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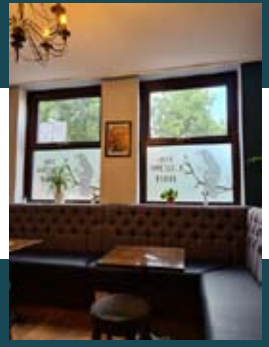
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## *Fuggles the Inebriate*

The humorous novel, written by retired brewer Frank Priestley, is set in the 'out of the way' village of Widdleton-in-the-Bog somewhere in the middle of England. Today, the most prominent building in the village is the edifice known as the Old Hall - formerly the ancestral seat of the illustrious Fuggles dynasty. The last remaining

scion of that venerable family is Josiah Fuggles who, through mysterious circumstances has been reduced to living in a modest but comfortable cottage, on a small but adequate allowance.

Fuggles, an educated man, spends most of his time drinking with his friends in the many vernacular pubs of the village. He never tires of flaunting the wealth of his wisdom and learning - his listeners frequently do. Their quest is to extend and synchronise their patronage of the local hosteleries in the hope of preventing the pub closures that have blighted so many other communities.

In the course of the narrative, he experiences the pleasures and perils of streaking, snuff

taking, craft ale, conceptual art, a beer festival, whisky drinking, town pubs, bicycle riding, gin drinking, long distance walking, sea fishing, a wedding, a brewery visit, pub games, a very bad winter, a brew pub, village cricket and a 'gentlemen's' night.

During these adventures, he encounters a love-sick brewer, a 'thin' publican, a mortal enemy, a pig man, a yellow haired lady, a bee keeper, a meandering man, a beautiful barmaid, an angler, an unexpected half brother, a badger, a fox, a cat, a dog, a stoat and an imaginary owl. Such is the variety of life in Widdleton-in-the-Bog.

The book is available to order on Amazon as a paperback or e-book.



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# Hope & Anchor

## An overlooked part of Sheffield brewery history

If 40 years ago, you had asked a beer-buff to talk about breweries in Sheffield, you would have heard mention of Stones, Tennants (by then Whitbread) and Wards. However, it is unlikely that the Hope Brewery would have been mentioned.

Opened in 1939, the Hope Brewery (Clay Wheels Lane, S6 1NB) was the home of Carter, Milner & Bird Ltd. The company was founded in 1892, and registered, at Mowbray Street, in 1899, by Christopher Carter, Eleazar Milner & George Bird. In 1939, due to redevelopment of the area, the original Hope Brewery was closed and a new model brewery was built.

The company merged with Henry Tomlinson Ltd in 1942 after the destruction of Tomlinson's Brewery, and the name was changed to Hope & Anchor.

The company saw spectacular growth in the 1940s and 50s, fuelled by several acquisitions:

**1948** Wellington Brewery bought from Isle of Man Brewery, Castle-town

**1954** Wilkinson's Pine Street Brewery, Newcastle

**1955** Truswell's Brewery Sheffield with over 50 pubs

**1957** Openshaw Brewery Manchester with 125 pubs

**1958** Welcome Brewery Oldham with three pubs

By 1960 the company had around 250 tied outlets and the telegram address Jubilee Sheffield.

In addition, novel marketing was used. Local artist, Kenneth

Steel, known for paintings and advertising, many of which were reproduced as designs for station billboard posters, produced advertising material. This included paintings of pubs on beer-mats, trays and posters.

