able to recognise and celebrate the artisan skills of new generations of brewers."

Jaipur IPA as a result was one of the award winning food and drinks showcased at Selfridges food hall during September.

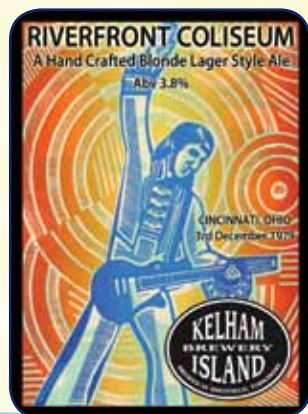
Wood Street Brewery - www.hillsborough-hotel.co.uk/woodstreet-brewery

Having spent most of the year consolidating the brewery Alison Newbold (Brewer Owner) is now producing 64 firkins a week with a target of around 84 firkins before 2013. A new chiller area has been built and installation of 6 conditioning tanks will soon be completed. Having gained several new supply contracts as well as extending deliveries to the free trade locally Alison and her team are concentrating on quality first whilst expansion is progressing. With 6 core beers and 2 specials each month Alison and her team are very confident in the future of the brewery as well as the Hillsborough pub.

Kelham Island Brewery – www.kelhambrewery.co.uk

October brings the reappearance of two old friends: **Wild Rider** ABV 5.5%. A strong full flavoured IPA brewed with a renegade blend of hops from the UK, USA, Germany and New Zealand for a massive, explosive hop aroma. Wickedly juicy, mouth watering & satisfyingly aromatic. Always one of our fastest selling ales. **Riverfront Coliseum** ABV 3.8%. A welcome return of a pale lager style beer brewed with continental hops to give an intensely fragrant, smooth, refreshing pint. You might have missed it last time, make sure you won't get fooled again.

Don't miss the chance to see 'Still The Rhythm', Kelham Islands very own popular beat combo (formerly known as Little Mick & The Pale Riders), when they appear at Kelham Island Museum, Down by The Riverside Festival on Saturday 22 September. Other attractions on the day include the Kelham Island Beer Tent & River Roast BBQ.



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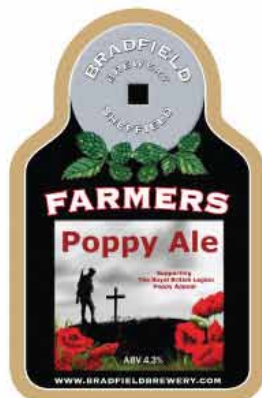
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Local Pub, Club and Beer Festival news...

Angela and Kevin Skitt took over the 200 year old **Castle Inn in Bolsterstone (near Stocksbridge)** at the end of February and have spent the last six months making improvements. They now stock three real ales, with capacity for a fourth as demand increases. Theakston's Best Bitter is the 'house' ale and, in addition, they aim to ensure both a light and dark offering. Locals have moved away from Tetley Smooth to the Theakston's.

The pub is a tied tenancy (Trust Inns) but Kevin is able to choose from a fairly large beer list. Recent examples have included Adnams Explorer, Thwaites Wheelwright and Wells Bombardier. Kevin was previously a Pub Manager for Wetherspoons and is currently in discussion with the pub company in order to be able to achieve LocAle status. Trust Inns currently own over 500 public houses spread nationwide. The Castle provides food all day, every day and is situated in a beautiful village very popular with walkers and cyclists. It was a regular GBG entry between 1976 and 1991 when it provided a fine

pint of (Sheffield brewed) Stones Best Bitter. It was even featured in the 1990 Barrie Pepper book, 'the Best Pubs in Yorkshire.' It is good to see it on the up again. We wish Angela and Kevin good luck with their new venture.

The next Beer Festival at The **Shakespeare on Gibraltar Street** is on 15th - 18th November. Don't forget to check out their Charity Night, see the poster to the left.

The premises formerly **Champs Sports Bar** has now reopened as the **Graze Inn**, part of the Brewkitchen chain of gastro-pubs and restaurants. This is a relaxed dining destination where most of the menu is focused on sharing dishes and tapas style platters, although that isn't all they do. To drink there are Thornbridge beers available on handpump. As previously reported, the Champs name has moved down the road to the pub that was the Ecclesall - although better known as the Pomona. This is a leased pub that has joined the White Lion, Chantrey and Prince of Wales in Danny



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Grayson's mini empire and has had a refurbishment into a sports bar with lots of TVs, memorabilia, a fun atmosphere and a simple food menu of burgers, ribs and the like. Real Ale is available.

The Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, have published their Christmas menu, available to those that book throughout December. However a busy October will be happening before then, with the pub's third birthday party taking place on the 10th, a new Great Wall of Cider to open on the 15th - ahead of us presenting them with their Sheffield Cider Pub of the Year award on the 16th.

Two pubs next door to one another in **Wadsley Bridge** have now been demolished to create a site for a Sainsbury's supermarket - see photographs



taken after the buildings were knocked down but with the signs still standing, almost like pub tombstones marking the spot!

The White Lion at Heeley is hosting a beer festival on the 25th - 27th of October with a Halloween based theme. Live bands are on each night during the festival and they should be at their maximum capacity of 14 casks available.

Peak District news: The **Derwent in Bamford** has been sold and will become a tea room. Julie Turner has now left the **Red Lion at Litton**, a branch favourite, and the pub is now being run by Andrew Holland and Louise Barker. **The George at Tideswell**, a Greene King Brewery pub, has a new tenant - Andy Roe. Ian is retiring from the **Bridge at Curbar** after 23 years. **The Sir William in Grindleford village** and also the **Chequers at Froggatt** have started promoting their Christmas and new year menus and parties.

The Wharncliffe Arms has reopened as a free house, run by landlord Stuart Whittle. Two real ales are currently available, both from Bradfield Brewery, and if they sell well additional ales may be added to the bar.

Dronfield news: You may recall last month us

mentioning landlady Veronica and her son had left the **Hyde Park Inn, Dronfield**. They have now been announced as the new management at the **Dronfield Arms** recruited by owner Chris Sinclair, following the decision by original manager Lee Bradshaw to move on - he has a new job as general manager of a hotel and conference complex near Doncaster where amongst many changes and improvements he plans to introduce real ale to the bar. Meanwhile back at the Dronfield Arms, Lee's leaving do is on Saturday 29th September and we are promised the new regime will keep an eye for detail and build on Lee's achievements.

We've had a few ask if everything is OK at the Coach & Horses in Dronfield after the pub was shut unexpectedly on Saturday 8th September. The pub, amongst a number of premises in the area, had suffered a power cut, so don't worry, everything is fine!

The new 2013 Good Beer Guide has seen the **Three Tuns** joining the **Coach & Horses** and **Jolly Farmer as Dronfield** entries, so the town now has three pubs in the guide. However there are now more than three good beer pubs in the area, so competition is getting hot for those guide entries!



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The Three Tuns will be hosting its **2nd Annual Sausage and Beer Festival** during the first weekend in November, featuring a mouth-watering selection of sausages, a full range of Spire Beer on handpumps and a cellar full of interesting guest beers - Don't miss it!

The Hearty Oak is attracting a good following to their weekend party nights, some with live music, other with DJs. You can enjoy the music and party atmosphere until 1am with decent ale! See their Facebook page for details of when upcoming events are taking place. During the more respectable hours, the pub is seeing a growing number of diners, partly thanks to deals they are offering through the Groupon website.

The extra handpumps fitted in the **Victoria** are starting to get used now, with a beer from Mexborough's Concertina Club Brewery regularly available, probably the only outlet for quite a few miles!

A small change to the beer range at the **Rutland Arms in Holmesfield**, with Theakston's being replaced by Timothy Taylors Landlord.

Vote for your Pub of the Month

Our pub of the month awards are a bit of positive campaigning, highlighting those pubs that serve well kept real ale in friendly and comfortable surroundings on a day in, day out basis. Voting for a pub in the Pub of the Month awards is your opportunity to support good, real ale serving pubs you think deserve a little recognition and publicity.

If you are a CAMRA member in the Sheffield & District branch area you are welcome to vote, you can do this at a branch meeting or by emailing your name, membership number, the name of the pub and the date you last visited it to potm@sheffieldcamra.org.uk. The vote is not one pub against another, you simply vote 'yes' or 'no' as to whether you think the pub should win an award, once we have enough yes votes then we will make the award, providing it achieves the votes within the time limit.

The following pubs are currently nominated and need your votes! If you fancy a trip out to try the pubs and decide we have included details of what bus gets you there.

The Riverside, Kelham Island (bus route 53)

The Ball, Crookes (bus route 52)

Porter Brook, Sharrow
(bus routes 65,81,82,83,84,85,88,214,272)

The Bridge Inn, Ridgeway (bus route 252)

The Cremorne, Highfield
(bus routes 20,20A,25,25A,43,43A,44,44A,75,76,97,98)

The Lescar, Sharrow
(bus routes 65,81,82,83,84,85,88,214,272)

Shakespeare's Ale & Cider House, Shalesmoor
(bus routes 11,12,14,31,31A,57,78,79)

The Alehouse, Woodseats
(bus routes 87,97,98)

If you would like to nominate another pub for the voting list, you can obtain a form at branch meetings. Remember the pub must have been open and serving real ale for at least a year and under the same management for at least 6 months to qualify – this way award winners have a proven track record!

