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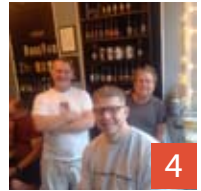
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## Brewery tap guide

### A growing number of breweries in our area have opened tap rooms offering the chance to drink the beer at source...

...additionally some others own their own pubs that can be considered a brewery tap. Here is my beer tourists guide to local brewery taps.

#### Abbeydale Brewery

The brewery itself does not have a tap room (although you can order cans and minikegs online to collect from the brewery). However they own the **Rising Sun** pub at Nether Green near Fulwood which acts as the brewery tap, showcasing a large range of their beers as well as serving good food. Buses 83a and 120 go there.

#### Blue Bee Brewery

Blue Bee doesn't have a tap room nor a pub, however under the same management is the **Kelham Island Tavern** where at least one Blue Bee beer can normally be found on the bar.

#### Bradfield Brewery

The brewery doesn't have a tap room, just a shop, however they own a number of pubs serving a range of their beers at reasonable prices. The closest to the brewery is the **Nags Head Inn**, on the road from Loxley to High

Bradfield (served by bus 61/62 from Hillsborough) with their other two pubs being on the route of the Stocksbridge bus (57 and SL1/SL1a) – the **King & Miller** at Deepcar and **Wharnccliffe Arms** at Wharnccliffe Side. The Nags Head and King & Miller both also offer a menu of home cooked food, look out for their pie and a pint deals.

#### brewSocial

While there is no bar at the brewery, it is associated with **theSocial** bar on Snig Hill in Sheffield City Centre where any new beer released normally makes an appearance. Both brewery and bar are social enterprises offering training opportunities to those disadvantaged in the job market.

#### Chantry Brewery

Chantry is in a double industrial unit in Parkgate, Rotherham. One half has all the brew kit used for the cask ales, the other has the lagering tanks and cold store. This is also home to their new tap room which is a mezzanine bar showcasing their range of ales and lagers at reasonable prices. The bar is open to the public on Thursday evenings and

Saturday afternoon/evening. They also host ticketed live music gigs on some Friday nights (the bar is open to the public if there is no gig) with a stage set up on the ground floor next to the lager tanks. The brewery is a short walk from Parkgate tram terminus (TramTrain route).

#### Cider Hole

Located in the Krynkl development at Shalesmoor (across the roundabout from the tram stop, next to the Ship Inn), this is a small shipping container size bar that not only specialises in serving cider but makes their own on site. Opening hours are variable and can be limited, check their website before setting off.

#### Dead Parrot Brewery

The brewery is located behind their **Perch** tap room with the yard between the two used as both a beer garden and event space. You'll find a range of their cask beers on the bar and food is also served with pizzas, burgers and wings available. You can find the bar on Garden Street, just up the hill from the much more prominent Butlers Balti on Broad Lane, by the roundabout.

#### Drone Valley Brewery

Drone Valley is a community enterprise with profits going to local good causes, a membership scheme and a number of volunteers helping out around the place. The brewery is situated on a yard alongside a number of other businesses, next to the river Drone and they open for tap sessions at the weekend with a bar in the brewery and seating in an adjacent marquee with table service usually offered. The location is Unstone, near Dronfield, buses 43 and 44 from Sheffield stop on the main road at the end of the drive.



## Fuggle Bunny Brew House

Located on an industrial estate in Holbrook, between Halfway and Killamarsh, they open a bar in the brewery every Friday for their "Friday Fuggle" tap session where you can enjoy a number of their beers brewed on site. The brewery is walkable from Halfway tram terminus (Blue route) or bus 80/80a passes close by on the main road.

## Heist Brew Co.

Heist is in a repurposed industrial premises across two big rooms, one containing the brew kit and the other the tap room, where the bar features a range of their own beers and guests, mostly on keg or can although there is a handpump for cask that sees use on special occasions. The tap room also hosts a branch of Slap & Pickle Burgers and a games area.

## Loxley Brewery

The brewery is located in the same building as the **Wisewood Inn** which offers a range of their beers on the bar plus guests. The pub also serves food and offers a fantastic view of the nearby countryside. Bus 61/62 from Hillsborough Interchange stops outside. The beer is also available in their sister pub, the **Raven** in Walkley.

