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NEW LOOK FOR XMAS!



Paul Blomfield MP pulling a pint of the Uni Real Ales Society's limited edition Bees Knees, supervised by Blue Bee's Rich Hough, at the launch party in Interval Bar.

DECEPTION: BEST NORTHERN BITTER

BEES KNEES OFF TO WESTMINSTER

THORNBRIDGE CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF WARP FILMS

SHAKESPEARES: PUB OF THE MONTH

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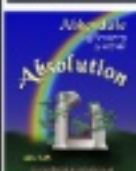
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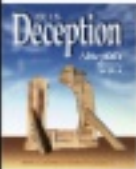


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Absolution 5.3%
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Deception 4.1%
Gold in Best Bitters
SIBA North 2012

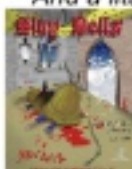


Bah Humbug 4.6%
Dark, hoppy beer with
lots of flavour and
bitterness.



Reindeer Repellent 4.2%
Pale and hoppy, loads of
hop flavours and a
refreshing finish.

And a little later in the month...

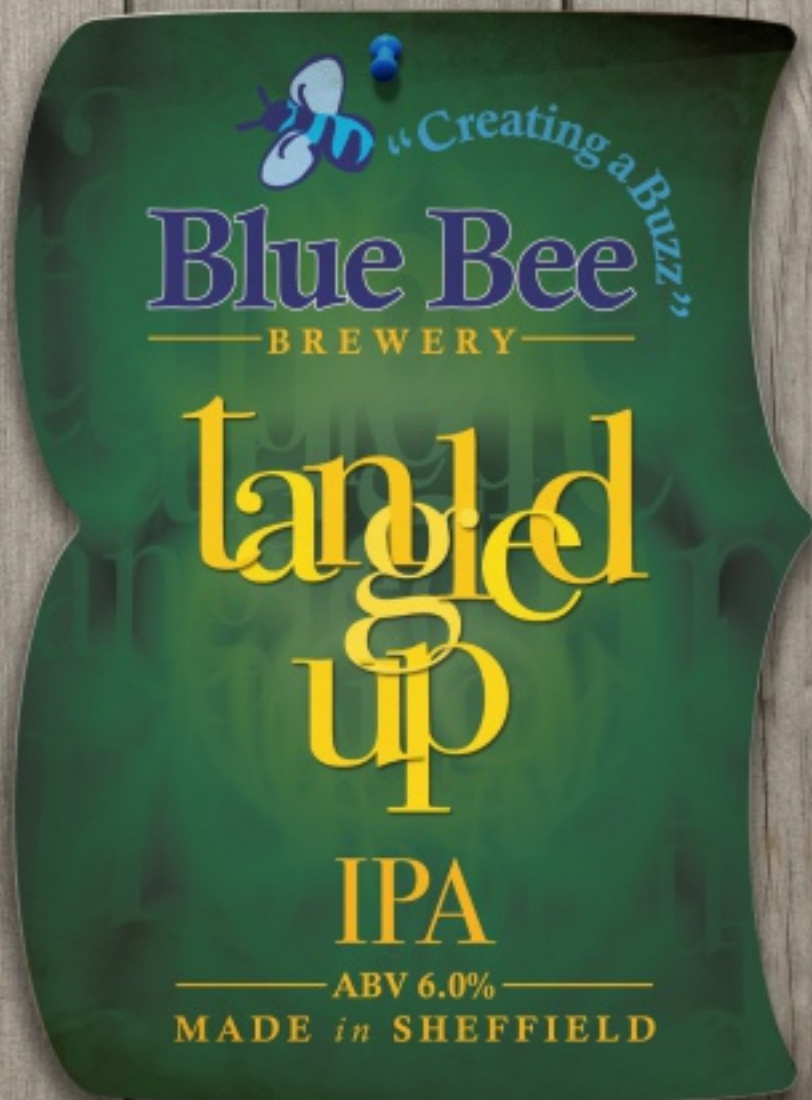


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DUNCAN GILMOUR

I would like to offer a few corrections to Paul Holden's article regarding Duncan Gilmour.

The Birks and Rawson families were related to the point where the Birks controlled both Lady's Bridge & Rawson's Pond Street Breweries.

Following the acquisition of Lady's Bridge Brewery [pictured] by Gilmour, Rawson continued as an independent concern, but clearly the two companies remained close.

Gilmour did not take over Rawson's Brewery in 1946, because it did not exist in 1946.

The brewery's Pond Street site was put forward as the location of the new Sheffield Technical College in the 1930s and Rawson's were looking at alternative sites for a new brewery or an alternative supply of beer for the companies 200 or so tied houses. However a large bomb hit the brewery in December 1940, totally destroying it and blowing the top floor clean off the Cossack public house on Howard Street which was the brewery tap.

