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**Bradfield**Pale is the new gold

Bradfield Brewery's *Farmers Pale Ale* has struck gold in Rotherham CAM-RA's Beer of Yorkshire Awards 2015.

Farmer's Pale Ale is one of the ales that started the Bradfield Brewery story 10 years ago and continues to be a best seller for the brewery. It has been awarded the Gold Award within the Strong Bitter category at this year's Rotherham CAMRA Beer of Yorkshire Awards held at Magna.

And the winning didn't stop there, Bradfield's popular *Farmers Brown Cow* scooped Bronze in the Best Bitter Category. Farmers Brown Cow has also been around from the early days, first introduced in July 2005 as a special brew, now brewed all year round due to its popularity.

Head Brewer Paul Ward attended the ceremony on behalf of Bradfield Brewery to receive the awards. Paul has been at Bradfield Brewery since they began brewing in 2005, and now boasts nearly 20 years experience in the brewing industry and creating the champion beer of Britain in 2004.

On collecting the awards, Paul said, "We are delighted to be receiving these awards for our ales. I take great pride in creating real ales that compliment the industry and I know people will enjoy. Collecting these awards shows that our ales unique which is what we strive to achieve and we would like to give special thanks to Rotherham CAMRA for showcasing our ales."

Bradfield Brewery ales were amongst over 90 real ales which were blind tasted at Rotherham Beer Festival held at Magna in June.

Bradfield Brewery is based on a working farm in the peak district, within the picturesque village of Bradfield. After brewing their first brew in 2005, the brewery has gone from strength to strength, with customers enjoying Farmers Ales all across the county.

Farmers Pale Ale is a distinctive fruity pale ale balanced with a floral bouquet, full bodied and strong at 5.0% ABV with a predominantly dry aftertaste.

Famers Brown Cow is a premium bitter, a rich deep coloured ale with a smooth creamy head. A citrus aftertaste gives way to a long dry finish.



Exit 33

At a recent charity quiz night at The Harlequin, Annie Stoker won a brew day experience at Exit 33. She brewed a special *Charity Pale Ale* and the brewery will make a cash donation to local youth homeless charity Roundabout for every pint sold. (Annie is pictured adding a hop charge to the brew)

The monthly special for August is *Summer Breeze*, described as a 4.3% refreshing pale session ale. Just the thing on a hot day!

#### Introducing... **Hopjacker**

Hopjacker Brewery is going to be a progressive new microbrewery based at the Dronfield Arms free house producing exciting, hop forward ales.

A 5 bbl kit is being supplied and fitted by Oban Ales and we will be aiming to launch our first ales at the pub during our August Bank Holiday Beer Festival - Join us for a first taste on 29th and 30th August!



#### **Drone Valley**

Establishment of the brewery is well under way to make the brewery a fully-fledged community benefit society. This means that surplus profits to be donated to local good causes.

Another brew has been produced courtesy of Barlow Brewery following the fantastic success of the society's first brew, a 5.2% IPA, which was very well received locally. Look out for *Gosforth Gold* – a new recipe of Dave McLaren (ex-Spire Brewery).

The brewing process has been filmed by a Drone Valley Brewery member, Hannah Lister, and the footage should now be available on the website: dronevalleybrewery.com.

The management committee recently visited Hesket Newmarket Brewery in Cumbria which has similar aims in benefiting the community. Their staff kindly imparted a great deal of useful advice as well as a taste of their lovely beer.

The one thing that remains elusive is premises. The search goes on in Dronfield but any suggestions from *Beer Matters* readers will be gratefully received.

Meanwhile, the membership stands at 80+ people. If you want to get involved in the brewing or invest in the society, please get in touch by email – letsgetdronfieldbrewing@gmail.



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#### **Blue Bee**

**NZPA** 4.7% will be hitting bars around Sheffield throughout August. It combines Wai-iti, Motueka and Pacific jade hops all from New Zealand to give a distinctive citrus flavour.

On top of this the next in our single hopped IPAs will be **Motueka IPA**  5.0% this New Zealand hop provides plenty of tropical fruit and lime flavours.

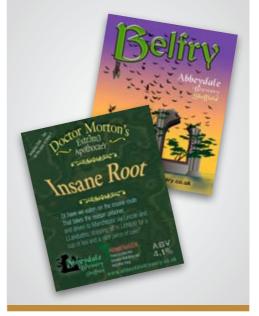
Also on the cards is something using plenty of one of our favorite hops, Citra. The plans are to use this fantastic hop to create a freshing summer session pale ale.



#### **Steel City**

Steel City's latest brew is another tongue-in-cheek political reference, referencing the suggestion the ECB print future Euro banknotes on *Greece-Proof Paper*. The beer itself is a pale hoppy brew around 4%, with a selection of US hops – varieties not known at time of writing, but expect big tropical and citrus fruit flavours and a bitter finish. Look out for it at the usual suspects.

Dry-hopping is soooo 2012, so once again a chilli version has been produced. *Fire Galore* takes its name from a Deathstars track, and features a handful of Scotch Bonnets in the cask, just enough for the lemony flavour to come through and just a slight kick from the capsaicin (note that 'slight' is in the words of Dave, who also reckons his beers are 'slightly' bitter!).



#### **Abbeydale**

Huge thank you to all those who came out to support SunFest once again! It just keeps on getting better and better each year! We will announce shortly how much we managed to raise for JBMF, so keep you eyes peeled on our website and also jbmf.co.uk. I think we will sit down for a moment before we start planning next year's festival which will be the 10th!

Talking of beer festivals, anyone heading down to London for GBBF can sample our *Belfry*. We have had to re-brew a small batch just for the festival, but I'm sure a few casks will find their way out into the local trade!