## Neepsend Brewery

Since the brewery relocated it doesn't have a tap room, however the **Factory Floor** bar next door always has Neepsend beer served from a tank, while a short walk away their **Wellington** pub located next to Shalesmoor tram stop (Blue and Yellow tram routes) acts as the official brewery tap with a range of their beers on the bar on both cask and keg. You can also pick up cans and minikegs to takeaway from the pub.

## Sheffield Brewery Company

Production at this brewery has been suspended since the first Covid lockdown and has yet to resume, however the brewery tap room has reopened as **Alder** bar. This is an independent business that leases the bar from the brewery, keep an eye out for any news of brewing resuming.

## Stancill Brewery

The brewery doesn't receive visitors, however Stancill do run a couple of pubs where you can try a range of their beers. The **Closed Shop** is at Commonsides (bus 95/95a goes there) while closer to the City Centre is the **Albion** on London Road.

## Brewery of St Mars of the Desert

St Mars of the Desert (SMOD to friends) is located in Attercliffe, a few minutes walk from the main road served by the 52/52a bus and has the brewery and tap room around a yard. The tap room opens at the weekend with a range of their beers and table service. It is a friendly set up and they are always happy to talk about their beer!

## Tapped Brew Co.

The cask beer is brewed at the **Sheffield Tap** located at Sheffield railway station, you can view the brew kit from your table if you walk through to the big room at the far end of the pub and of course they always have a selection of their beers on the bar.

## Temper Brewing

Temper is located in the basement of the **Dronfield Arms** pub. As a business it is independent of the pub, however their beers are usually to be found on the bar on cask and keg among others. The pub is near Dronfield railway station and on bus route 44 from Sheffield.

## Thornbridge Brewery

The brewery has grown somewhat over the years, it is located on the Riverside Business Park in Bakewell and features a large tap room with a range of their beers on cask, keg, can and bottle and a pizza kitchen. Bus 218 runs from Sheffield to Bakewell. Thornbridge also operate a few pubs closer by – the **Greystones**, **Hallamshire House** and **Coach & Horses**.

## Toolmakers

One of Sheffield's less well known breweries as generally they only supply their own pub and tap room. The pub is the **Forest** on Rutland Road, Neepsend and the brewery tap room is behind the pub and just opens for special events which includes live music gigs and stand up comedy nights. See their Facebook page for details of what's on. Bus 7/8 drops you off by the Gardeners Rest then it is a short walk uphill.

## Triple Point Brewery

Triple Point is a brewery and bar, if you sit inside you can see the brew kit, although if the weather is nice you may prefer to sit outside. A large range of their beers is available on the bar served from cask, keg or direct from the tank! The bar is also home to the Twisted Burger Company.

## True North Brewery

The brewery isn't open to visitors except for special events, however the **Old House** bar nearby on Devonshire Street is owned by the brewery while away from the City Centre the **Riverside** at Kelham Island, **Old Grindstone** in Crookes, **Punchbowl** in Crookes and **Wagon & Horses** in Millhouses are also theirs and serve their beers plus guests along with food.

**Andy Cullen**

## Inn Brief

The **Bull's Head** in Ranmoor is under the new management of Sam Hall who is running the pub with an outlook of "simple things done well". Sam is aiming to welcome locals to a friendly community pub. He usually has a traditional bitter and a lighter beer from regional brewers and local ones including Abbeydale and Bradfield. There is live music most Friday nights and the pub boasts a south facing terrace and beer garden.

After a good few years of whippers and ideas, **Bar Stewards**, **Crow Inn**, and **Shakespeares** have decided it's about time to shout about the area of which

they stand as (sort of...) the three corners and have formed "The West Bar Triangle". The three pubs will be launching what they hope will be an exciting initiative that promotes the area and all of its local, independent businesses while coming together to put on a regular good old knees up – starting with a launch festival from 2 to 4 September that will see the bars put on simultaneous tap takeovers across cask and keg, featuring some of the UK's best breweries. With other bits and bobs to be confirmed, this looks to be a smashing weekend to kick off a fantastic local partnership.

**Firepit Rocks** on West Street closed during August for a refurbishment.

With Magic Rock Brewing of Huddersfield now under new, less controversial ownership, the annual Cannonball Run event returned to some bars in Sheffield. This saw three versions of their Cannonball beer on bars alongside each other – Human Cannonball (9.2% ABV West Coast DIPA), Neo Human Cannonball (9.2% New England DIPA) and Super Human Cannonball (10% Imperial IPA) at the **Dark Horse** in Banner Cross and **Abbeydale Tap** on Abbeydale Road.