Between 1940 and 1946 most of the beer to Rawson's houses was provided by Gilmour's. In 1946 Gilmour took over the tie on at least 150 of Rawson's pubs. Others were disposed of elsewhere and many were closed or had been destroyed during hostilities. Some of the more famous Gilmour pubs were from the Rawson estate including The Grapes on Trippet Lane which still has Rawson brickwork and Rawson stained glass windows.

As a consequence, when Gilmour sold out to Tetley in 1954 the estate numbered 342 tied houses plus a very substantial free trade.

I hope this adds to your history.

Nick Williams [thank you Nick!]



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Water Lane, from Bridge Street. Duncan Gilmour's, Lady's Bridge Brewery, left, 1965.
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DOUBLE SIBA WIN FOR ABBEYDALE

On the 25th October, at the SIBA Great Northern Beer Competition, Abbeydale picked up not one but two prestigious awards.

Deception 4.1% took gold in the "best bitters" category for the whole of the north region which included; Cheshire, Cumbria, Durham, East Riding, Greater Manchester, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Merseyside, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and West and South Yorkshire.

All the gold medal winners then went through to be judged for the "overall champion of the competition" where it won the bronze award!



Dan Baxter (Sales Director) says, "I'm so proud, this is a superb achievement for us and we are absolutely made up! Deception began initially as a one-off brew included in a crime series of beer we ran in 2009 along with beers such as BigAmy, Corruption and Arson. It was repeated in early

2010 to supply demand but due to it's success in the trade we eventually secured enough Nelson Sauvin hops through our supplier (Charles Faram) and brought it on as one of our regular beers in our core range. Shortly after this, Deception won "Champion beer of Sheffield 2010" as voted for by Sheffield and district CAMRA and members of the public. It was at that moment we knew we had made the right choice!"

Now, Deception will go on to be the only beer representing its home city in the SIBA national beer competition – **BeerX** in Sheffield on the 13th March 2013. Other close to home brewers who made it the BeerX finals are **Acorn**, **Barnsley** and **Thornbridge**, **Derbyshire**, so well-done to them too!

For more information see siba.co.uk/beerx

THORNBRIDGE BEER FOR 10 YEARS OF FILM

Thornbridge Brewery has developed and produced a new beer to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Sheffield based Warp Films.

Simon Webster, Thornbridge's Operations Director, says that the "opportunity to brew a beer to celebrate Warp's anniversary was an honour as the team at Warp have built a great reputation for all that they do and their commitment to pioneering new work is an inspiration to us all"

Mark Herbert of Warp is delighted by the new beer and hopes that it marks a fun and different way of celebrating their work at a number of events including a great party night on the 17th November at Magna.

The beer, called **WARP**, is a 4.5% English Pale Ale that uses a number of English hops including First Gold, Bramling Cross and Whitbread Golding Variety and all English malts. Rob Lovatt, Thornbridge Head Brewer, says "the beer is a great showcase for English fruity hops at their best. It is complemented by a slight sweetness but carries a long, dry bitter finish.

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The cask beer will be on sale from the 1st November and available at pubs across Sheffield.

Warp Films was established by Warp Records' founding partners, Rob Mitchell and Steve Beckett and is run by Mark Herbert & Robin Gutch.

The first film, shot in 2002, was Chris Morris' BAFTA winning short **My Wrongs #8245-8249 & 117**. Soon after, Warp Films' debut feature **Dead Man's Shoes** was released to critical acclaim, awards included the Hitchcock D'or (Dinard Festival) and the Southbank award for Best Film.

Warp Films expanded in 2004 with **Warp X**, the low budget digital 'studio' backed by Film4, UK Film Council, Optimum Releasing, Screen Yorkshire and EM Media. A number of projects were created under the new label, including **A Complete History of My Sexual Failures**, **Donkey Punch**, **Hush**, **Bunny & the Bull**, **She a Chinese** and **All Tomorrow's Parties**.

The company's breakthrough came in 2007 with Shane Meadows' **This Is England** which won a flurry of awards including Best Film at the British Independent Films Awards, the Special Jury Prize at Rome Film Festival and Best British Film at the BAFTAs. At the same ceremony Paddy Considine's **Dog Altogether** won the best short film BAFTA. Also released in 2007 was **Grow Your Own**, written by Frank Cottrell Boyce. **This Is England** was such a success that in 2010 and 2011, Warp Films broke through into television with the sequels **This Is England '86 & '88** for Channel 4.

In the last five years the company has gone from strength to strength, other films to receive awards and critical acclaim include Chris Morris' debut feature **Four Lions**, which won the 'Outstanding

Debut' BAFTA award, Richard Ayoade's debut feature **Submarine** (BIFA for Best Screenplay), the 2011 Warp X productions **Kill List**, written and directed by Ben Wheatley, Paddy Considine's **Tyrannosaur** (BAFTA for Outstanding Debut) and from Warp Films Australia, Justin Kurzel's **Snowtown** (4 Australian Academy Awards).

In 2012 Warp Films produced three 30-minute television dramas for the **Sky Arts Playhouse Presents** season; **The Minor Character** (written

by Will Self and starring David Tennant), **The Snipist** (directed by Matthew Holness) and **Care** (starring Gina McKee).