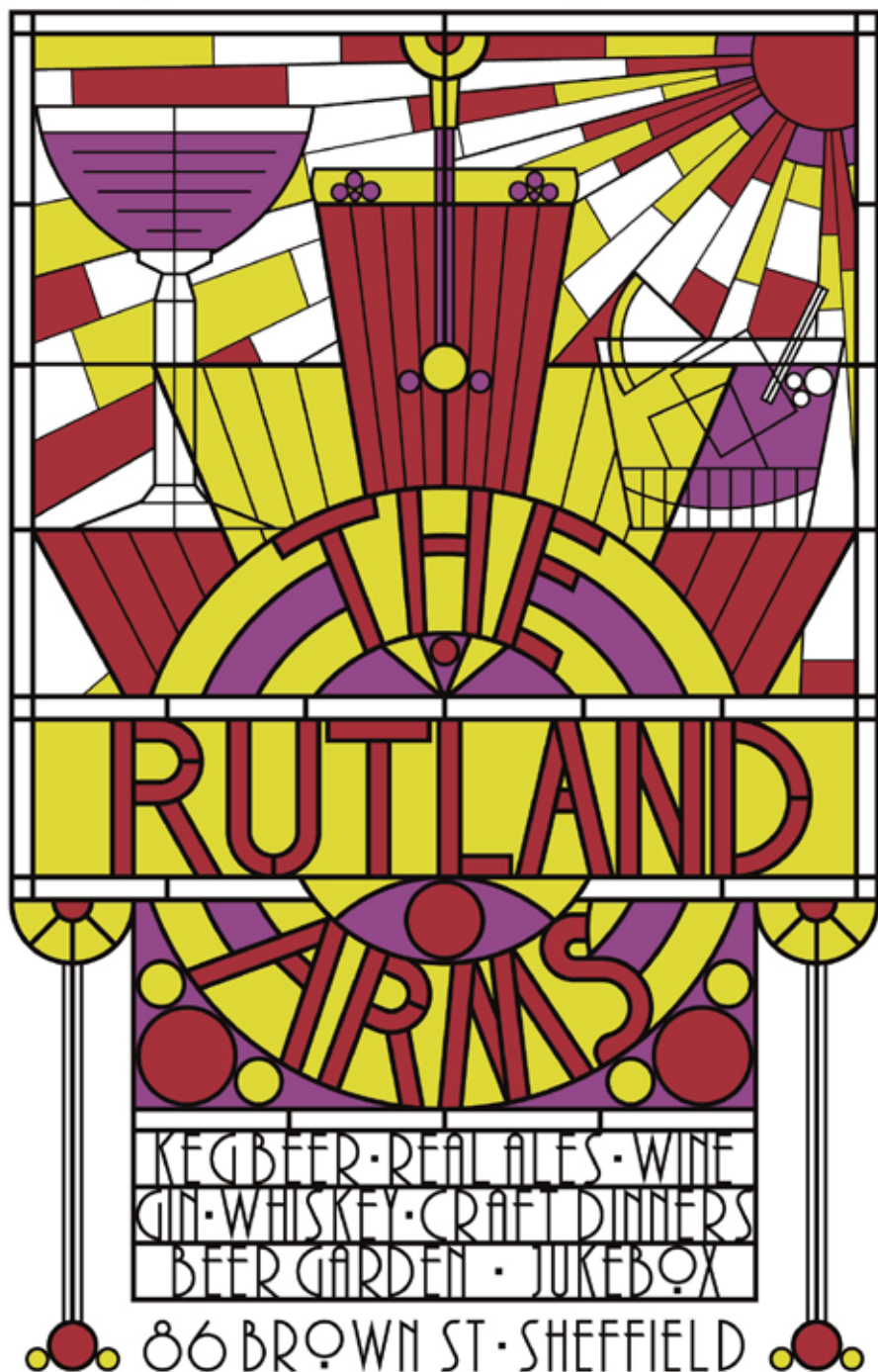


Hope & Anchor are also featured in the 1950 short film, *The Inn that Crossed the Sea*. This film was made at the height of the post-war export drive. Beer consumption in the UK was in decline and overseas markets were wanted. It tells the story of exhibiting their beers to worldwide buyers at the 1949 Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto.

As part of the exhibition, the brewery used 15 tons of material to create a replica of the Old Rose & Crown (Hoylandswaine). They exhibited: *Golden Mead Ale*, *Jubilee Stout*, *Old English Beer*, and from partners, Castletown, Oyster











*Stout*. Local liquor laws meant that beer had to be poured down the drain. However, the 50,000 visitors a day resulted in both lots of publicity and good sales. Their *Jubilee Stout* was airlifted to Toronto.



A 1952 reciprocal agreement with Canadian Breweries (CBL), led by President EP (Eddie) Taylor saw *Jubilee Stout* on sale in Canada and the initial entry of Carling lager to the UK.