Time for another mention of the **Tunnel Tap** at Totley Rise shops which has been a long time coming with the conversion work from a shop/office unit into a neighbourhood bar. August saw staff recruitment taking place and shopfitting



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work including building the bar and fixed seating, it is now expected to open early September, keep an eye on their social media for announcements!

Some of you may have noticed the **Three Tuns** in Sheffield City Centre closed, the pub is owned by Star Pubs & Bars (part of Heineken) who lease it out to an independent local operator with a tied supply contract. They are currently looking for a new long-term tenant and in the meantime intend to reopen it with a licensee on a short term deal according to reports in the Sheffield Star newspaper.

The Antics Improv comedy troupe have been doing some free gigs in pubs alongside their main ticketed shows at the Lantern Theatre. 18 August saw them perform at the **Dorothy Pax** and they have a show at **Grafters Bar** on 1 September.

The winners of the Yorkshire Pub and Club of the Year awards have been announced. Pub of the Year is **Heaven & Ale** in Barnsley whilst Club of the Year is **Hanging Heaton Cricket Club** in Hanging Heaton (near Dewsbury).

**Hop Hideout** based in Kom-mune, Sheffield City Centre, reports the recent hot weather led to a boom in sales of craft cider and perry from their shop's fridges. Popular brands included Purbeck, Artistray and Oliver's.



## Pub heritage walks

As part of Heritage Open Days 2022, I'm leading two Pub Heritage Walks: on Friday 9 and Thursday 15 September. These will take in some of the entries in the CAMRA *Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs* book.

On Friday 9 we will commence at the Fat Cat and proceed to Neepsend via a short stop in the Wellington.

Along the way, we will take a circuitous route through aspects of the brewing and industrial history of Sheffield before completing the walk at the cooperatively-owned Gardeners Rest close to the long derelict, Stones Brewery.

The following week, we will commence at the University Arms and proceed to the Grapes/Dog & Partridge via a short stop at the Bath Hotel. After refreshment breaks, we will complete the walk at Fagans. En route we will pass the ex-Hendos factory, the ex-Jessop Hospital, the then home of the company whose claim to fame is that the own-

er was the first man to climb Nelson's Column, Glossop Road Baths, the building with three different date stones, 'Stanch', and much more.



On both walks there will also be Victorian tilework, terrazzo flooring, art deco glasswork, a mention of long-gone Sheffield breweries and much more...

The 9 September walk will start at the Fat Cat at 16:00. Places are limited and may be booked via Eventbrite: [tinyurl.com/3aavve56](https://tinyurl.com/3aavve56)

The 15 September walk will start at the University Arms at 17:00. Places may also be booked via Eventbrite: [tinyurl.com/ys3z846j](https://tinyurl.com/ys3z846j)

If you can't wait until September, you could try *Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs* book: [sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp](https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp). A limited number of paper copies of the book will also be available to purchase.

**Dave Pickersgill**



## The Real Lily the Pink

Back in 1968 a comedy band called The Scaffold, which included Paul McCartney's brother Pete and poet Roger McGough, had a number one hit with Lily the Pink.

*We'll drink a drink, a drink*

*To Lily the Pink, the Pink, the pink*

*The saviour of the human race*

*For she invented medicinal compound*

*Most efficacious in every case*

What may on the surface appear to be a novelty drinking song is in fact based on a real person and her real product.

Lily the Pink is based on the American businesswoman Lydia Pinkham (1819-83) who produced her own vegetable compound from 1875. This was said to contain black cohosh, unicorn root, life root, pleurisy root and fenu-greek, preserved with 19% alcohol. This was

originally marketed as a "woman's tonic" for menstrual and menopausal symptoms.

This vegetable compound became very successful with her local community, then further afield. Branding featuring Pinkham's face played a major part in the compound's success. Indeed she is the first woman whose likeness was used in her brand.

Over time the list of complaints Pinkham's vegetable compound claimed to be able to cure grew. It was even marketed as an aid to fertility and marketed under the strapline "there is a baby in every bottle". Lydia Pinkham was one of very few people at the time who was speaking openly about women's reproductive health, then a taboo subject. She even published pamphlets about menstrual and menopausal health and also encouraged women to write to her to ask questions they were too embarrassed to ask a doctor.