A new comedy series **The Midnight Beast**, recently aired on E4 and Peter Strickland's highly acclaimed **Berberian Sound Studio** has just been released in cinemas

in the UK. Warp Films currently have two films in production: Paul Wright's **Seaside Stories** and Shane's

Meadow's contemporary documentary

about the reformed **The Stone Roses**. Upcoming projects include **Southcliffe**, directed by Sean Durkin and written by Tony Grisoni and produced for Channel 4, and Jim Hosking's **'Privado'** for Channel 4 comedy.

Warp Films celebrated 10 years of pioneering cinema with an exclusive large-scale screening of **Dead Man's Shoes** at Magna, re-scored live by Gavin Clark (Clayhill, UNKLE), Joel Cadbury (UNKLE, South), Ali Friend (Clayhill), Jah Wobble, Marc Layton-Bennett, James Griffith (UNKLE) and Helen Boulding. This was followed by DJs Andrew Weatherall, Tom Ravenscroft and Pablo Clements, and All-Night Warp Films Cinema, Seven by 7 DJ sets from Shane Meadows, Vicky McClure, Justin Kurzel and more.

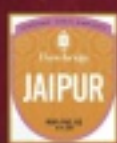


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Monday 3rd December

8pm

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Tuesday 4th December

8pm

Jazz Jam Session

(All Welcome To Watch Or Join In)

Saturday 8th December

9pm

Wild McBride

(Fantastic Live Band)

Tuesday 11th December

8pm

Traditional Folk Music Night

(All Welcome To Watch Or Join In)

Thursday 13th December

9pm

The Hip Drop Do

Sunday Session with DJ's

Moonmonkey and Nicky P.

Saturday 15th December

9pm

Piston Broke

(Excellent Live Band)

Sunday 16th December

3-7pm

The Hip Drop Do

Sunday Session with DJ's

Moonmonkey and Nicky P.

Tuesday 18th December

8pm

The Brilliant Corners Jazz Club

(Fantastic Live Jazz Band)

Saturday 22nd December

9pm

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(Fantastic Live Band)

Thursday 27th December

9pm

The Crashers

(Fantastic Live Band To End The Year)

WORD FROM THE HIVE

First and foremost, **Blue Bee** were delighted to host the **University Real Ale Society** for a special brewing day. As an added bonus, **local MP Paul Blomfield** was invited along as well. The image of Paul, up a ladder in his suit, adding the bittering hops to the boil, will live long in the memory.

The upshot of this visit is that the beer brewed will feature in the Strangers' Bar in the House of Commons, and Blue Bee have been invited to London to sample the beer and join in the celebrations. Mr Blomfield was overheard saying **Nectar Pale** is one of his favourite beers, and all the better for being brewed in Sheffield.

In other news, the Christmas beer has been produced. **Hoe-Hoe-Hoe**: "Glistening bright, crisp as the snow, let it Hoe, let it Hoe, let it Hoe..." A 5.2% pale ale with lots of hops and a lovely little festive twist".

And finally, the **pUnK-tuation series** will kick off in January; watch out for something a little off-the-wall...

BLOMFIELD BREWS

The University Real Ale Society, having been briefly dormant, wanted a way to get back in the limelight and change the some of the stereotypes people at the university and students' union may have.

We decided, on a whim, to ask local MP, Paul Blomfield if he would help the society brew a beer with a local brewery to support the real ale industry in Sheffield and promote sensible and mature drinking in students. I cynically imagined the letter would go straight in the bin but to our pleasant surprise Mr Blomfield quickly responded saying he would be happy to help.

We wanted to support new, small, independent business (and encourage the MP to do the same) so decided to ask Blue Bee Brewery, as the newest Sheffield brewery at the time, to help us.

After a lot of emails and letters, we arranged to brew on 26th October.

We were originally going to brew Nectar Pale but had to change to Bees Knees Bitter due to demand for the beer.

At 9am the society arrived at Blue Bee Brewery to help Rich and Andy with the brew. 11am soon came and Mr Blomfield arrived to assist with the brewing process. Richard gave him the tour and explanation of how brewing works before he got his hands dirty and started adding hops to the brew.

He spent two hours in the brewery in total, and left on the high note that he had helped organise for the beer to be on sale in the Strangers' Bar of the Houses of Parliament, which is an exciting prospect for the brewery and our society!

By the time this has gone to print, we will have had our launch party at the Interval Bar in the Students' Union and the beer should be on sale throughout Sheffield

We would like to thank Rich, Andy and Jonathan at Blue Bee for their support and making it possible, and Paul Blomfield MP and Anna Chester for their co-operation and time. Also thanks to Chris Aucott for allowing us to have the launch night in the Interval Bar.

Nathan Rodgers



Rich, Andy, Nathan, Paul Blomfield MP and the limited edition pump clip.