In March 1960, Northern Breweries Ltd was formed to merge: Hammond's United Breweries Ltd, Hope & Anchor Breweries Ltd. and John Jeffrey & Co. Ltd. The name was later changed to Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd and in October 1962 to United Breweries Ltd. In 1962 they merged with Charrington & Co. Ltd of Mile End London and name changed to Charrington United Breweries Ltd. In 1967 CUB merged with Bass, Mitchells & Butlers to become Bass Charrington Ltd.

Hope Brewery became a specialist brewery for bottled beers before it was closed in 1994. For a short period it brewed, one of the few bottled-conditioned beers available at the time, Worthington White Shield (5.6% ABV, original gravity: 1050.5).

**Dave Pickersgill**





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## Inn Brief

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The **Fox House** closed for refurbishment at the end of April and is projected to reopen on 27 May.

**True North Brewery** are hosting a Jubilee street party on Saturday 2 June at the brewery on Eldon Street (by Devonshire Green, behind the Forum). A bar will be open in the brewery on the day and there will also be live music and street food.

The **Porter Cottage** at Sharrow Vale has had a change of ownership and is undergoing a major refurbishment, moving away from the current traditional style to be a bar with graffiti art, live music & DJs and football on the TV and is being rebranded as the **Dirty Habit**, part of a small chain of bars based mainly in the North East. The beer range is typically very mainstream but with a cask ale available, which at their other bars is from Anarchy Brewery.

The **Boston Arms** at Woodseats opened on Friday 13 May. It operates as a coffee shop with the full micropub offering of beer, wines, spirits and cocktails available in the evening with the bar opening from 4pm. From the end of June bar snacks will also be available provided by Pellizco UK, who specialise in Mexican Street food and also have an outlet at Cutlery Works food hall.

The **Tunnel Tap** at Totley Rise is still on track for a summer opening, at the beginning of May the electrical work was the final part of the renovations to be completed with work moving on to painting and shopfitting.

The **Bath Hotel** in Sheffield City Centre has now reopened under old management.

The **Devonshire Cat** has been undergoing re-licencing ahead of being leased out to a new operator.

**Mr Wilson's & Capone's Speakeasy** is now open on West Street, no real ale or craft beer available.

A new nightclub has opened at Moorfoot called **Rehab**, this is part of the Gay Quarter and run by the same people as Queer Junction club and Tafo takeaway, again no real ale or craft beer.



## Blast from the past

Former branch chairman, current *Beer Matters* distribution volunteer and general all round local legend, John Beardshaw, has provided this photograph from the archives showing him along with publicans Roy Tilney and Margaret plus the brewery area manager at a CAMRA Pub of the Month award presentation at the Meadow Street Hotel in October 1996. The photograph was featured in the Wards Brewery staff magazine, *Inn Sight*.



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## Kelham Island Brewery

On Friday 6 May it was announced that, having brewed their final batch of *Pale Rider*, Kelham Island Brewery will be going into voluntary liquidation and closing.

In 1990 David Wickett instigated the opening of the first new independent brewery in Sheffield for over fifty years. The building that housed it is now an extra outside bar for the adjacent Fat Cat pub.

The current brewery came into operation in 1999. Kelham Island Brewery's *Pale Rider* (5.2% ABV) became CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain in 2004. It remains the only South Yorkshire brewed beer to reach the top three in this competition.

Ex-Kelham Island brewers have been involved in many influential breweries including Abbeydale, Brewdog, Tapped, Thornbridge and Welbeck.

The brewery comments:

'It is with deep sadness that we are having to announce that we and the brewery will shortly be closing. We would like to thank everybody who supported us over the last 32 years- especially our staff and customers. The Fat Cat will remain open, with Kelham Island Brewery beer available on cask and in bottles/cans whilst stocks last.'



The original Kelham Island Brewery under construction in May 1990 – the beer is Gales *Dark Mild*. Photo credit: Dave Pickersgill.