However, doctors and the medical establishment did not approve of Lydia Pinkham and







dismissed her as a quack, which might be considered understandable given that her compound was claimed, among other things to prevent faintness, flatulence, insomnia, depression, the cure of kidney complaints and even ovarian cancer. In 1922, it was described as a “valueless preparation kept on the market for about fifty years by means of lying advertisements and worthless testimonials.”

After Pinkham died in 1883 her family took over the business and continued to promote her image. During prohibition, the alcohol content rose to about 40% and people turned to Pinkham’s medicinal compound in order to get intoxicated.

As far back as the 19th century, the alcohol content and claims of cures for feminine issues provoked mockery in the form of bawdy drinking songs. Lily The Pink by The Scaffold is a highly sanitised version of those early drinking songs.

Some sample verses from the 19th century are below.

*Mrs. Jones she had no children,*

*And she loved them very dear.*

*So she took three bottles of Pinkham’s*

*Now she has twins every year.*

*Lottie Smyth ne’er had a lover,*

*Blotchy pimples caused her plight;*

*But she took nine bottles of Pinkham’s-*

*Sweethearts swarm about her each night.*

*Oh Mrs. Murphy (Oh Mrs. Murphy)*

*Was perturbed because she couldn’t seem to pee*

*Till she took some of Lydia’s compound*

*And now they run a pipeline to the sea!*

*And Peter Whelan (Peter Whelan)*

*He was sad because he only had one nut*

*Till he took some of Lydia’s compound*

*And now they grow in clusters ’round his butt.*

The company continued in family ownership until the 1930s and after World War II the US Food and Drink Administration intervened and the company made significant changes to the tonic and its alcohol content, as well as the claims being made about what it could cure. Lydia Pinkham Herbal Compound is still on sale in the United States. It is no longer alcoholic but may well still be most efficacious in every case.



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## Parkway Tavern

Between 1957 and 1961, Sheffield Corporation City Architect's Department built Park Hill Estate. Architecturally, this estate is of international importance. It is also the largest listed building in Europe (Grade II\* listed 1998). The deck system is unique as the steeply sloping site allows all but the uppermost decks to reach ground level. The building ranges from four to 13 stories, and included shops, almost 1000 flats and four pubs.

The four pubs were each built to a common plan: four-bay ground floor units with clere-story windows, close to the shopping centre. They faced in two directions: a lounge and public bar, linked by a central bar and glazed screen. The Parkway Tavern was originally managed by Hope & Anchor Brewery, advertising *Carling Black Label* and *Jubilee Stout*. The pub later became part of the Bass empire. It closed in 2006 and has a two-bay mosaic mural which is a remarkable survivor (architects: Hadfield Cawkwell Davidson & Partners).

The Parkway Tavern was used in the 2014 film '71. Directed by Yann Demange, it follows a riot on the streets of Belfast as a young and disoriented British soldier is accidentally abandoned by his unit. The flats were used to recreate Divis Flats.

Initially, these 'streets in the sky' enjoyed popularity and success; tenants had the luxury of private bathrooms and efficient heating. However, by the 1980s, Park Hill had become dilapidated and was no longer popular. It had both poor noise insulation and badly lit walkways, passages and alleys.

The estate is currently being redeveloped as part of a joint venture between Urban Splash and Places for People, work commencing in 2007. The structural frame is retained while architectural and internal features are replaced. The Parkway space re-opened in 2021 as Park Hill Provisions, the first convenience store on the new development.

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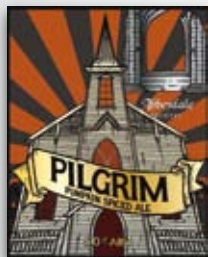
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The next of our **Hopback** cask only series is on the way, this time showcasing the Chinook hop (4.0%). Chinook doesn't get much opportunity to shine solo, more commonly being used in a blend of hops, so we're really pleased to be giving it a moment in the spotlight in this refreshing pale ale. Like a breeze through a forest of pine with a lovely, pithy grapefruit character alongside.

Also available in cask only, **Dr Morton's Safety Beer** (4.1%) featuring the Aussie combo of Galaxy and Vic Secret hops is always a crowd-pleaser of a pale ale, with a tropical melange of passionfruit, mango and pineapple on the palate.