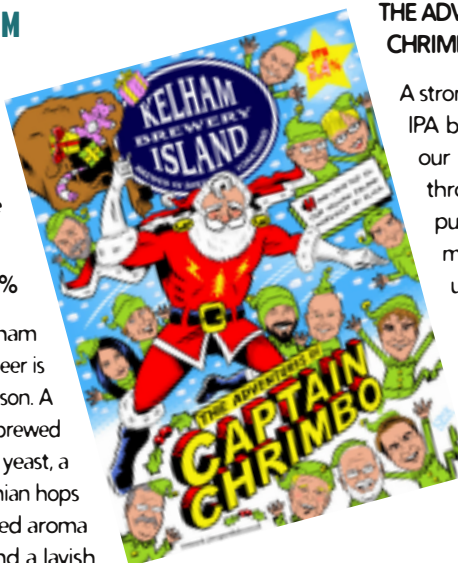
Background: Mr Blomfield adding the hops.

CHRISTMAS FROM KELHAM

Couple of great Christmas beers from Kelham, a returning classic and a brand new offering which has managed to incorporate all the Kelham staff on the pump clip.

FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK 4.2%

First brewed as part of Kelham Island's New York exchange, this beer is a welcome pint for the festive season. A dark, full-bodied winter warmer brewed with a specially selected Belgian yeast, a trio of roasted malts and a Slovenian hops resulting in a spicy, sweet toasted aroma with hints of dark chocolate and a lavish warming flavour. The perfect beer to help the bells start ringing out for Christmas day.



THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN CHRIMBO 5.4%

A strong full flavoured golden IPA brewed with a blend of our favourite hops used throughout the year. The pungent hoppy aroma is more inviting than a kiss under the mistletoe. The fruity, lychee and orange zest aroma is mixed with a full, malty body and bitterness for a celebration of flavours perfect for the festive season. Merry Christmas!

Look out for **GOODY TWO SHOES 4.1%** and the return of **BLONDIE 4.9%** in the New Year.

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There will be an open bar of fine quality real ales, mulled wine, hot sausages and live music including the fabulous River Rats. We intend to open from 3pm until 11pm on the Saturday and 2pm until 6pm on Sunday. Charity cake stall and families welcome. For more details go to www.sheffieldbrewery.com or call 0114 2727 256.

WELBECK XMAS GIFT PACKS AND BEERS

We're busy getting ready for Christmas and James is busily putting gift packs together in our icy cold brewery so make sure you show some appreciation and buy one for a gift please! They're available at the Welbeck Farm Shop, and the Kelham Island Brewery shop.

The really exciting news is the launch of our Christmas beers. We will be brewing two for December:



Cocoa Noel 5.5%
Chocolate stout brewed with Duffy's cocoa nibs.

Duffy Sheardown is one of only two producers in the UK who make chocolate from the raw bean. We've teamed up with him to bring you the very first UK chocolate stout brewed using roasted cocoa nibs. We're looking forward to trying it and will be launching at The Mallard on

Worksop train station at 7pm on Tuesday 27th November.

You'll also be able to try **Santa Baby** 5.9% Blonde IPA. Close your eyes and let this blonde beauty transport you to the other side of the world where Christmas is all about BBQs and beaches.

Look out for two other Christmassy beers we're brewing. The exclusive JDWetherspoon Winter Ale 'The Wether Outside is Frightful' will be a rich 5.5% burnt copper coloured English Ale with spiced fruit notes. They'll be joining us for a brew day in a couple of weeks so I'm sure some amusing pictures of wellie-clad barmen will be appearing on the website soon.

Our other Christmas guest beer is for the Forum Café Bars group. We'll be brewing their 5.2% Premium Chestnut Winter Ale with hints of raisin and dark fruits in time to hit the pumps on 1st December. They're coming to get stuck in on Wednesday 14th so we'll send you entertaining illustrated twitter updates throughout the day.

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Fri 7th M & J Blues Xmas Party 9pm
Sat 8th Chris and Neil 9pm
Tues 11th The Fates 9pm
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Fri 28th Billy Martin Jnr, Xmas Party 9pm
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Fleur de Lys at Totley is good again under the management of Paul and Alex, they've done a bit of decorating themselves and the pub is looking smart and comfortable. There are two real ales available – at the time of writing they were St Austell Tribute and Fullers London Pride – which on Tuesdays are reduced to a bargain £2 a pint. Food is available at lunchtimes. There is a busy programme of events and entertainment including live music most Saturdays, a monthly comedy club and more.

The former **Forest** pub on the junction of Rutland Street and Rutland Road has been bought and refurbished, reopened as a free house called **Woodside Tavern** with 6 real ales available – see their advert on page 2.

The Broadfield on Abbeydale Road won Best traditional craft beer pub in the Eat Sheffield awards.

Roebuck Tavern on Charles Street in the city centre (opposite the cheese grater car park) is under new management. The owner/brewer of Wood Street Brewery, Alison and her partner Chris are pleased to announce they have now taken over. Alison's daughter Jodie will be manager and of course Wood Street beers will be a regular feature. There are also plans add 2 more handpulls for rotating guest beers.