In other beer news this month, we are making a few beers with different types of barley other than Low Colour Marris Otter. Golden Promise malt will feature in *Dr Morton's* 

Insane Root and give a more golden colour with a bit more sweetness. Expect plenty of hop character from the Australian hops, Galaxy and Vic Secret. Bold tropical and citrus fruit flavours come to the fore coupled with a lasting bitter finish.

Transformation has been brought back from the brew books and makes it first appearance for three years! A trio of hops from the US, Australia and New Zealand give tropical fruit flavours and zesty aromas. The use of Pearl malt gives more subtle toffee notes than our normal pale ales.

Look out for another signature beer to follow *Bex* and *Gazmalti* (we promise they won't all be 6.0%!) and a *Dr Morton's Transfers for China* toward the end of the month!



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#### **Welbeck Abbey**

Here at Welbeck Abbey Brewery we're elated to announce that our first pub, The Portland House, is currently being planned, prepped and polished ready for opening in August.

Situated on Ecclesall Road in Sheffield, our little boozer will be entirely dedicated to ethically sourced food and drink with provenance; a fine balance between the heritage that comes with being part of the Welbeck Estate and the contemporary, industrial style that is synonymous with Sheffield.

Heading up our newest venture will be no other than esteemed General Manager Tom Purcell previously of the University Arms, Sheffield.

On the bar you'll find a selection of Welbeck Abbey beer and also guest ales that we source from fellow brewers far and wide. With 6 hand-pulls, a selection of continental keg products plus lots of delicious spirits, wine and bottled beer

we believe there really will be something for everyone. We're very proud of our newest venture and we invite you all to come and visit us upon opening.

Brewery Tours are still running on the second Monday of each month and the final tour will commence on Monday 14th September. Head brewer and one of few Brewster's in the UK, Claire, takes vou on a sensory journey and explains the brewing process from grain to pint. Tours start at 7:30pm and finish around 9pm costing just £7.50 per person. Tickets are available from the Welbeck Farm Shop or by contacting the brewery direct on 01909 512539. We look forward to seeing you.

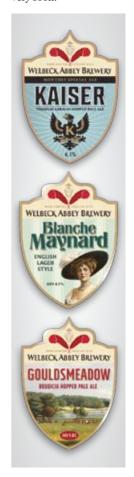
In other news we're sponsoring the Roman Southwell Community Archaeology project and have brewed a beer with volunteers from the group in order to raise money for this great cause. The beer is called Gladiator

and drinks at 3.8% ABV. Brewed with pale malts and entirely English hops for grassy notes and floral balance - we can all help raise money with 10 pence of each pint going straight to the charity to increase funds for their next stage in the dig. To find out more about the group, charity and Roman activity in Southwell visit their website: mbarchaeology.co.uk. Southwell food and drink pub The Hearty Goodfellow is heading up the campaign for us and this is one of the fine establishments where you will be able to do your bit in keeping history alive, whilst supping a delicious pint of English ale.

On the not so distant horizon are a couple of items that we're rather chuffed with at brewery HQ. Firstly we're ecstatic to say that Welbeck Abbey keg lager Pivo will soon be coming to a pub near you! Brewed using Czech and Polish hops this 4.8% ABV crisp, clean,

thirst quenching lager will be available very soon so keep your eyes peeled. Finally we've had a bash at brewing a beer in the style of a Belgian Dubbel , which we'll be maturing in ex-wine casks in the tunnels that run underneath the abbey here at Welbeck. We're looking to achieve between 6-7% ABV for this rich, dark libation.

Upcoming Monthly Specials for July are out and about in a pub near you very soon:





#### **Drone Valley** stop press

Their second beer, Gosforth Gold, was launched in two venues on the same day with first pour events at the Beer Stop in Dronfield (pictured) and the Miners Arms in Hundall.











#### Sports bar is national champ!

The team at Champs in Sheffield is celebrating after being shortlisted as a national finalist in the Great British Pub Awards.

Licensee Danny Grayson has been recognised as one of only five finalists in the Best Newcomer and Best Sports Bar categories and will go on to compete in the national awards which take place in London in September.

Champs on Loxley New Road opened in February 2014 following a joint £500,000 investment with Punch Taverns. which transformed the former run-down Victorian pub into a cool and contemporary sports bar on three levels. With 31 large TV screens showing high profile sports all day every day, from Premiership football matches to horse racing and superbikes, Champs is a sports lover's dream.

The modern and welcoming interior, complete with a wide range of sporting memorabilia including a full-size motorbike (which proves very popular with younger customers) gives it a real edge over other venues.

Licensee Danny Grayson said: "I could see the potential to create a high quality bar that would tap into our fascination with sports. Thanks to a creative approach and a focus on standards, we've created a winning concept. But, Champs is much more than that; it's at the heart of our local community, sponsoring local football teams and raising lots of money for local causes every year. It's a space where families can come together and enjoy the match or just relax."

The sports interior is complemented with a strong food and drink offer, based on good quality and value for money. With a striking American grill theme, the menu includes favourites from American Ribs to Build A Burger and the Kamikaze Wing Challenge. All of the bar's the food is from local suppliers and cooked fresh on the premises.

Commenting on the recognition, Danny Grayson said: "The team have worked extremely hard to create this successful venue. It's not just about the sports; it's about the staff, all of whom are highly motivated and passionate about customer care and it's about the community – a winning combination in anyone's book! Let's hope we bring home the trophy."

#### Inn Brief



Head chef David Sheldon and landlord Barry Coxhall of the Three Merry Lads in Lodge Moor, are the new holders of the Guinness World Record for the longest barbecue record. They started at 8am on 20th June and after 30 hours finished at 2pm on the 21st. During that time they cooked around 3000 items, 400kg of meat supplied by Philip James butchers of Crosspool. It was a memorable weekend with around 700 people turning up to support the event.