Moving on to our Brewers' Emporium releases, **Pathfinder** from our hazy pale ale series (4.5%) makes a return this month, albeit with an all-new hop blend of Amarillo, Loral, and experimental variety HBC 586. Soft and juicy, with fruity flavours ranging from mandarin to mango and grapefruit to guava.

We also have a couple of seasonal releases on the way! We've made our first ever Festbier, and gone as classic as we can for **Oktoberfest** (5.0%), creating a balanced, clean and crisp beer with a rich, breadly aroma and a delicately spicy noble hop character. Full bodied yet uber quaffable! And finally, our pumpkin spiced beer **Pilgrim** (also 5.0%) is back towards the end of the month! Probably our most divisive beer, but we love it, and we're very excited at the prospect of it gracing bars again throughout spooky season.

## Brewery Bits

**Drone Valley Brewery**, based in Unstone near Dronfield, are taking their pop up bar to the Bradway Fun Day on Saturday 10 September. This is a community event organised by the Bradway Action Group (BAG) and runs from 1:30 to 4:30pm and includes stalls, games, dog show, bouncy castle and refreshments. The venue is the Old School Field/Village Green behind the Old School Annexe on the junction of Bradway Road and Twentywell Lane. Buses 25 and M17 stop close by outside the shops.

**Intrepid Brewery** in Brough (near Bradwell) held another open day on 13 August with a bar open in the brewery, a street food trader, and music in the yard outside.

You probably never noticed that **Grizzly Grains Brewing** has not yet produced a traditional bitter, this has been rectified with a new beer in cask that contains crystal malt and English hops. Also out on cask is their new single hop pale ale brewed with UK grown Chinook hops which should produce a floral aroma and hints of honey and pine in the flavour.

**Steel City Brewing's** latest collaboration is one in the loosest possible sense, *Remote Chiller* saw Dale at Imperial Brewery of Mexborough do the work whilst Dave from Steel City was lounging abroad on holiday! It is however a proper old skool Steel City style beer from the days when it was all about hops and bitterness – this is a transatlantic pale ale, 4.8% and 102.9 IBU (international bitterness units).

**Heist Brew Co.** have launched a collaboration beer with the Leadmill to support the campaign to keep the current management there (the national company that currently leases it to them are not renewing the lease so they can run it themselves as part of a chain). The beer is *Who did you Queue for?*, a 6% New England IPA available in can and KeyKeg with cans sporting a QR code that takes you to the petition to save the Leadmill in its current internationally respected guise as an independent local venue.

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## Welbeck Abbey

Welbeck Abbey Brewery have some super specials lined up for the summer months and are brewing for both cask and bottled beers, with in-house bottling continuing to prove a success.

**Nightingale** will be available in cask only and has started shipping to pubs and bars, so keep your eye out for this proper English IPA appearing in your local. Named for a beautiful mature woodland spot right at the heart of the Welbeck Estate, this 5.5% IPA is as British as they come; packed full of English Goldings and UK Cascade hops, which give herbaceous notes, and balanced with honey-sweet caramel.

Another cask-special to look out for is **Watermeadows**. This 4.5% lager-style pale ale is the perfect summer-time sup, with subtle meadow-fresh hop notes and a crisp, dry finish from European hops. Named for the Carburton Watermeadows, a low-lying grassland area near Welbeck, home to an array of rare and wonderful wetland wildlife.

In bottle, as well as cask, you can expect to see two new specials: **Fiery Fox** and **Farrier**. *Fiery Fox* is a classic pale ale with a twist; brewed with the addition of both fresh root and ground ginger. Welbeck Managing Director, Claire Monk, says "Ginger beer is a quintessentially British non-alcoholic drink. Whilst it's a refreshingly crisp drink without the 'beer', we think it's much better with. The heady aroma of ginger and sweet biscuity taste make for a drink as smooth and sophisticated as the Welbeck night-time visitor; the wily fox."

*Farrier*, which is available in minikeg as well as bottle, is a dark red ale, with rich caramel tones. This is one for the *Red Feather* lovers out there, and anyone who likes a dark beer. At 5.5% it has all the bitter-sweet and nutty flavours of *Red Feather* but packs much more of a punch into every glass. Horses have always played a huge part in the history of The Welbeck Estate and this beer evokes an equestrian, countryside feel that'll have you reaching for your riding crop and boots.