All food will be freshly prepared and there are plans for a special office workers lunch time menu. Karaoke, pool knockout and quiz nights all coming soon plus Xbox for free play on the latest football games.

Alison, Chris and Jodie would like to take the opportunity to thank Michelle and all the staff at The Hillsborough for all their hard work and help with getting the new pub up and running.

The Fat Cat would like to thank everyone who came to the Bonfire night. It was a fantastic night and very busy, over 2500 pints were sold in just over 5 hours.

They'll be starting their winter warmers from the beginning of December with mulled wine and delicious warmed Belgium beer on sale for the Victorian market

weekend. The Christmas beer festival will be starting 15th December and running right up until Christmas eve.

New Inn at Gleadless has added real cider to the bar, alongside real ale.

Wentworth Arms in Carbrook is reported to be up for sale.

Royal Standard in Sheffield City Centre has an open mic night on Thursdays.

Showroom Café Bar in Sheffield City Centre now has real ale again.



CAMRA's Yorkshire Regional Director Mick Moss presented Trevor Wraith, landlord of the **Kelham Island Tavern**, with his certificate for winning **Yorkshire Pub of the Year**.

Congratulations to Kev and Steph for **New Barrack Tavern**, Penistone Road, achieving 10 years in the Good Beer Guide. Join the celebrations on Tuesday 15th January.

DRONFIELD & DISTRICT

Talbot Arms, Carr Lane, Dronfield Woodhouse is now open again and now features Black Sheep.

The Angel at Holmesfield has, under new ownership, developed the food menu with gluten free options always available and improved the pub side to attract drinkers, with a quiz night on the roster!

Changes to the line up of events at **Dronfield Arms** with the new managers including a Thursday quiz night, however the monthly comedy club is still going strong! Meanwhile **Vault Restaurant** downstairs won the best newcomer category of the Eat Sheffield awards.

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The Three Tuns in Dronfield held a successful beer and sausage festival, with over 1000 sausages served!

Dronfield Woodhouse Sports and Social Club, Carr Lane, Dronfield Woodhouse, is currently selling both Marstons Pedigree and Black Sheep bitter.

The Contact Club, Snapehill Lane, Dronfield has been vending real ale for about six months. Currently Tetley's Bitter is the regular ale and a constantly changing guest ale also features.

Gosforth Fields Sports Pavilion, Bubnell Road (Off Stubble Drive), Dronfield Woodhouse offers Abbeydale Moonshine and Peak Ales Swift Nick (both at £2.65 per pint) as regulars, with occasional variations. A great spot to catch those big matches that you can't afford to watch at home. No membership requirement for admission!

Toby Carvery, Sheffield Road (Bowshaw), Dronfield, is currently offering beers from Marstons Brewery – Pedigree at £2.65 and E.P.A. at £2.35 per pint.

The Barrack, Barrack Road, Apperknowle serves from up to 5 real beers – Abbeydale Moonshine plus guests.

Traveller's Rest at Apperknowle goes from Strength to strength. Five real ales on hand – pump plus three directly from the barrel in the cellar. Beers from Abbeydale and Bradfield form the core, leaving opportunity for an ever changing supply of guest ales. Music features strongly here. Monday nights bring live Jazz and Swing. Tuesdays is a Music Quiz with an acoustic jam session on a Thursday. Weekends bring live bands of various genres from time to time. Landlady Sara Has kindly agreed to offer CAMRA members a ten per cent (10%) discount during December. Bring along your membership Cards!



PUB OF THE MONTH

Shakespeares, Gibraltar Street.

When Punch Taverns put the Shakespeare on the market in

January 2010 the future did not look bright for this much neglected former coaching inn dating from 1821.

It was saved by **William Wagstaff** who also owns the Good Beer Guide listed The New Beehive Inn in Bradford which was also in a sorry state when he took over. William purchased the Shakespeare in early 2011 an extensive refurbishment was carried out, not helped by theft of the copper pipes on the day he took over.

It reopened in July 2011 under the management of **Chris Bamford** and **Robin Baker** with the addition of an "s" to the name and has gone from strength to strength becoming a staple of the Don Valley real ale circuit. Shakespeares is a multiroom pub around a central bar, the former archway that led to the coaching yard has been converted into an additional room. The coaching yard itself now serves as a beer garden but still features the stables and a hayloft while at the front of the pub an interesting feature is the Wards stained glass window.

On the bar only Abbeydale Deception is a regular the other 7 handpumps are dedicated to an ever changing range of real ales with over 900 different real ales having been sold since reopening.

Shakespeares is also dedicated to real cider with a changing range of at least 3. The drinks range also features quality bottle beer from around the world and what is probably Sheffield's largest range of whisky with over 100 available.

Shakespeares is also committed to live music with many up and coming local bands playing upstairs in the Bards Bar. Acoustic sessions are held downstairs every Wednesday while for those in search of something more cerebral Thursday is quiz night. Regular beer festivals are also held.