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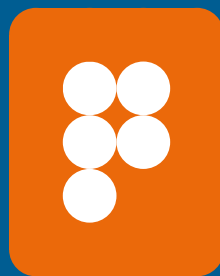
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## Abbeydale

We've got cask specials galore for the month of May, with three beers released in cask only on the way! Look to try a pint of **Arson**, a 4.4% golden ale with Willamette and Delta hops, **Decadence**, a 4.0% pale with Dr Rudi hops for a good hit of bitterness and a clean grassy character, and **Dr Morton's Cask Paint**, which promises to be a 4.1% pale ale, but the hops are TBC at the time of writing!

From our *Brewers Emporium* range, coming soon is **Wanderer - 75 Minute IPA**, a powerfully pithy and resinous IPA at 6.7%, loaded with Simcoe, Citra and Centennial hops. And we sincerely hope we'll be seeing some warmer weather as spring starts to gradually move towards summer, but we're bringing our own sunshine regardless with a double radler release in our **Unbeliever** series, bringing back both the **Lemon** variety (2.8%) and our **Shefferhofer Grapefruit** version (3.0%).

Finally... we're planning to welcome back arguably the most requested beer we've ever released - yep, you got it, our souped up Mosaic single hopped American Pale Ale **Cryo Heather** (5.0%) should be back on bars by the end of the month!



## BrewSocial

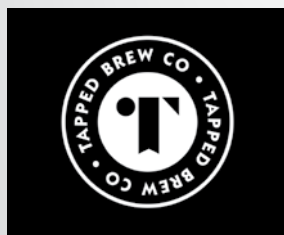
You may already be familiar with the Social bar on Snig Hill, run by Yes2Ventures, a social enterprise all about training people who are disadvantaged in the labour market. Much of what they do - art gallery, kitchen, bar and craft workshop is located at the Social premises.

The newest venture in the process of being launched is BrewSocial, a new brewery with the same community ethos training up new brewers. It is located in a railway arch unit in the Attercliffe area and the brew kit is repurposed from the old Little Ale Cart brewery that used to be located behind the Wellington pub at Shalesmoor (that ultimately was

relocated and upgraded to bigger kit as Neepsend Brewery).

The guy leading the brewery is Richard Hough who has been around the beer scene for many years with a history that includes brewing at Abbeydale when Moonshine was launched and setting up Blue Bee Brewery.

There will be a little wait yet until their beer is seen on bars around the area as they are still putting the kit together and sorting out paperwork and licences, however test brewing will hopefully commence soon to establish recipes and become familiar with the kit before the beer is sold commercially.



## Tapped

Tapped have now completed a minor rebrand. There are also three new beers released in May: **Gresley**, a 3.5% light mild brewed to coincide with CAMRA Month of Mild, **Hope Valley**, a 4.8% US pale hopped with Centennial, Columbus and Chinook and **Cannon** 4.2%, a best bitter brewed with a blend of four malts and hopped with WGV.



# Abbeydale

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**Shakespeares**  
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I was one of the first people through the door of Shakespeares when it re-opened in July 2011 and it has been a firm favourite ever since. Back then it was very much a cask-led pub, which was the style at the time, but also had one of the best malt whisky ranges I've seen outside Scotland.

Times change, and since then craft keg from abroad was added, followed later by craft keg from the UK, but never losing sight of keeping an excellent ever-changing range of well-kept cask.

I gave up beer ticking for the sake of it in 2017 but by that stage had drunk over 2,000 different cask beers at the Shakey, my second highest pub of all time and only 300 behind the Cask & Cutler/Welington that I'd been going to for twice as long. For those who prefer to 'stick to what they know' Abbeydale Deception and Red Willow Feckless are permanent fixtures, while

the other lines all change every few days, the pub keeps a tally and has so far served 6,700 different cask ales and around 1,400 different craft kegs.

While fully embracing the exponential growth of craft keg beer, beer manager Lucienne remains a huge cask fan and has persuaded many a craft brewery to supply her a cask of a beer otherwise only to be seen in keg and small-pack, particularly for the epic beer festivals held annually in the upstairs function room. '15% chocolate tonka maple barrel aged stout? Yeah we'll have a cask please'. In the unlikely event you can't find anything





you want on the seven hand-pumps and nine craft keg taps, there's also an extensive range of cans and bottles covering everything from Lambic to IPA to imperial stout...