If you want to know where and how the magic happens, you can see for yourself on one of the Wednesday night brewery tours that run through to September. Book online via Eventbrite and for just £10, you can enjoy a full tour of the brewery, two free pints and the opportunity to ask Claire anything you like about how her award-winning ales are brewed.

And don't forget, if you live outside of Welbeck's local delivery area you can now order from their core range via the Best of British Beer website.

## Brewery Bits

**brewSocial's** latest are *Simply the Zest*, a 5.3% IPA single hopped with Lemon Drop, and *Mind the Gap*, a 4% session pale. All their beers are unfiltered so suitable for vegans and often served naturally hazy.

After having a couple of beers at the Great British Beer Festival, someone asked why **Chantry Brewery's** *New York Pale* was called as such, given that it is brewed in Rotherham! The beer was launched after Rotherham United's New York Stadium opened which got its name as it was built in the area that was home to Guest & Chrimes, the company that manufactured New York's famous red fire hydrants!

**Stancill's** latest new brew is a session IPA at 4.7% brewed with Citra hops. It's simply named *IPA*.

One of the recent new beers from **Blue Bee** has been *Cascade Vista*, a sessionable 3.7% pale ale named after the hop varieties used.



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## Half Pint Marathon

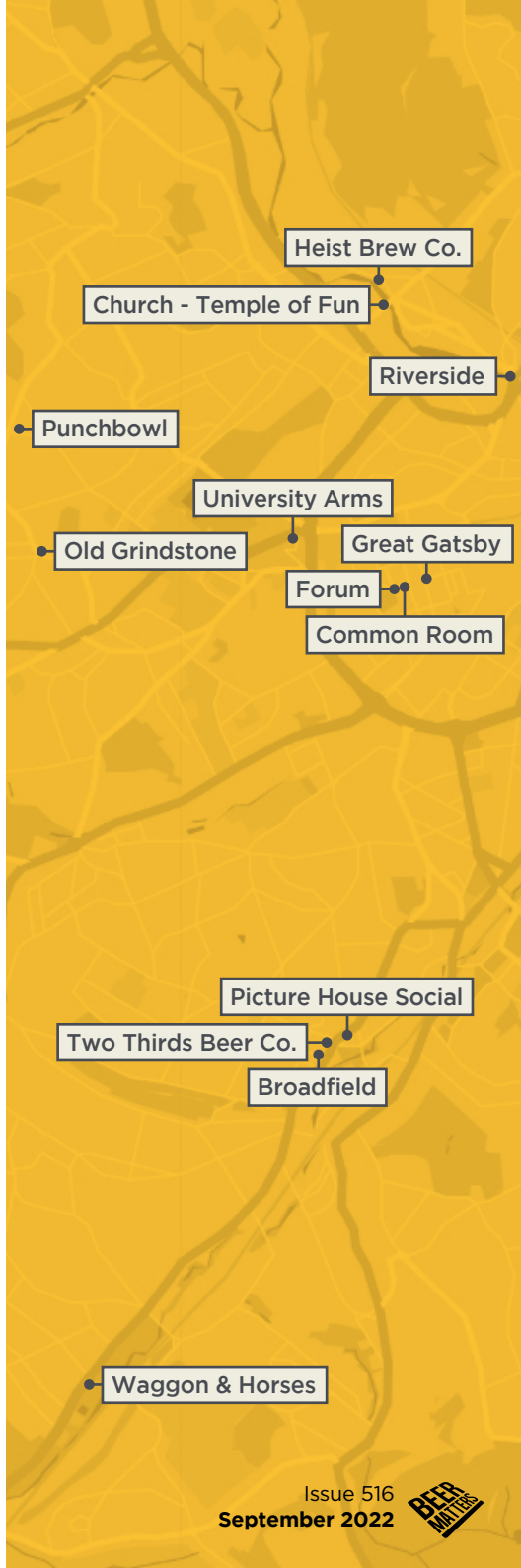
The Half Pint Marathon is back this September with a number of pubs and bars across the city serving two charity beers.

Pick up and register a collector card and enjoy a half of either beer in every participating pub and you can claim a copy of the exclusive Half Pint Marathon artwork designed by Will Reah ("Willustration") featuring the participating venues. The two beers are **Run Free**, a 4.5% session IPA from True North Brew Co, and **Run Wild**, a 4.7% session NEIPA from Heist Brew Co.