The branch will be presenting the Pub of the Month certificate on **Tuesday 11th December**, why not come down from 8pm and see the presentation and enjoy a few beers and celebrate the success of Shakespeares.

Rob Carroll

Shakespeares: Pub of the Month

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Our Pub of the Month is a bit of positive campaigning, highlighting pubs that consistently serve well kept real ale in friendly and comfortable surroundings. Voting is your opportunity to support good, real ale pubs you feel deserve some recognition and publicity.

All CAMRA branch members are welcome to vote at branch meetings or by emailing **name, member number, name of pub** and **date last visited** to:

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It's not one pub against another, simply vote **YES** or **NO** as to whether you think the pub should be PotM. If we get enough votes in time we will make the award.

Nomination forms are available at branch meetings. The pub must have been open and serving real ale for a year and under the same management for 6 months.

Winners compete alongside our Good Beer Guide entries for branch Pub of the Year, the winner of which is entered into the national competition.

GOOD BEER GUIDE 2014 SELECTION

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December tends to be a quiet for beer festivals but there are a number of winter festivals in January that often celebrate the stronger and darker beer styles.

CAMRA FESTIVALS

The only CAMRA festival in December is **Pigs Ear** in Hackney, London, which takes place from the 4th to the 8th.

So straight on to January, the big one is the **National Winter Ales Festival** from 23rd to 26th. This is the Great British Beer Festival's little brother where the Champion Winter Beer of Britain is judged.

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There are other January CAMRA festivals in **Cambridge, Exeter, Salisbury, Pendle** and **Tewkesbury**. Details at www.camra.org.uk.

A little further ahead, **Derby's Winter Beer Festival** at the Roundhouse takes place 20th to 23rd February and **Rotherham's Magna Beer Festival** runs 27th February to 2nd March.

INDEPENDENT FESTIVALS

The Fat Cat on Alma Street is holding a small beer festival to celebrate Christmas from 15th to 24th December and alongside the **Kelham Island Victorian Christmas Market** at the start of the month there are special events at the Fat Cat and **Sheffield Brewery**.

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PAUL HOLDEN CRAWLS CHESTERFIELD

I had been intending to explore the Derbyshire real ale scene for some time, as I have friends who live nearby and have dabbled on the fringes. The market town with the twisted spire has a fair few pubs in the good beer guide, including two in the infamous drinking stretch in Brampton and it was here that my lady and I began our evening.

We were in for an accidental treat in our first stop as **The Peacock** (below) had a beer festival on! I admitted to the organisers that I did not realise that, and was duly admonished for not checking the Sheffield CAMRA website where it had been advertised, oops! In addition to the 6 hand pumps inside dispensing Tetley's, Golden Sheep, Farmers Blonde and King of the Rocket Men among others, there were 10 beers and 2 ciders available from the outside bar.



Unfortunately this was mid-July amid the wettest spring and summer on record and not beer festival weather. However the organisers made a valiant effort to keep punters dry by erecting a series of waterproof gazebos. So we enjoyed 2 excellent pints each outside in the awful weather; Summer Sovereign (4.0%) by Peak Ales and Full Monty (6.5%) by Barlow Brewery for me, and King of the Rocket Men (4.5%) from Kelham Island followed by Clark's Classic Blonde for my lady. The pub itself was a decent size with a large room to the left and the tap room to the right, with the wedge shaped bar in the middle.

As we left I noticed that there was now a good few people in, if not many wishing to venture outside

in the downpour. The Peacock clearly benefits from a lively local clientele, enough of whom were enjoying the beer festival. Indeed, given the range of beer on offer, we could have happily stayed there all night. Alas, we had a plan to follow, friends to meet and many more pubs to visit. Such is the occasional misery of the intrepid beer writer.



Under the protection of our faithful umbrellas (a Fulton Umbrella is the wandering beer drinker's best friend!) we made our way to Brampton Brewery's **Rose and Crown** (following page). This is a large pub with a prominent corner position on a crossroads with 8 hand pumps, 4 of which were dispensing Brampton Ales. This particular establishment was one of the main draws to Chesterfield as you don't see a lot of Brampton's beers around Sheffield.

The interior is spacious and rather lends itself to a pub that has more interest in serving food. However there were plenty of beer drinkers present to quash that initial appearance. The building looks as though it was constructed in the 1930s with a not old but not new feel to it, having obviously been redecorated tastefully in the last few years. You walk into a middle room with the bar in front of you, off to the left is a large seating area and through a door in the entrance there is small room to the right, behind the bar. It was in this snug that we chose to sit, mainly as I had spotted a useful plug from which to subtly pilfer power to charge my iPhone!

I was drinking Nice Weather (4.1%) from Dancing Duck Brewery; a Derby based brewery of which we are a big fan having sampled their beers at the Chesterfield and Derby beer festivals earlier in the

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year. Thus explaining why I didn't have a Brompton beer despite having made the special effort to get there! Never mind, my better half drank Golden Bud (3.8%) from Brompton Brewery which she found most pleasing and I concurred after a taste.