Winners of our pub of the month awards go forward alongside our Good Beer Guide entries into the branch Pub of the Year competition, the winner of which gets entered into the national competition.

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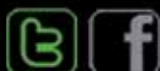
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Beer Festivals - near and far...



We start this month with our own festival, Sheffield CAMRA's 38th annual Steel City Beer & Cider festival, which takes place from the 3rd to 6th October. It is at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, which is one of Sheffield's flagship venues and in the City Centre close to the bus and rail stations and benefitting from its own tram stop (Fitzalan Square/Ponds Forge).

This is the second year at Ponds Forge, those of you who attended last year will recall the freak weather that weekend in that it was the hottest October on record! We're not taking any chances this year and are beefing up the beer cask cooling system to ensure the beer is served at a nice refreshing temperature and you will also notice some other changes this year that should create a great atmosphere. The festival features over 150 real ales, ciders and perries plus live music, games, stalls and food.

The festival opens at 5pm on Wednesday 3rd, until 11pm, then opens midday to 11pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission varies from £2 to £5 depending on session plus £2 (refundable) for your festival glass. You will also need to buy beer tokens to spend at the bar. Discounts on the admission price are available for CAMRA members and students. You can pay on the door, alternatively advance tickets can be bought from any Sheffield International Venues box office, including the Arena's online sales site. If you buy in advance we are offering a £10 package that includes admission, glass, programme and beer tokens, with a discount for groups of 5 or more. Please note a 10% booking fee may be charged, this is to cover the agencies expenses such as credit card processing.



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If you enjoy our festival and get left wanting more then that won't be a problem. The following week it is **Nottingham's Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival**, which is now one of the biggest in the UK, across several marquees in the grounds of Nottingham Castle, which is about a 10 minute walk from the railway station. This year they will start the festival with a record 1000 real ales and 200 ciders & perries and the festival also features a whole host of outside caterers and stalls, plus live music on the old fashioned bandstand. The festival runs from the 11th to 13th October, if you are planning on attending at a popular time advance tickets are available on line (subject to booking fee). More information can be found at <http://beerfestival.nottinghamcamra.org>



Also on the same weekend as Nottingham, there is a small beer festival being held at the **Hill Top Sports & Social Club in Dronfield**. Stagecoach buses 43 and 43A from Sheffield will drop you nearby.

The 19th to 21st October will see a marquee appear on the forecourt of **Sheffield Cathedral** which conveniently is also home to a tram stop, containing a beer festival. This event is embracing the Cathedral's new slogan - 'A Place for All People' and will contain a beer festival featuring up to 40 beers, all from breweries around South Yorkshire, with food also available, sourced locally. There will be entertainment too, see their advert for more details.

Also on the weekend of **18th to 21st is Gainsborough Beer Festival, at the Old Hall**. Gainsborough has an hourly train service from Sheffield, operated by Northern Rail.

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Yorkshire Pub of the Year: The Kelham Island Tavern



The Kelham Island Tavern in Sheffield has been named the winner of the 'Yorkshire Pub of the Year 2012' competition by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). Eighteen pubs were nominated for the prestigious title, and a panel of judges then individually visited each nomination and scored them against strict criteria: Quality of Real Ale, Community Focus, Atmosphere, Campaigning, Style/Decor, Service and Welcome, and Value for Money.

The Kelham Island Tavern is situated in Russell Street in Sheffield, and is no stranger to winning this prestigious title, having won it in 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2009. It is owned and run by

Trevor Wraith and his team, and is featured in the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2013 (launched on the 13th September): "This small gem was rescued from dereliction in 2002. Twelve handpumps dispense an impressive range of beers, always including a mild, a stout and a porter, so you are sure to find something to suit your palate. In the warmer months you can relax in the pub's multi award-winning beer garden."

The Jemmy Hirst at the Rose & Crown in Rawcliffe was runner up in the completion. It is owned, and run, by Simon & Jane Hicks, and is described in the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2013 as: "Outstanding village pub, well-known in the region and winner of the Yorkshire Pub of the Year competition in 2011. A warm welcome awaits you from the owners, locals and Bruno the dog. Book-lined walls and an open fire provide a haven on a cold winter's day. It is the perfect place to sample the four guest ales; a traditional cider can also be enjoyed. The patio or river bank beckons in warmer weather."

CAMRA's Yorkshire Regional Director, Mick Moss, said "The standard of the competition was very high, but the Kelham Island Tavern just 'ticked a few more boxes' as far as the judges were concerned." Mick will present framed certificates to the licensees of the winner and the runner-up in the near future, when special presentation events have been organised.