For every half pint of the special beers sold a donation will be made to Sheffield Mind, a Sheffield based charity which provides support to people with mental health issues.

Sheffield Mind Business Development Manager Lindsay Doyle-Price said "Sheffield Mind is delighted to be a part of the Sheffield Half Pint Marathon again this year. The ongoing support of True North Brew Co. and the support of Heist Brew Co. this year, means a lot to us. Not only does this annual partnership generate much needed funds to support the work we do in the city, but by engaging local people in the campaign the teams are helping raise awareness of mental health and the work Sheffield Mind does to support people with mental health needs".

Check out the map for participating venues.





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## It's just beer, mate!

### If there is one thing beer likes, it's labels

Not a week goes by when a new acronym isn't being wheeled out to confuse everyone, leaving them debating what on earth it stands for. IPA, DDH, TDH, HDHC, you name it we've had it. There's even been a TDHNDDIPA recently thanks to Verdant Brewery down in Cornwall. Yeah, figure that one out if you can! It doesn't stop there either, as we try to pigeon-hole beer even further into either 'craft beer' or 'real ale'.

Whilst I appreciate the effort to differentiate between what could be an old-school or traditional IPA and a thick and hazy juice bomb, at what point do we just accept that it's all beer at the end of the day? Much like the tribalism of old where people defended their favourite brand to the hilt, it seems you're in one camp or the other, whilst disparaging your opposite number at the same time. But why?

I was pretty snobby when I first got into beer, coming from a clean slate and jumping in to hazy beer with both feet from the off. I hadn't progressed from industrially-produced lager or moved on from cask beer to keg beer, I started afresh on the cloudy stuff. As far as I was concerned, if beer wasn't yellow,

hazy and tasted of tropical juice I wasn't interested. This is what beer could be and what I'd been missing out on all these years.

Now whilst I still love a pint of the hoppy custard, I'm no longer averse to a good well-kept pint of cask if I see one. Heck, cask might even be becoming 'cool' as breweries more recognised for their juicy numbers brewing and producing beer to be pulled through a sparkler. And yes, cask beer can be hazy for those still stuck in the 1970s sat at the back. So, with that in mind, where is the line between 'real ale' and 'craft beer'? In fact, is there even a line at all?

Whilst we can try and define our beers by serving method, how they're stored, their colour or clarity there are of course grey areas in-between. Even CAMRA's initial definition of real ale was revised as of January 2022, showing that it isn't possible to give something an exclusive or permanent definition. Whilst the US has a legally-binding definition of craft beer the UK doesn't, nor is CAMRA's coined label of real ale. There are simply too many grey areas to enforce it.

Take recently retired local brewery Five Towns as an example. Malcolm brewed (as far as I'm aware) exclusively on cask. He had, what would be defined as, real ale within some of those casks (bitters and low ABV pales etc) however he also brewed some heavy-hitting DIPAs and stouts, some of which would elsewhere be classed as craft. So does that make it a real ale brewery that dabbles in craft beer? A cask brewery that also does keg? Or, more simply, a brewery that just produces good *beer*?