We called a cab to get the next pub as it a fair distance from Brompton and not walkable in the timeframe we had. **The Chesterfield Arms** (right) is a family run, self professed Real Ale Emporium and I'd be hard pushed to disagree. Twice winner of Chesterfield CAMRA Pub of the Year since it's reopening in 2009, it has what surely must be the largest selection of hand pulled real ale in Chesterfield.

It was approaching 8pm when we arrived and we did well to get a seat, although there are plenty of tables. It wasn't unpleasantly busy thankfully, although I suspect it does become so at certain times, and music was playing at an unobtrusive level in the

background. Despite the busyness there was no problem being served as the bar is horseshoe shaped and was well staffed.



Sumptuously decorated in wooden panels and seductively low lit with small windows, the Chesterfield Arms overflows with an enticing atmosphere that whispers convincingly in your ear to get to the bar for one more of the 12-16 fine ales on offer. Which we certainly would have submitted to was it not for meeting friends in the



One of the main draws:
Rose & Crown and its Brompton beers.

town centre at 8:30. So we consoled ourselves with just a pint and a half of Side Pocket For A Toad (3.6%) by Tring Brewery, which is not as good as Tring Blonde in our opinion, but it's always good to try something new. But if you are ever in drinking beer in Chesterfield it is well worth getting to The Chesterfield Arms, a pub easily on the same level as any in the Kelham Island area of Sheffield. I for one will definitely be returning in the near future.

Back into a taxi and alighting in the town centre we made our way to **The Rutland** (below) which stands in the shadow of that famous church spire. Out of all the places we visited that night, this was the only one that felt like it sold real ale rather than being defined by it. Quite a lively place on this Friday night but we managed to squeeze our party of seven around a table in the corner. Lots of wood everywhere, from the bench seats to the floor, quite spacious and frequented by a mixed age range. A worthy entry in the Good Beer Guide and probably a bit more palatable for us quiet types during the week.



8 hand pumps dispense a decent array of local real ales from the wraparound bar. Easy Rider was on offer which many in the group chose but we opted for something new, Yakima Gold (4.2%) from Crouch Vale Brewery for me, and a half of Deepdale Pale (3.8%) by Spire for the Mrs. But it was certainly more attractive to us than the **Crooked Spire** across the way, a popular Marston's pub, which was positively vibrating with pop music and could barely contain the flashing lights of the disco within. Judging from their website they have three hand pulled beers on from the Marston Breweries and

could be worked quite nicely into a mid week crawl around the town centre.

Our next stop was **The Market** (below) and my partner and I had been here before while waiting for a bus to Staveley to meet friends. I suppose it is predominantly styled as an old man's pub but not so much that younger people are put off. It is very cosy but not big on space so it can feel busier than perhaps it is, however it has ample charm to make up for it. As you walk in the door the bar is opposite you, there is a small space off to the right but the main area runs down the left side of the pub, parallel to the bar, and terminates in a larger space at the back which is where we sat.



There are 9 hand pumps on the bar, dispensing a good range of local and national beer, and signs advertise live music every Sunday night. It had a great atmosphere on the Friday night we were in, there are clearly many dedicated regulars, and has a prominent spot overlooking the old market place as you'd expect! Between us we had a pint and a half of Bullion IPA (5.0%) from Acorn Brewery, which was very enjoyable from a brewery you can rely on for interesting and varied monthly specials.

The last stop was a pub I had been recommended to visit and it was definitely a fine place to end the night. **The Royal Oak** (next page) is the oldest pub in Chesterfield and could even be one of the oldest buildings in the town from the look of it.

At least 6 beers are on offer but you have to go to great lengths to look at both sides of the bar! For the pub is on a hill and split into two levels with the

bar in the middle. However there is no connecting passage. So if you are in the top part you have to actually have to go to the toilet in the lower part via the street! But all that serves to add to the immense charm of the place, something it has in abundance.



The Tudor heritage is exploited impressively in the top part, which is where we sat, as there is no first floor. So the space stretches up to the rafters, creating an unrivalled atmosphere with a sobering sense of

history. Indeed, you almost drink in there with profound reverence. But that might in part have been down to the eight pints I had drunk!

A reasonable selection of local ales were available from which the Mrs and I had a pint and a half of Harvest Pale (3.8%) from Castle Rock, which was as lovely as ever.

Having exhausted the Good Beer Guide pubs in Chesterfield that were in our reach, and rapidly approaching the time of the last train, we bade farewell to our friends and trekked the short distance back to the station. Overall we were impressed with the quality of the ale and establishments selling them. It is refreshing to know that a varied and different selection of beer and watering holes is right on Sheffield's doorstep.

Paul Holden

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NEW LOOK AND THANKS TO ALUN

You will probably have noticed the new look to this issue, we hope you like it. We have a new producer, durb (Robin), helping us out. If you need graphic design services check his advert out on page 34.