The pub itself recently celebrated its 200th birthday, having started life as a coaching inn. The building features some impressive stained glass windows, and is decorated with breweryania ranging from historic through to some rather more modern pump-clips. Wooden barrels serve as tables in the area behind the bar, along with a new sofa (note: this is my 'spot', so people who aren't me shouldn't sit there), while the small 'clock room' features more traditional tables and chairs, and the long room has long tables and benches along with a dart board. Outside is a large beer garden/courtyard. Live bands are a regular feature in the upstairs function room, as well as musicians in the long room. The pub has deservedly won Pub of the Month several times, and in 2012 won the overall Pub of the Year for Sheffield & District.

#### **Dave Szwejkowski**

All are invited to join us there for a beer or two at the certificate presentation night on Wednesday 22 June from 8pm.

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## Steel City 46 in the planning

We are really happy to be able to announce that after missing two years for Covid, we've had the go ahead to organise our 46th normally annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, which will take place from 19 to 22 October.

The venue is once again the wonderfully atmospheric Kelham Island Museum and as before we'll have cask ale, proper cider, stalls and live music in the upper hall, street food traders in the Victorian Courtyard and a marquee containing even more real ale and cider along with traditional pub games.

There are some changes to the festival site as a result of the Millowners Arms now being a proper commercially run pub all year around rather than a museum exhibit (this

bar will be open as normal but within the festival site providing some additional food and drink choices for festival visitors). Bradfield Brewery's bar which was previously hosted in the Millowners will this year be in the Brearley Room whilst the keykeg bar is being moved to a new area - the Stone Garden which will feature a bar serving craft beer in keg, can and bottle along with seating. To reach the Stone Garden you use the doors by the marquee and walk through the rooms containing the River Don steam powered beam engine and the Hawley knife collection.

Some initiatives from the last festival that went down well are being retained including the self service glass rinse facilities and the pre-bookable

private tutored tasting and talk events. This year the half pint glasses are being sponsored by Hendersons Relish and the pint glasses are being sponsored by Bradfield Brewery, we anticipate them being popular souvenirs!

Posters and flyers (sponsored by Arnold Laver) are now available to promote the event with promotional beer mats coming later in the summer. There are still many sponsorship opportunities available if you would like to promote your business and support the festival at the same time, we'll be opening the volunteering form soon.

For the latest information on the festival please visit [sheffield.camra.org.uk/fest](http://sheffield.camra.org.uk/fest).

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## Festival guide

### June

#### Lees Hall Golf Club

**Thu 2 – Sat 4 Jun**

The Lees Hall Golf Club at Norton Lees presents the return of their annual beer festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend open from 6pm Thursday, 2pm Fri/Sat and midday on Sunday featuring cask ale and other craft beers, cider, gin and food. There is live music at 8pm Friday and Saturday, also 1pm Sunday. Buses 18 and 20 stop outside the venue.

#### Hope Valley

**Thu 2 – Sun 5 Jun**

The Old Hall Hotel in Hope host their regular bank holiday weekend beer & cider festival. In addition to the pub's normal food and drink offering, a marquee in the car park features a range of over 50 extra beers and ciders along with snacks and entertainment. Trains and buses 271/272 run from Sheffield to Hope.

#### Pleasley Pit

**Fri 3 – Sat 4 Jun**

This is a small festival on a heritage site open Friday evening 6pm-11pm and Saturday 2pm-11pm that features beer, cider, gin, hot food and entertainment. Free entry. Bus 53/53a from Sheffield to Mansfield passes nearby. More information on their Facebook page.

#### Stocksbridge Rugby Club

**Fri 3 – Sun 5 Jun**

Their mini beer festival is back with extra guest beers at the

clubhouse along with other attractions. Buses 57, SL1 and SL1a go there.

#### One Valley & One Valley Extra

**Sat 4 Jun**

For One Valley a number of pubs in Dronfield town centre and nearby jointly host a beer & music festival. For more details see their Facebook page. Venues are either within walking distance of the railway station or on Stagecoach bus route 43/44. The "Extra" is organised separately alongside it by Drone Valley Brewery, Pioneer Club and the Miners Arms in Hundall. You can get to the Miners on TM Travel bus 15 or there is normally a festival ride share shuttle service organised with a local taxi company.