The **Old Grindstone** at Crookes has been redecorated with all the reds and oranges gone and more pleasant blues and greens with white ceilings making the pub feel more comfortable. Four extra hand pumps have been added making eight, three selling LocAles.

The **Devonshire Arms** in Dore is under new management. The new manager is looking to achieve recognition from Cask Marque for beer quality.

The Castle Inn at Bradway closed temporarily to allow for a change of management, although it is still being run by Vectes leisure until Enterprise Inns find a more permanent leaseholder. Three real ales are available at the Castle and food is now served Tuesday to Friday 12-3pm and 5-8:30pm plus Sunday lunchtime 12-3pm.

Meanwhile, the previous managers of the Castle - Craig and Marie Harris are now running the Cherrv Tree on Carter Knowle Avenue, near Millhouses. The bar there features 5 handpulls for real ale with beers generally sourced from within 30 miles of the pub and food is due to be introduced early August with a menu of bar snacks and home made meals. The nearest bus route is on Carterknowle Road - served by buses 85 and 505 in the daytime and bus 4A evenings and Sundays.

The **Devonshire Cat** continue with their programme of food and drink themed evenings, dates coming up of interest to the beer drinker include a night dedicated to strong beers, a night for Stouts and Porters and a night all about Abbeydale Brewery. See their advert elsewhere this issue for listings.



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#### **Sheaf View**

On the 9th of June CAMRA members and pub regulars gathered at the Sheaf View for a multiple celebration - the pub's anniversary, the launch of Neepsend Brewery beers and our presentation of Pub of the Month. Delicious freshly carved roast lamb sandwiches were available at a reasonable price to raise funds for the Heeley development trust.

#### **Dronfield Arms**

The Dronfield Arms is holding a beer festival 28-30 August. There will be an outside bar all weekend featuring real ale and real cider.

We will be celebrating the launch of our own Hopjacker Brewery with beer brewed on site at the Dronfield Arms. We expect to have the first Hopjacker beers ready to sample. The brewery can be viewed via a large piece of structural glass in the floor of the main bar. We look forward to welcoming CAMRA members and showcasing our new brewery.

Sat 29 Aug is the main day which will feature food all day from the Craft Pizza Company, FREE kids face painting 4-7pm and LIVE music from 8pm.

#### More CAMRA Discounts

I've just been reading the latest edition of Beer Matters and saw the section on pubs that offer discounts to CAMRA members.

As a fully paid up member I can confirm that I have been taking advantage of the following offers in pubs near where I live:

#### **Rising Sun**

Abbey Lane (20p off a pint)

#### **Robin Hood**

Millhouses (20p off a pint)

#### **Waggon & Horses**

Millhouses (10% off a pint)

I've saved £££s with these over the last year or so, and with the Wetherspoon vouchers I have more than made up my annual membership fee! J

The Rising Sun has four or five real ales on (three of them quests) whilst the Robin has up to 7 on, (up to five of which are guests). The guest ales tend to be national brews as both pubs are Mitchel's and Butlers. The ale in both pubs is well kept and we like the Rising Sun in particular as it is an old fashioned, traditional pub (if you get in later after the eating has tailed off - late Saturday and Sunday evenings are bliss).

The Waggon has up to three ales on, all of which vary, but tend to be from local breweries, including Abbeydale, Kelham Island, Thornbridge and Bradfield. It is mainly a grill pub, but has recently got Cask Marque accreditation so it is trying to attract drinkers. It does however tend to die out once the diners have gone home.

I consider myself lucky that these pubs, all offering discounts, are within walking distance for me - happy to spread the word about the discounts via Beer Matters.

Cheers. Mark Godson



#### **ACV UPDATE**

Sheffield and District CAMRA has piloted a national CAMRA scheme which encourages branches to nominate pubs in their area as Assets of Community Value (ACV). The scheme is now open to all CAMRA branches. Each branch can use this assistance to nominate up to ten pubs/month. Once a pub is ACV listed, planning permission is required for any change of use or demolition

We have nominated eleven pubs, ten in Sheffield and one in the Derbyshire Dales. The pubs are a mix of heritage, suburban, city centre and rural. Currently only one Sheffield pub, the Castle (Bolsterstone) has ACV status. In our wider 'district,' the Angel (Spinkhill) and the Anglers Rest (Bamford) also have ACV status

CAMRA, nationally, completed the LA paperwork, checked ownership, obtained ground plans and paid the £6 fee. After checking the details and adding more information, we then submitted the completed documentation to the appropriate Local Authority. We now await their decisions. Once the Local Authority has ruled on these applications, we will review our position and may submit more pubs for ACV status.

More information is available at:

CAMRA: www.camra.org.uk/list-your-local

Sheffield City Council: www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/report\_request/community-assets.html Derbyshire Dales: www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community-a-living/community-rights/community-right-to-bid

#### **Dave Pickersgill**

Thanks to: Paul Crofts, Andy Cullen, John Dowd, Mike Hensman, Paul Holmshaw, Kate Major and from CAMRA HQ, Faye Grima

Update: The Plough at Crosspool has now gained ACV status following a local campaign.

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#### Coach & Horses, Dronfield

A new free live music event is set to burst on the scene in Dronfield this August.

Coachstock will be hosted by the Coach and Horses pub on August 15, running from 12 noonmidnight and promises to be a great family day out with a line-up of live bands, craft stalls, face painting, kids' activities and wide variety of food and drink on offer - including cask and craft keg beers from Thornbridge Brewery plus an external festival bar.

Musician Elaine Dennison from the Derbyshire folk band Blind Badger is helping co-ordinate the music line-up which will be made up entirely of local bands. "The Coach is very much about highlighting local talent and giving them a platform."