The Old No. 7 in Barnsley and the Old Cock in Otley finished in joint third place. And the other pubs that were nominated were: Sparrow Bier Cafe in Bradford, Duke of Wellington in Danby, Crown Inn in Manfield, Jubilee Refreshment Room in Sowerby Bridge, West Riding Light Refreshment Rooms in Dewsbury, Sportsman in Huddersfield, Goodmanham Arms in Goodmanham, Game Cock in Austwick, Kings Arms in Silsden, White Swan in Danby Wiske, Black Lion in Firbeck, North Riding Brew Pub in Scarborough, Cricketers in Horbury, and the Waggon & Horses in York.

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Cider Pub of the Year - Rutland Arms

You will recall last year we awarded our first ever branch Cider Pub of the Year award to the Harlequin. This award was created not just because we felt real cider wasn't as widely available as real ale in Sheffield but was also due to changes to the processes in the national Cider Pub of the Year competition.

Entries to the regional round used to be pubs or members of the public making nominations, instead now we as a branch have to nominate a Sheffield entry – so the winner of our Cider Pub of the Year is the one that gets entered into the Yorkshire round of the national competition.

It is presented in October as that is CAMRA's national Cider & Perry month, which is timed to coincide with the time of year when apples are harvested and cider making is at a high.

There are, to be fair, a number of pubs in Sheffield with real cider, however they generally tend to be the big well known producers such as Westons. This is of course still preferable to industrial ciders made from apple concentrate and fizzed up – such as Strongbow, Magners etc – real cider is little more than fresh apple juice that has been fermented, with Perry being the pear equivalent.

Back to the award – this was voted for by members attending the September branch meeting –our Cider Pub of the Year winner is the **Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre**.

The Rutland has been committed to real cider since it reopened under the current management 3 years ago and features a varied and changing range, normally with a choice of about 6 on the bar. All the ciders and perries are clearly labelled with ABV and sweetness and there is a guide to their sweetness scale posted at the end of the bar!



Regular cider festivals are held, the biggest and most memorable one was for the weekend the national CAMRA Members Weekend & AGM was in Sheffield when they built the 'Great Wall of Cider' in the upstairs function room with a range of 50 odd ciders to choose from (pictured).

The chef also gets into the spirit of cider from time to time, with many having heard of 'Cider Pig' (the naming of which may amuse

Simpsons' fans) which is a dish containing pulled pork marinated in cider.

We will be presenting the Cider Pub of the Year award at the Rutland Arms on Tuesday 16th October, the presentation evening starts at 8pm and you are all welcome to come down and enjoy the night, which will feature a mini wall of cider (the Rutland's October cider festival commences the day before the presentation and runs all week).



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A Uni guide to the bars of Sheffield

It is this time of year with University Freshers when Sheffield welcomes a whole load of new people to the City. If you are one of them, read on, and learn where to find the good beer... If you are at the University of Sheffield, you may well have had a head start. There is no need to venture far for a decent pint as the Interval Café Bar in the Student Union has a line up of craft beers including some real ales on handpump. Look out for their weekly brewery showcase. Also at the University of Sheffield is the Real Ale Society, it's only a few quid to join and their regular socials will take you to pubs you might otherwise not discover, brewery tours, trips to beer festivals and also even have a go at home brew!

If you are at Hallam University, the Student Union still hasn't been persuaded to put decent ale on, however there are a number of outlets close by. The daddy of them all is probably the **Sheffield Tap at the railway station**, located in what was an old abandoned Edwardian refreshment room on platform 1, now the long bar has about 10 handpumps featuring cask ales from Thornbridge Brewery plus guests from around the UK, it also has a line up of keg taps and bottle fridges featuring exotica from around the world. In the other direction from HUBS is the **Rutland Arms on Brown Street (pictured right)**, an imposing old pub with a tiled frontage on the corner. The regular beers here are from the local Blue Bee Brewery, there are also changing guest beers. The Rutland also does decent food and a range of traditional ciders and has a cider festival from time to time. Finally in this area is the **Howard** – the pub is owned by Marstons Brewery and only has their own beers, but the beer is normally spot on and quite reasonably priced. Finally, also in the campus area, the **Globe** and the **Red Lion** both have real ale.



Anyway, you are ready to venture beyond the campus area so where now?