#### Stockport

**Thu 16 – Sat 18 Jun**

The CAMRA beer & cider festival at Edgeley Park football ground is back after time off for Covid! More information on their website.

#### Loxley

**Fri 24 – Sun 26 Jun**

The Wisewood Inn's Loxley Beer Festival returns with a range of cask and keg beer, cider, food, brewery merchandise and a great view! Powells Bus 61/62 goes there from Hillsborough Interchange.

#### Amber Valley

**Thu 30 Jun – Sat 2 Jul**

Held at Belper Rugby Club in a marquee on Strutts Field on Derby Road. It will feature around 90 beers, ciders and perries. Live music Friday and Saturday night. To get there buses and trains on the Matlock-Derby routes serve Belper.

### July

#### Eckington beer & music

**Sat 2 Jul**

A festival spread across a number of venues in Eckington, Marsh Lane and Hundall. A minibus links the venues between 1pm and 8pm with a flat fare of just £1 per ride. You can get from Sheffield to Eckington on Stagecoach bus 50/50a/53 or TM Travel bus 252. More details on their Facebook event page.

#### Wortley Club

**Fri 15 – Sun 17 Jul**

The beer festival held at Wortley Mens Club is back! Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more details.

## Later in 2022

#### Peakender

**Fri 19 – Sun 21 Aug**

#### Great British Beer Festival

**Tue 2 – Sat 6 Aug**

#### Hope Valley

**Fri 26 – Mon 29 Aug**

#### Cleethorpes Rail Ale & Blues

**Fri 16 – Sun 18 Sep**

#### Torrside Smokefest

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#### Robin Hood

**Wed 12 – Sat 15 Oct (TBC)**

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### Club of the Year

5pm Fri 3 Jun

We are at **Stocksbridge Rugby Club** to present their award and enjoy a beer or two! Bus SL1 and SL1a go there from Middlewood and Oughtibridge (note Sunday timetable in operation as it's a bank holiday, bus 57 provides a connection from Hillsborough Interchange).

Optional mini RambAle – Meet in the **King & Miller** at Deepcar at 3pm for a walk via the Friendship (where the heritage aspects can be admired whilst enjoying a quick half!) finishing at the rugby club.

### RambAle

**Dronfield area, One Valley Festival**  
12pm Sat 4 Jun

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk in the countryside with a real ale pub or two. For this one we catch the 11:18 43 bus (from Arundel Gate AG12) to Unstone. 12:10 at **Drone Valley Brewery** stop. Then **Miners Arms** at Hundall; **Traveller's Rest** at Apperknowle; **Gate Inn** at Troway; SCW (Sheffield Country Walk) to Coal Aston; Green Lane (B6158) to Dronfield pubs or Holmley Lane (B6056) to **Coach & Horses** and buses back to Sheffield.

### Branch meeting

8pm Tue 7 Jun

All our members are welcome to come along, share pub, club and brewery news, discuss campaigning updates, get involved and more importantly enjoy a beer

with us! The venue this month is the **Horse & Jockey** at Wadsley. Buses 57 and 61/62 go there.

### Sheffield Pub of the Year

8pm Tue 14 Jun

We are at the **Rising Sun** in Nether Green to present their award and enjoy a beer or two! Bus 120 goes there.

### Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 21 Jun

We get on with planning the return of the Steel City Beer & Cider Festival upstairs at the **Gardeners Rest** in Neepsend. Buses 7 and 8 stop outside or Infirmary Road tram stop is 5 minutes walk away.

### Pub of the Month

8pm Wed 22 Jun

Our members have voted **Shakespeare's** as our June Pub of the Month award winner, join us for a beer or two as we present the certificate.

### RambAle

**Loxley Beer Festival**

12pm Sat 25 Jun

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk in the countryside with a real ale pub or two. For this one we start from Malin Bridge tram terminus for a walk up the hill to the **Wisewood Inn**, home of Loxley Brewery, for their beer festival. Suggested tram is the Blue route service from Castle Square at 11:40.

### Committee meeting

8pm Tue 28 Jun

The monthly business meeting for the committee. The venue is the **Dog & Partridge** on Trippet Lane in Sheffield City Centre.

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