With the music lineup vet to be confirmed, there will also be up to six cask and four craft keg beers on offer. Diners can enjoy home-cooked, locally-sourced food from the pub's own 'Chariot's Kitchen', with take-away and BBQ options also available.

For more information, contact The Coach and Horses, Sheffield Dronfield Road. 01246 413269 or visit: mycoachandhorses.co.uk

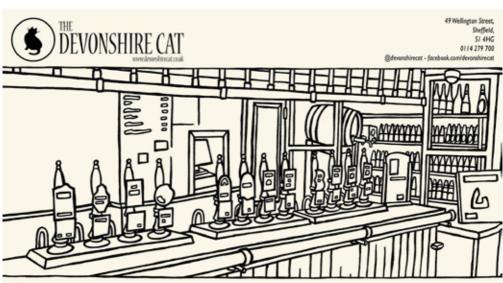


#### Harlequin

Live music dates for August are: 1st Blues Train: 8th AK47 80's tribute band; 15th Rodger; 22nd Hobo Shakes and 20th Outside the box.

The cider bar continues to be a success with an increase in overall sales of real ciders. New on the bar this month are Marmalade & ginger and chilli ciders.

An upstairs roof terrace is now open throughout the summer months. Enough to seat 16 people it is a quiet secluded spot away for the bustle of the pub.



#### **EVENTS**

Thursday 7th July - Cider Night Thursday I 6th July - Trappist Beer Night Tuesday 21st July - Vodka Tasting w/ Starmore Boss Thursday 23rd July - Gin Night Thursday 30th July - Stouts and Porters Night

Tuesday 4th August - Topas and Wine Night Thursday 6th August - Strong Beers Night Thursday 13th August - Rum Tasting w/ Starmore Boss Tuesday 18th August - Abbeydale Ales Night Thursday 20th August - Craft Keg Night





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#### ★ Pub of the Month August 2015 ★ Red Deer, Pitt Street

Hidden away off West Street, the Red Deer on Pitt Street is approached via Mappin Street and is one of the gems of the City Centre real ale scene. Dating from the 1870's, the pub originally comprised three small rooms with a central bar area. This was opened out in the 1980's and the bar repositioned to provide the present format of an L-shaped lounge. The "gallery", a raised area at the rear, was added in 1993 and this leads on to a beer garden. Formerly a Tetley pub, for many years in the early days of Sheffield CAMRA, the Red Deer was the regular meeting place for the branch, it being one of the few Sheffield pubs to retain handpumps.

Jake Nickles took over the pub in August 2010, having previously worked in pubs and bars in London and the Midlands. By focusing on good customer service and increasing the choice of real ales he quickly re-established the pubs reputation as a quality showcase for cask beer. The bar displays an impressive range of handpumps, serving up to nine beers, currently always including Kelham Island Easy Rider, Moorhouse's Pride of Pendle and Stancill No. 7 together with regularly changing guest beers including several from local independent breweries. A good selection of malt whiskies is also available.

The pub opens 12.00 to 12.00 Monday to Thursday, 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Friday/Saturday and 12.00 to 11.00 p.m. Sundays. Quality "pub grub" is available 12-3 and 5-9 p.m. weekdays and 12 to 9.00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday. Tuesday evenings there is a fairly challenging pub quiz, and regular live music Saturday nights and alternate Sundays Also on Sundays there's a popular movie night held in the upstairs function room, alternating between sci-fi and arts films. The welldeserved Pub of the Month award will be presented on the evening of Tuesday 11 August 2015, when all are welcome to join us. An incentive for CAMRA members is a 5% discount on real ales, on production of a current membership card.

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#### Vote for Pub of the Month!

Our Pub of the Month award is a bit of positive campaigning, highlighting local 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 on our website.

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 and on the website. 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.

The list of nominees includes which buses to take if you fancy a trip to try them out:

#### The Nominees

#### **Bull's Head**

Ranmoor (buses 120, 784, 786)

#### **Dove & Rainbow**

City Centre

#### **Old Hall Hotel**

Hope (buses 272, 273, 274)

#### **Old Queens Head**

City Centre

#### **Porter Cottage**

Sharrow Vale Road (buses 65, 81, 82, 83, 83A, 84, 85, 88, 215, 240, 241, 272, 799)

#### **Rising Sun**

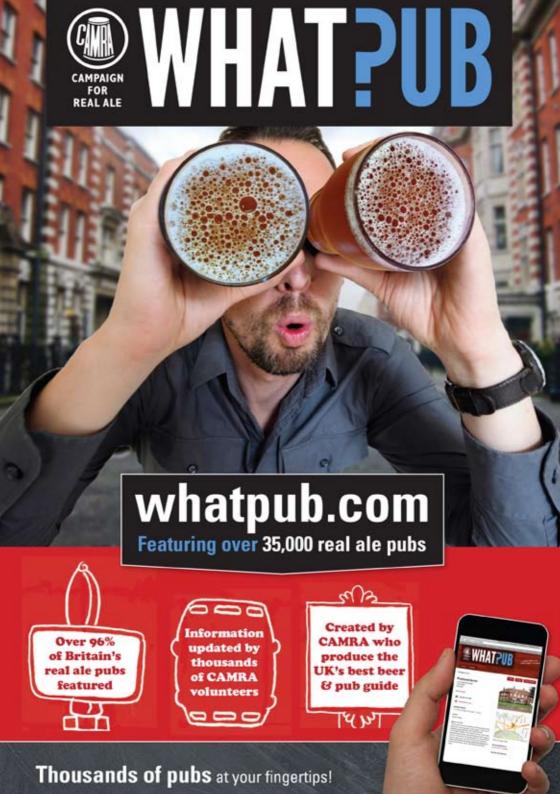
Abbey Lane (buses 65, 70, 215, 272)

#### **Three Merry Lads**

Lodge Moor (bus 51)

Vote online now at sheffieldcamra.org.uk







★ Dronfield Pub of the Season ★ Coach & Horses, Sheffield Road

The Coach & Horses on Sheffield Road, Dronfield, is a cosy little pub attached to Sheffield FC's football

ground. Sheffield FC hold the record of being the oldest established football league club in the world. The actual pub is operated by Thornbridge Brewery with the bar showcasing a selection of well kept examples of their beers, along with guest beers of a similar calibre.