Well, plenty of pubs and bars in the City Centre. Of the traditional variety, the **Red Deer on Pitt Street** is popular with engineering students, post grads and staff, this is a really friendly and comfy little pub, watch out for the quiz nights and film nights. On the other side of West Street, in the West One Complex is **The Hop**. This two storey bar is operated by Ossett Brewery and has a choice of ales and cider, has live music at the weekend and is known for its £5 pie lunches served until 5pm. Away from the weekend they offer discounts on real ale to students and CAMRA members. If you are looking for a bar that is a bit 'cooler' (well by my old fogey standards) then the **Old House on Division Street** is worth a visit, as is **DaDa bar on Trippett Lane (pictured above)**. Also you cannot forget the **Devonshire Cat**, built into the bottom of a block of student flats and boasting a massive range of beers.

Slightly out of the City Centre is the triangular circuit taking in the Kelham Island, Shalesmoor, Neepsend and Hillsborough area, dubbed the valley of beer. There are two key public transport corridors down the valley, Supertram down one side and the 53 bus down the other. From the University why not do a pub crawl by tram? If you have a Stagecoach Unirider ticket you can use that on the tram, otherwise a tram pass for the day costs £3.90. Your first stop is at Shalesmoor where the **Wellington** pub is next to the tram stop, this is also home to Little Ale Cart brewery. Be warned though, the regulars in here know what they like and the staff can sometimes be a bit blunt! Get past this though and it's a nice comfy pub with excellent beer at reasonable prices, there is also an interesting beer patio out back. Next pub stop on the tram is Langsett Primrose View for the **Hillsborough Hotel**. This little hotel, as well as having a great real ale bar in it, is also home to Wood Street Brewery. Back on the tram one more stop to Bamforth Street, cross over and head down the

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hill for the **New Barrack Tavern (pictured right)**, which is owned by Castle Rock Brewery of Nottingham and serves their beers plus guests. Live music often features and look out for their 1 over 8 deal – every time you buy a drink from a selected range you get a sticker, fill a card up with 8 stickers and get a free pint (or save cards up for brewery merchandise).

On foot head from here down Neepsend Lane (or jump on a 53 bus – First are currently offering a student fare of 60p on this route) to the **Gardeners Rest**, a cosy and friendly multi-room pub. This is the tap for Sheffield Brewery Company and it is also known for choosing fairly new or rare guest beers. Keep walking down the same road for the **Riverside Café Bar** and also the **Harlequin**, which is the tap for The Brew Company.



Back across the roundabout and the river and past Tesco Express and you are in Kelham Island. **The Fat Cat** pub is an old fashioned pub attached to Kelham Island Brewery and offers cheap food, round the corner is the **Kelham Island Tavern** which has just won CAMRA's Yorkshire Pub of the Year Award. From here cross the dual carriageway and you will find **Shakespeare's Ale & Cider House (pictured left)**, a fantastic old coaching inn with several rooms all very basically furnished, an upstairs gig room and a big outdoor beer patio. Beer and music festivals are held here from time to time.

Finally, walk back along the dual carriageway past the furniture store to return to Shalesmoor tram stop, you may wish to pop in the **Ship Inn** on the way (note this keeps traditional opening hours and closes during the late afternoon), the Ship is a proper local pub with good beer and friendly staff.

Finally, note this article isn't comprehensive – there are shed loads of good ale pubs in the City Centre not mentioned plus loads out in the suburbs. For a comprehensive guide you can buy a copy of our 'Real Ale Guide to Sheffield & District', available in a number of pubs around the area for a fiver.

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Public Transport update

There are major changes to the bus network in our area from the 28th October. As this is a magazine about beer and pubs I won't go into massive detail as it will probably bore many, however as many rely on buses to get to pubs I thought I would give it a mention!

There are two separate sets of changes. In Sheffield there is the introduction of the 'Sheffield Bus Partnership' which has seen the city's network fully reviewed and there will be a number of changes to routes, timetables and operators. This was subject to consultation, with bus maps and a summary of changes available to download from www.sheffieldbuspartnership.co.uk By the time this magazine is out there should be new timetables available at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

There are some good news stories in the Sheffield changes – such as the number 1 from Meadowhall to Jordanthorpe being extended via Chancet Wood, Woodseats, Norton Lees and Meersbrook into Sheffield and the frequency increased. Another bit of good news is route 87 to run the full length of Archer Road (replacing the 293 which was axed last year) making the Alehouse easier to get to! There is also a new route SL3 from Killamarsh to Crystal Peaks every 10 minutes, connecting into trams, and a route 71 from Sheffield to Chesterfield via Killamarsh and Staveley. Other associated good news is the Citywide ticket – the day ticket will be reduced in price from £5 to £4.30 and a new weekly ticket priced at £17 will be introduced. Citywide is valid on all buses and trams in Sheffield, regardless of operator, except for the N52 night bus.