Robin takes over from our previous producer, **Alun Waterhouse**, who has called it a day after doing some great work over the last two and a half years putting the magazine together and making it look good. He was responsible for taking the look of the mag up a level from where it was before.

Many thanks to Alun from Sheffield CAMRA for all the hard work. He continues his role in CAMRA as BLO for Spire Brewery and can often be found in the Three Tuns in Dronfield – if you see him buy him a beer and say cheers!

Andrew Cullen, Editor

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TUE BRANCH MEETING

4 8pm. 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. Venue this month: Riverside Bar, Mowbray Street (buses 47,48,53,87).

SAT CHRISTMAS DINNER SOCIAL

8 6pm. Three Tuns, Dronfield. Please book menu choices, minibus seats and pay deposits to Social Secretary Richard Ryan. For those making their own way there buses 43,44 and 44A stop by the pub.

TUE PUB OF THE MONTH

11 8pm. We present our Pub of the Month award to Shakespeares, Gibraltar Street. Come and join the party, drink beer, play the raffle and watch the presentation! Buses 11,12,13,57,79 and 79A stop outside the pub.

JANUARY 2013

FRI NEW YEAR WALKABOUT

4 8pm. We take you on a crawl around an interesting cross section of city centre pubs and bars in the West Street and Division Street area that serve real ale, at a time of year when they aren't so busy. We meet at DaDa bar on Trippett Lane.

TUE BRANCH MEETING

8 8pm. Venue this month is Harlequin, Nursery Street (buses 47,48,53,87).

TUE NEW BARRACK TAVERN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN GBG

15 8pm. 10 years in the Good Beer Guide is a great achievement. We will be presenting a certificate to mark this and all are invited to enjoy a beer or two and join the celebrations at the New Barrack Tavern, Penistone Road (buses 53, 79, 79A. or tram to Bamforth Street).

TUE BEER FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

22 8pm. The new organising committee start making arrangements for this year's Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, planned to take place at Ponds Forge in October. If you would like to get involved please come along to the Gardeners Rest, Neepsend Lane (bus 53).

TUE BEER MATTERS MEETING SOCIAL AND COMMITTEE MEETING

29 8pm. If you have volunteered for a magazine distribution run then come along tonight to collect your supply and have a pint with other distributors. The branch committee will also be present before holding their meeting. Venue: Rutland Arms, Brown Street in the city centre.

DRONFIELD & DISTRICT

DECEMBER 2012

SAT CHRISTMAS DINNER SOCIAL

8 Joint event with Sheffield & District branch. See opposite for details.

WED SUBBRANCH MEETING

19 8pm. All local members are invited to attend to discuss sub-branch business which includes selecting which pubs will go in the Good Beer Guide, vote for the pub of the season, arrange socials and share pub, club and brewery news. Venue this month: Travellers, Apperknowle (buses 14,15,253).

JANUARY 2013

WED SUBBRANCH MEETING

16 8pm. The venue this month is the Miners Arms at Dronfield Woodhouse. (buses 16,16A,43A).

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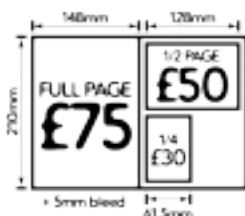
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Postcode _____
Email address _____
Tel No(s) _____

Partner's Details (if Joint Membership)

Title _____ Surname _____
Forename(s) _____
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Direct Debit Non DD
Single Membership £23 ☐ £25 ☐
(UK & EU)
Joint Membership £28 ☐ £30 ☐
(Partner at the same address)

For Young Member and concessionary rates please visit www.camra.org.uk or call 01727 867201.

I wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale, and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association

I enclose a cheque for _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Applications will be processed within 21 days

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Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and send to:
Campaign for Real Ale Ltd, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society Service User Number

To the Manager Bank or Building Society

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of Account Holder

Branch Sort Code

Bank or Building Society Account Number

Reference

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This is not part of the instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Membership Number

Name

Postcode

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Campaign for Real Ale Limited Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards secured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Campaign for Real Ale Limited and, if so, will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date



This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

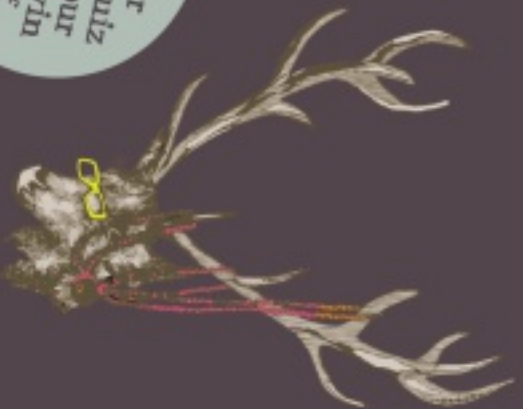
- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay by Direct Debit.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to pay more pay a bank when The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society (written confirmation may be required). Please also notify us.

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