The team behind the bar. led by pub manager James Broad and Cellar Manager Ash create a friendly atmosphere throughout the pub, infectious enough for the musicians attending the regular Monday open mic jam night to form a band called 'The Coachmen' and more recently 'Blind Badger and the duet Hamish and the Boy'. Other regular events at the Coach include a quiz night on Sundays, with free chip butties for participants.

The final piece in the

jigsaw of success is the food, with 'Chariot's Kitchen' serving quality home cooked food. Their new menu launches on 4th August.

The presentation ceremony for the Summer "Pub of the Season Award". voted for by Dronfield CAMRA members, will be held at 8:00 PM (for 8:30) at the Coach and Horses on Saturday 29th August.

During the evening, Drone Valley Brewery will launch their third brew. As yet nameless, this will probably be a 4.8% pale ale based on either Amarillo or Galaxy hops.

A free buffet will be provided courtesy of Chariots Kitchen.

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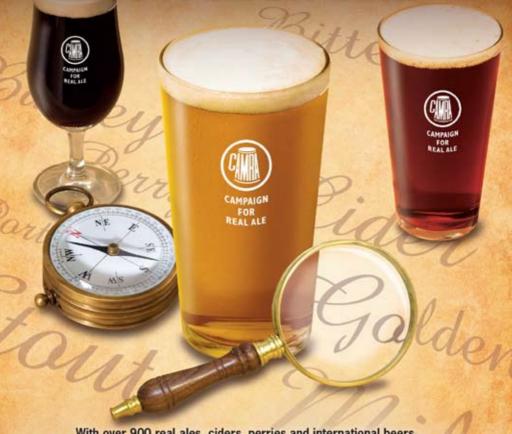








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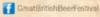


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#### THE BEER IN BROADSTAIRS

A trip report by Patrick Hancock

THE GARDEN OF ALE... Earlier this year, we enjoyed a family holiday in the Kent coastal resort of Broadstairs. Over the course of the week, we were able to soak up the traditional seaside fare that the town has to offer, visit attractions such as the World War II tunnels at Dover Castle and enjoy fish and chips after a walk to the nearby town of Ramsgate.

Despite just missing the 10th Planet Thanet Easter Beer festival at Margate's Winter Gardens, I was of course keen to check out the East Kent real ale scene and broke our journey down by calling at the Rose and Crown, a 16th century free house in the rural location of Perry Wood a few miles south of Faversham. As well as decent food and an extensive garden, this reputedly haunted inn offered real ales in the shape of Woodforde's Wherry, Adnams Southwold Bitter and Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter (4.0%). I chose the

latter which was in decent nick, before making our way east.

Upon our arrival in Broadstairs, it became

apparent that the town was gripped with election fever with one Nigel Farage attempting to steal the South Thanet constitu-



ency from the Tories whilst seeing off 'Pub Landlord' Al Murray in the process. Also contesting the seat was Nigel Askew (a real pub landlord) representing the Bez's Reality Party whose battle bus could be seen on the town's High Street.

Having settled into our self catering accommodation in a quiet square near to the sea front and containing a blue plaque dedicated to Bagpuss, Clangers and Noggin The Nog co-creator, Oliver Postgate, I took the opportunity to call in at a couple of Broadstairs hostelries. First up was Neptune's Hall, a former Good Beer Guide listed pub close to the town's harbour (on Harbour Street, in fact) which had gone into the notebook (not an actual book on this occasion) on my only previous visit to the town. Like many Shepherd Neame pubs I observed during the week, this well maintained pub has a handsome exterior and as well as SN's Master Brew and Spitfire, guest ales such as Aurora (4.8%) a nice golden beer from Great Yarmouth brewer, Lacon's.

After this, I made the short walk to **The Chapel**, a unique 2012 conversion of the former St Mary's Chapel into a pub-cumsecond hand bookshop offering a special Kentish menu (crab and stuff) and ales straight from the cask from local breweries including Hopdaemon and



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KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM

Gadds of Ramsgate. The Chapel has a sort of bohemian atmosphere and is the sister pub to the awardwinning Lifeboat Ale and Cider House in Margate which was recommended to me.

On Easter Monday, we visited Canterbury which boasts several Good Beer Guide entries and chose to eat in the **City Arms** on Butchery Lane, close to the city's famous cathedral. Beer of choice on this occasion was GB (4.2%) from local micro, Canterbury Brewers.

Having bumped into the Archbishop himself outside Canterbury Cathedral, my voyage along Stella Street continued back in Broadstairs when I sighted dem' Kumars, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Meera Syal strolling along the beach and later



that evening, 2006 X-Factor finalist, Ben Mills guzzling white wine in the **Wrotham Arms**, a back street Shepherd Neame pub.

Micro pubs are clearly



thriving in this part of the world and they don't come much better than the Yard of Ale in the St Peter's part of town which I visited on Tuesday evening. The recently crowned Thanet and East Kent CAMRA Pub of the Year is in an old stable yard with an original cobbled floor and a great range of gravity dispensed beers. Customer service is high on the agenda here with co-owner, Shawn Galvin and wife Clare taking time to meet and greet customers old and new. Not too far away in St Peter's, ale drinkers and Two Ronnies aficionados will find the Four Candles, home to Britain's smallest brewery. This small one-roomed pub was opened in the premises of a hardware shop in 2012 by owner, Mike Beaumont with a one barrel plant in opened in the pub cellar two years later. Another great addition to the local

pub scene.