Over the border in Derbyshire there are changes due to County Council tenders coming up for renewal. Unfortunately these have been subject to funding cut backs due to the government's austerity programme (where is all that extra beer tax going?). Members of our Dronfield sub branch will notice that as a result of the changes, Holmesfield is left with no evening service – route 89 is axed, replaced by a 16/16A which is an extension of route 14/15. Buses will leave Chesterfield for Dronfield Civic Centre via Barlow and Holmesfield hourly, continuing from there to Coal Aston and Apperknowle then either as a 14 via Hundall to Chesterfield or as a 15 to Marsh Lane. Buses will also run in the other direction. Last buses in the clockwise direction are about 6pm, last buses in the anti-clockwise direction are about 4pm. New bus timetables for Derbyshire can be found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses Do check before you travel!

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Sheffield Pub Names Quiz (1) Answers

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The following are cryptic clues to Sheffield pub names all of which are believed to be still open.
The answers refer only to the 'key' words. The words 'the', 'and' and 'of' are not referred to in the answer.

Q	Clue	Answer
1	Patron Saint and his fire breathing foe. 6,6	(The) George, (and) Dragon
2	Imagine sitting under this in the blazing sun enjoying your pint. 4	Palm
3	Pointer, perhaps, with a little bit and a long, narrow piece of raised land. 3,9	Dog, Partridge
4	First in the queue to succeed 'er. 6,5	Prince, Wales
5	The university which you went to but without your Latin mother. 4	Alma
6	Angry game for a confused veteran – well almost. 9,6	Crosspool, Tavern
7	Amphibian without its tail sounds as though it's at home. 3,3	New, Inn
8	Offensive description of one of our European neighbours followed by standard rubbish. 4,6	Frog, Parrot
9	Under which tribe, for example, may meet. 3,4	Big, Tree
10	Sounds like where an old Liberal keeps his animals. 3,3	Wig, Pen
11	Boast but the king has been removed. 4	Swan
12	Loads of money with incomplete cry returning when you meet knave. 7,4	Wadsley, Jack
13	Depressed by the dance? 4,4	Blue, Ball
14	A part of Belfast where you could stay? , but this is much nearer home. 12,5	Hillsborough, Hotel
15	Where your hips are replaced. 4,3	Ship, Inn
16	A book for liturgical use. 7	Psalter
17	Counties that rent the tools of war. 10,4	Devonshire, Arms
18	Communist stag. 3,4	Red, Deer
19	Shouldn't they be selling wine here? 6	Grapes
20	'It's a beast,' Ron lied shaken but he was right. 3,4	Red, Lion
21	You need to watch your pockets in here. 6	Fagans
22	Uncooked issue attached to a coil of wire. 6,6	Rawson, Spring
23	Got up for 5/- 4,5	Rose, Crown
24	Poison found growing in the churchyard. 3,4	Yew, Tree
25	May be used for corn dollies who have an opinion. 5,4	Sheaf, View
26	Don't believe this following a performance. 8	Turnbull
27	Field event followed by these messed up royals. 6,7	Hammer, Pincers
28	One of the reasons for occupying the streets. 3,3	Fat, Cat
29	A sign of delirium tremens? 6	Shakey
30	A delicate rearrangement lacking energy could by another name be found in various North African cities. 6	Casbah

42 completed answer sheets were submitted of which 4 entrants identified 29 correct answers. The winning entry drawn at random by Michelle Douglas, Manager at The Hillsborough, was submitted by: Simon Briggs

Total proceeds, for which many thanks, were £160 and after deduction of prize money £16 (10%), the balance of £144 has been donated to The British Polio Fellowship. Any additional donations will be gratefully received and should be sent to: TBPF Sheffield Pub Names Quiz, c/o 80 Kendal Road, Sheffield S6 4QH (cheques payable to: The British Polio Fellowship)

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Grape and Grain at The Rutland

This autumn, Sheffield's established literary festival **Off The Shelf**, which attracts thousands of book lovers, writers, publishers and agents to Sheffield every autumn and involves performances and seminars by writers all over Sheffield, will take place between 13th October and 3rd November.

CAMRA are proud to be endorsing Grape & Grain: A LITERARY EVENING OF BOOZE on the evening of **Friday, 19th October, upstairs at The Rutland Arms**, Sheffield CAMRA's Cider Pub of the Year. The event will be hosted by best-selling author and regular Northern Lights hostess Jude Calvert-Toulmin and her husband, amateur cider-maker Brian Trevelyan. There will be spoken word performances by some of Sheffield's finest writers and poets, all on the theme of wine, beer, pubs and the fine art of brewing, told through tales of mayhem, poignancy and hilarity.

Tickets are on the door at £3 or £2 concessions and space is likely to be limited so arrive as early as possible to get a seat. The event runs from 7.30pm until 9.30pm with a break in the middle, leaving time at the end for the audience to meet and have a drink with the performers, always a popular part of Northern Lights' regular monthly events which take place on the second Tuesday of every month upstairs at The Rutland Arms.

If you want to see who else is going and mark yourself out as attending, check the Facebook Grape and Grain event page. If you want to perform, please contact Jude at judecalverttoulmin@gmail.com



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Socials review by Geoff Mason

Since the last Beer Matters was released we have had a few meetings and social events. Here's a quick catch up for those who didn't make them.

Committee Meeting

The committee gathered at our usual venue, The Rutland Arms (Brown St), for our chat about all things Sheffield & District CAMRA. Up for discussion were a range of topics, the most important being the upcoming Steel City Beer & Cider Festival. We ran through everything that still needs doing and it looks like a busy old time coming up for those helping out.

Unveiled at the meeting was the design for the update of the branch website; very impressive it is too. Considering my efforts at doing the update were truly abysmal I'm all the more impressed. Hopefully you'll be able to see the results - we'll keep you posted.

We were also made aware of a request from CAMRA HQ requesting information on pubs that have either turned to retail outlets or have been threatened to do so. If you have any info on any of this then let us know; your help could help save our pubs from closing.

Branch Meeting

A big 'Thank you' is necessary for the Nether Edge Bowling Club who hosted our monthly branch meeting in their back room. Serving Thwaites' Original, Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Abbeydale Moonshine at £2.50-£2.60 a pint, we had very comfortable and well priced evening.

We ran through the usual branch business of agreeing future meetings, discussing pub, club and brewery news, getting an update on the current state of the Pub of the Month voting and committee reports.

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that). We held the Cider Pub of the Year vote. The votes were shared between last year's winner, The Harlequin and the pub that ran them very close that time, The Rutland Arms. The Rutland came out on top by just a couple of votes. A date of Tuesday 16th October has been pencilled in for the award presentation. The Cider Run was also confirmed as 22nd September this year rather than October, so before this issue. We will have report next month, however.

Of particular interest among the news were reports of possible new breweries, one in Sheffield the other in Dronfield - more news as soon as we have it.

If you would like to come along and enjoy a chat about beer and cider, pubs and breweries then feel free to along to The Sportsman in Crosspool on Tuesday 9th October. You will be very welcome.

Tasting Panel: Blue Bee Brewery

Coincidence being what it is we had diared in a tasting panel for to try the Blue Bee range. Due to the close links between the brewery and the pub we once again found ourselves at The Rutland Arms for the tasting panel to get their laughing tackle around the regular range . This is done to help provide the tasting notes in the breweries section of the Good Beer Guide so there is a good reason for it, whatever the wife may think.



The following weekend was a busy one for those who like a good beer festival. Sheffield RUFC hosted their annual beer and cider festival. Mike, our Membership Secretary, hosted his monthly RambAle which went from The Fox House and took in the festival. As part of the Sheffield Food Festival, the Sheffield Brewers Collective ran the real ale tent in the Peace Gardens. 9 local brewers served a number of beers from each of their range with a few specials thrown in for good measure. Barnsley CAMRA also held their second festival this year at Elsecar.

Bus Crawl The Dronfield Sub-branch held a bus crawl along the number 43 route. They started at The Three Tuns before heading off towards Sheffield. Their first stop was at Heeley, visiting The White



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Lion followed by The Sheaf View. They then travelled to the city centre dropping in on The Rutland Arms and Sheffield Tap. by all reports a good night was had by all.

A few of us met up that Saturday as Stockport branch were in town presenting the Champion Beer from their festival earlier this year. The award went to Blue Bee's Nectar Pale and was presented to brewer Richard Hough at the Hive. Rich then hosted a pub crawl for the Stockport guys around some Sheffield pubs that regular serve Blue Bee's range. It took in The Rutland Arms, The White Lion (Heeley), Shakespeares (Gibraltar St) and The Kelham Island Tavern. Unfortunately a few of us had business to attend to with a ridiculous number of letters to fold and stuff into envelopes for the festival staffing form mail out, which you have hopefully now all received. It was still a good day out and nice to meet up with another branch's members especially as they were recognising one of our own breweries.

Beer Festival Planning Meeting

A big night for all those involved in putting together the festival, this was the final meeting of the organising committee before the start of the festival. Our regular venue for the planning meetings, The New Barrack Tavern (Hillsborough) again played host. This was a good chance to sample some of the wonderful ales from Castle Rock Brewery which will have their own bar at the festival.