On Wednesday evening, it was time to visit the **Tartar Frigate** which occupies a splendid harbourside position in Broadstairs and is home to an upmarket seafood restaurant and weekly acoustic music (Chicory Tip are regulars!) sessions. After an fine pint of Gadds' No 5 (4.4%), we made our last port of call,

The **39** Steps Alehouse, a micro pub sporting film posters of the John Buchan novel of the same name, a myriad of pump clips and real ales straight from the cask. On this occasion, we both sampled Devil's Dyke Salted Caramel (5.0%) from the Downlands Brewery in West Sussex.

Patrick Hancock Dronfield & District CAMRA







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Harley

Wagon & Horses Chapeltown (buses 29, 75, 79A, 87 or 265) 11:00



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#### **ANNUAL BEER CENSUS**

Saturday 5th September

Wigtwizzle The annual beer census is a survey we do every year to take the pulse of Sheffield's real ale scene in terms of how many different beers are available at any one time, which breweries are currently popular and what the average price is.

The same survey is also conducted in Derby, Noteld Dal tingham, Norwich, York and other towns and cities with the results not only being data that is useful from an academic point of view but also allegedly proves where is the Beer Capital of England in terms of choice!

We would like to invite Holloyou to join us on the sur-Mead vey day, a pub crawl with a purpose! Each official survey crawl will have a leader with the paperwork, simply meet them at the start point and enjoy visiting some pubs in Sheffield you may not normally get to - if we can get a good group on each crawl it is a social event as well as a task!

There are three sets of crawls - suburban crawls starting at midday that work their way into the City Centre by bus, City Centre crawls starting at midday and then an evening crawl taking in Kelham Island and the Upper Don Vallev.

See the map for the choice of suburban (lunchtime) and city centre (noon and evening) meeting points.

Wadsley Bridge

#### **Walkley Cottage**

Walkley (buses 31, 52 or 95)

12:00

**Red Deer Pitt Street** (splitting into 3 parties) 19:00



**Three Merry Lads** Lodge Moor (bus 51) 12:00

**Banner Cross Hotel** Banner Cross (buses 70, 81, 82, 83, 88 or 272) 12:00

**Sheffield Tap Sheaf Street** (splitting into 3 parties) 12:00

**Devonshire Arms** Dore (buses 70 or M17) 12:00

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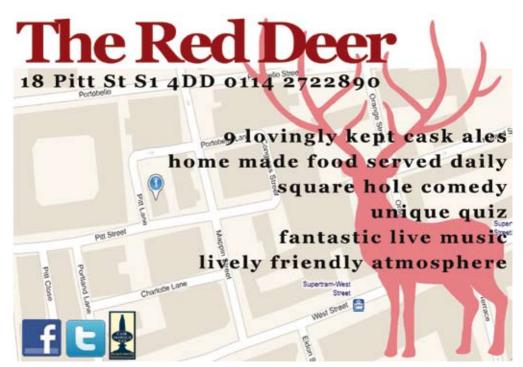
Sheffield Pub Walk

As part of Heritage Open days 2015, we are leading a Pub Heritage Walk on Sunday 13th September 2015. This short walking tour will take in some of the entries in the CAMRA 'Yorkshire's Real Heritage Pubs' book. Also included are a number of 'try also' pubs which include aspects of architectural merit.

We will commence at 'Fagans' and proceed to the 'Dog and Partridge' via a short stop outside the 'Grapes.' After a short refreshment break, we will proceed past the 'Red Deer' and 'Bloo88,' before completing the walk at 'The Bath Hotel.'

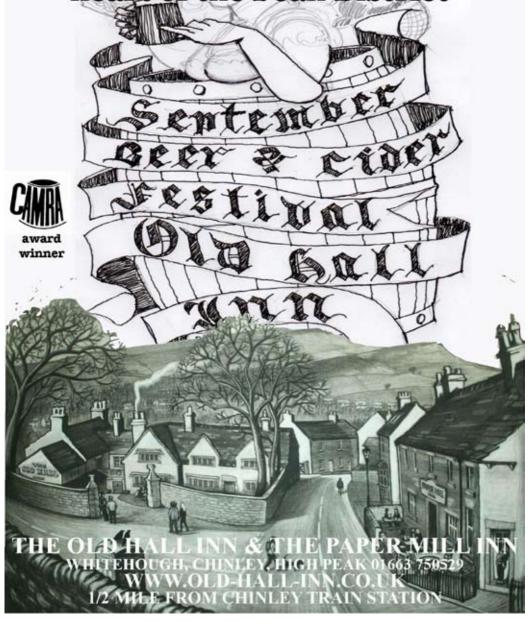
Places are limited and may be booked via Eventbrite http://tinyurl.com/ps4ezog . Participants who wish to sample the beer served at the various en route stops are recommended to use public transport.

Your guide will be Dave Pickersgill: author of the ebook, 'History of the Worksop and Retford Brewery' and 'Pub Heritage Officer' for Sheffield CAMRA.



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#### **Festival Guide**

These are the events we're aware of in or near Sheffield over the coming months. Links and updated info on our website.

#### **August**

#### **Grantham CAMRA** Wed 5 - Sat 8 Aug

Featuring a range of around 30 real ales, ciders and perries at Grantham Railway Club, located about a 3 minute walk from the railway station. Open 11am to 11pm each day. Free entry for CAMRA members. Direct trains run from Sheffield to Grantham every hour, operated by East Midlands Trains on the Liverpool-Norwich route.

#### **Great British Beer Festival** Tue 11 - Sat 15 Aug

CAMRA's huge annual national celebration of beer held in London's Olvmpia exhibition hall. It features real ales from across the UK and America, bottled and draft beers from around the world and traditional ciders and perries. There is also food, stalls, games and more. Opens 5pm to 10:30pm on the Tuesday, midday to 10:30pm Wednesday to Friday and 11am to 7pm Saturday. Various entry prices apply with discounts for advance booking, see www.gbbf.org.uk.

Regular trains and coaches run from Sheffield to London St Pancras/Victoria with discounts for advance booking - check out East Midlands Trains, National Express and Megabus.com. The festival venue is alongside Kensington Olympia London Overground station.

#### **Rock the Carnival @ Barlow Brewery** Sat 15 Aug

Barlow's annual village carnival is a great day out and features a parade, funfair, scarecrows, well dressings, stalls and more. Barlow Brewery runs a music festival on the Saturday alongside the carnival, a small admission charge gets you into the farmyard where there is a programme of live music (acoustic during the afternoon and livelier rock'n'roll into the evening), a beer tent showcasing the brewery's beer range and food. Wristbands are issued so you can come and go as you please - you can enjoy watching the carnival parade with pint in hand!

TM Travel bus 16/16A (Dronfield-Chesterfield) runs past the brewery gate.

#### Coachstock @ The Coach & Horses Sat 15 Aug

The Coach & Horses on Sheffield Road in Dronfield host a programme of live music, food, family fun and additional beers on an outside bar. Bus 43 stops right outside.

#### Peterborough CAMRA Tue 25 - Sat 29 Aug

Held across multiple giant marquees on Peterborough's Embankment - a riverside park featuring over 400 real ales plus cider, perry, world beers, food, games, stalls, music and more. For opening hours and entry prices visit www.beer-fest.org. East Midlands Trains run direct trains from Sheffield to Peterborough every hour on the Liverpool-Norwich route with discounts available for advance booking.

#### **Durham CAMRA** Wed 26 - Sat 29 Aug

Held in Durham Students Union, see www.durhambeerfestival.org.uk for more details. Cross Country trains run direct from Sheffield to Durham every half hour.

#### **Miners Arms, Hundall** Thu 27 - Mon 31 Aug

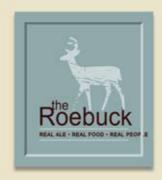
Following the success of the Miners' inaugural beer festival as part of Three Valleys Festival in June, they are hosting another one over the August bank holiday weekend to coincide with the charity cricket match and Land Rover trials in the village. An outside bar will host a range of beers and ciders and Deli-Licious of Dronfield will be providing a food stall. TM Travel bus 14 (Dronfield-Chesterfield) runs past the pub door during the daytime Mon-Sat.

#### **Hope Valley Beer & Cider** Festival @ The Old Hall

Thu 27 - Mon 31 Aug

The Old Hall Hotel in Hope's regular bank holiday beer festival where a marquee appears outside playing host to a range of around 40 real ales and 20 ciders plus food and music. Buses 272/273/274 (Sheffield-Castleton) pass the pub's door or Hope railway station is a 10 minute walk away.





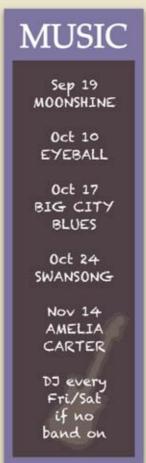


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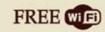




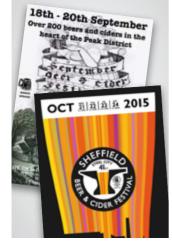












#### **Dronfield Arms** Fri 28 - Sun 30 Aug

The outside bar will be open all weekend with additional beers and ciders to enjoy. On the Saturday there will also be a pizza stall, childrens face painting (afternoon) and live music (evening). The pub is a few minutes walk from Dronfield Station and the 44 bus.

#### Party in the car park @ **Green Dragon**

Sun 30 Aug

The Green Dragon on Dronfield's Church Street hosts a bank holiday party outside from 3pm with an outside bar, live music and fish & chip stall.

#### **Buses and Trams**

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#### September

#### Elsecar by the Sea (Barnslev CAMRA)

Thu 3 - Sat 5 Sep

The next instalment of Barnslev CAMRA's regular year round programme of beer festivals! This one is held at Milton Hall on Fitzwilliam Street, Elsecar, a 5-10 minute walk from Elsecar railway station which is served by the hourly Sheffield-Leeds via Barnsley stopping train. The festival features around 30 real ales sourced either locally or from coastal locations along with cider and perry. There is also food available, a tombola and CAMRA products stall. The beer festival is running alongside the Elsecar-bythe-sea gala weekend which takes place across the village and includes street theatre, entertainment, stalls and rides in the famous Elsecar Park. the 4 local pubs are also taking part. See www.barnslevcamra.org.uk for more information.

#### **Tamworth CAMRA** Thu 3 - Sat 5 Sep

At the Assembly Rooms, a 10 minute walk from the railway station with a choice of around 90 real ales. See www.lstcamra.org.uk for details.

#### **Burnley CAMRA**

Thu 10 - Sat 12 Sep

OK, I admit this one isn't local or so easily accessible from Sheffield, requiring a change of trains at either Leeds or Manchester, however it coincides with Sheffield Wednesday's away fixture in the town!

Burnley Beer Festival is held at the Mechanics Theatre on Manchester Road and this year features beers from every town with a Championship football team amongst the beer list.