Everything we had to finalise was discussed with more still work for some of us before the opening on Wednesday 3rd October at Ponds Forge. Set up starts that Monday with take down on Sunday. If you have any time to give during that week we would love to see you if want to help out. See how to volunteer elsewhere in the issue or on the website. If not, then come along to enjoy the festival. Great real ale, cider and bottled foreign beer will be available throughout, unless everyone drinks it all beforehand.

Also happening before this goes to press are the Dronfield sub-branch meeting, the Woodthorpe Hall Cider Run and the branch trip to Ulverstone. Hopefully we'll have updates on those for you next month when we look forward to the festival and cider month. Until then, good drinking.

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Dates for your diary...

Friday 28th September 8pm - Walkabout in Norton Woodseats We take you on a pub crawl in a part of our branch area you might not normally drink in. Over the year we try and get to all the good beer pubs in our branch area to ensure all get a chance to be recognised. This time we are at Norton Woodseats and meet at the Mount Pleasant (which is on bus route 20A) and wander in a downhill direction towards Woodseats, calling at the Prince of Wales and the Cross Scythes along the way.

Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th October - Steel City Beer & Cider Festival We are at Ponds Forge putting on our main annual festival, sharing our passion for good ale and cider by serving from a range of around 150 different beers, ciders and perries. There will also be music, games, stalls and food. The festival is open 5pm-11pm on Wednesday, 12pm-11pm Thursday to Saturday. Volunteer staff still required for this event, including set up on Monday and Tuesday plus take down on the Sunday!

Tuesday 9th October 8pm - Branch meeting Open to all our members to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on campaigning news, vote for pub of the month and discuss any other branch business - over a pint or two of course. The meeting venue this month is the Sportsman on Benty Lane, Crosspool (bus route 51).

Tuesday 16th October 8pm - Cider Pub of the Year Our members have voted for their Cider Pub of the Year - the one in our area most committed to serving and promoting traditional cider and perry and in a comfortable and friendly setting. The winner is the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre, join us at the Rutland where we will present the winners certificate and be part of their celebrations.

Wednesday 17th October 8pm - Dronfield Sub Branch Meeting Open to all our members to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on campaigning news, vote for pub of the season and discuss any other branch business - over a pint or two of course. The meeting venue this month is the Rutland Arms in Holmesfield (bus route 89)

Friday 19th October 7:30pm - Spoken Word evening A special one off evening of culture as part of Sheffield's Off the Shelf literature festival, organised by the same people as the Northern Lights Spoken Word evenings. This will take place upstairs at the Rutland Arms (Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre) with the theme of Grape & Grain - A literary evening of booze. Poets and Writers will regale us with stories from the world of beer, wine, pubs and brewing and CAMRA members are welcome to get up and perform themselves (please book a slot in advance - see elsewhere in this issue for details). Entry is £3 full price, £2 concessions.

Tuesday 23rd October 8:30pm - Beer Festival wash up meeting If you worked or attended as a customer our Steel City Beer Festival, you are invited to join us at this meeting to discuss in a structured and constructive way what worked well and what less so. This will help us develop the organisation of the festival in a way that it is better each year! The venue is the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road (bus route 53).

Saturday 27th October 11:25am - RambAle Our monthly walk in the countryside, combining the joys of the exercise, fresh air and scenery offered by a walk in the Peak District with the pleasures of drinking real ale in genuine country pubs on the route! This month the plan is to get the 65 bus, operated by TM Travel from Sheffield Interchange at 11:25am out to Stoney Middleton and walk to Baslow, from where we can catch a bus back to Sheffield.

Tuesday 30th October 8pm - Beer Matters Distribution & Committee meeting Copies of the November issue of Beer Matters will be delivered to the Rutland Arms for volunteers to collect and distribute. If you are signed up for a delivery run why not collect yours tonight and enjoy a beer with other volunteers. The committee meeting follows in the upstairs room.

NOW BOOKING - the branch Christmas dinner social will be on the **Saturday 8th December at the Three Tuns in Dronfield**. If you would like to book a place for the meal please contact Richard Ryan our social secretary. You can get to the Three Tuns on Stagecoach bus 43 (Sheffield-Chesterfield service, bus stops very close to the pub on Cemetery Road), however we will be running a minibus if demand is there - seats should be booked and paid for in advance with Richard.

The Dronfield sub branch will be running a minibus trip to Rotherham CAMRA Beer Festival, held at Rotherham United's New York stadium, on 9th November. Contact Nick Wheat (wheaty@derby.org) for more information and to book a seat.

**For more information and to book places on trips,
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