#### York CAMRA

Wed 16 - Sat 19 Sep

The popular annual tented festival

at York's Knavesmire is back for it's 7th year with a range of over 450 real ales and 100 ciders plus foreign beers, wine and soft drinks. For more information including opening times and entry fees see www.yorkbeerfestival.org.uk. Direct trains run from Sheffield to York every half hour, the venue is a short bus ride out of the City Centre.

#### **Old Hall & Paper Mill** Fri 18 - Sun 20 Sep

The Old Hall Inn and it's neighbour the Paper Mill Inn, located in the small Peak District village of Whitehough (near Chinley, a 15 minute walk from the station there), together hold their main beer festival of two each year featuring around 200 real ales and ciders plus food and entertainment.

#### Scunthorpe CAMRA

Thu 24 - Sun 27 Sep

At the Royal Hotel, a 10 minute walk from the railway station, featuring around 25 real ales. Free entry for CAMRA members. See www. scunthorpe.camra.org.uk for details.

#### Amber Valley CAMRA Thu 24 - Sun 27 Sep

At the Strutts Club in Belper, a 5 minute walk from the station on the Derby-Matlock line and featuring more than 80 beers and ciders. Food and entertainment also features. For details see www.ambervallevcamra.org.uk.

#### October

#### **41st Steel City** Wed 21 - Sat 24 Oct

Our own annual beer & cider festival is confirmed for 2015 and back at Kelham Island Industrial Museum following last years success, with a few tweaks following customer and staff feedback. Everything you loved about the festival will be there again plus we will have more beer and a slightly bigger capacity!







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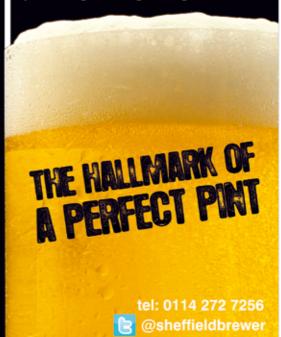
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#### STEEL CITY SNIPPETS

Steel 41st City Beer & Cider Festival

Over the last few issues of Beer Matters, we have featured some of the volunteer staff roles at our Steel City Beer & Cider Festival. We are looking for as many of our members to help out as possible and the staffing form

is now live on our website: sheffieldcamra.org.uk.

We've also mentioned sponsorship, corporate support and hospitality - there are still some opportunities available - get in touch if you are interested in promoting your business at the festival.

So we now turn to look at what is on offer for guests visiting the festival...

The festival is split into various areas. Once you have passed the entry desk (where you pay your admission and pick up your glass) the choice is:

#### **Upper Hall**

Featuring the main real ale and cider bars, cold food stalls, CAMRA merchandise stall and the live music stage.

#### Victorian Courtyard

Featuring the hot food stalls and outdoor drinking area all atmospherically themed.

#### Millowners Pub

A replica of a traditional local pub with local breweriana on display and a working bar featuring around 6 real ales.

#### Marguee

The other main beer bar can be found here along with the CAMRA membership stall, games and seating.

#### **River Don Beam Engine Hall**

Additional indoor space is available for visitors here in the event of bad weather and on the Friday afternoon hopefully the museum staff will fire the steam powered beam engine up for a demonstration!



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#### **Sheffield & District**

Info and bookings:

Phill Wood (see committee section)

#### **District Pub of the Year** 7pm Fri 31 Jul

Our minibus will take you to the Anglers Rest at Millers Dale for the award presentation with a beer stop on route there made at another good pub. Please book your seats on the minibus in advance via our Social Secretary, Phil Wood.

#### Branch meeting 8pm Tue 4 Aug

Our usual monthly members meeting to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on the campaign and get involved with what we are doing – all over a pint of course. The venue this month is the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road. Buses 53 or 79A (or a short walk from Bamforth Street tram stop).

#### Pub of the Month 8pm Tue 11 Aug

Our awards celebrating what is good in the world of pubs in our area, this month the winner – as chosen by our members – is the Red Deer on Pitt Street in Sheffield City Centre. Come along and enjoy a beer or two, see the certificate presentation and maybe even do the pub quiz! West Street tram stop is close by, as are buses 51,52,70,95 and 120.

#### Festival planning meeting 8pm Tue 18 Aug

We continue to discuss arrangements for our annual Steel City Beer & Cider festival, which takes place this October at Kelham Island Industrial Museum.

The meeting venue is the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road, served by buses 53 and 79A (or Bamforth Street tram stop is a short walk away).

#### Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting

#### 8pm Tue 25 Aug

The committee discusses any business that needs to be decided ahead of the next branch meeting, also the September issue of Beer Matters should be available for distributors to collect, with all having a social pint together. The venue is the Rutland Arms on Brown Street in Sheffield Centre.

#### **Branch meeting**

#### 8pm Tue 1 Sep

Our usual monthly members meeting to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on the campaign and get involved with what we are doing – all over a pint of course. The venue this month is the Fat Cat on Alma Street, Kelham Island. Buses 47,48,53 and 87 stop nearby on Nursery Street, closest tram stop is Shalesmoor.

#### **Dronfield & District**

**Info and bookings:** Nick Wheat (socials@dronfieldcamra.org.uk)

#### Subbranch meeting 8pm Tue 11 Aug

Our usual monthly members meeting to share pub, club and brewery news, catch up on the campaign and get involved with what we are doing – all over a pint of course. The venue this month is the Hare & Hounds in Barlow.

There is no evening bus service in Barlow, if you require a lift from Dronfield please arrange with Chairman Rob Barwell in advance of the meeting.

#### Dronfield Pub of the Season Sat 29 Aug

Our Dronfield members have voted the Coach & Horses on Sheffield Road, Dronfield, as their Summer Pub of the Season. Join us for the certificate presentation and celebration at the pub where there as usual there will be a choice of great beers to enjoy. Bus 43 stops outside.

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