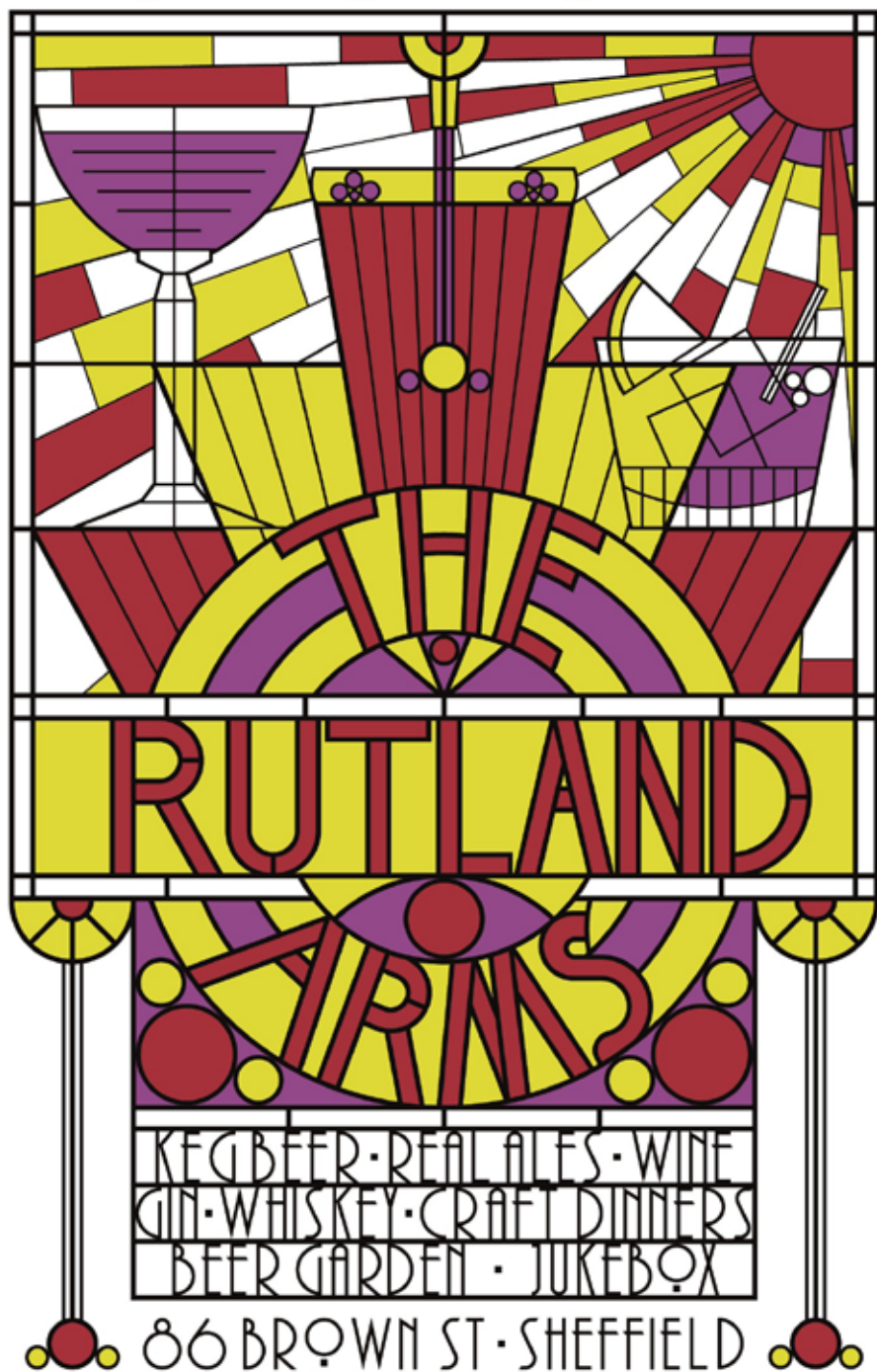
They aren't the only example either, take the likes of Vocation, Brew York, Revolutions and, looking further afield, Kernel as great examples. Breweries who excel in both cask and keg beer, so how do we define or label those?

Of course, there's no right or wrong answer here but at the end of the day it is *just* beer. Be it hazy, clear, hoppy, bitter, sweet, carbonated or otherwise, it's just beer and we can enjoy it in whatever measure and how we please. No sandals and socks needed for a pint of cask and no beard or man-bun needed to enjoy a pint from keg, man or woman can enjoy either, or both, equally.

**Stephen Carter**  
Points of Brew

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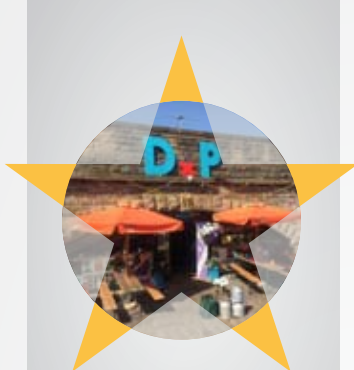
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**Dorothy Pax**  
Victoria Quays

**Pub of the Month**  
September 2022

The Victoria Quays area of Sheffield had always been an interesting and historical area of the city, but lacking anything that would bring visitors on a regular basis. That all changed in 2017 when Richard Henderson and Simon Stevenson opened the Dorothy Pax bar in one of the archways. Originally a railway bridge built in 1820, and at one time a dental practice, the archway looked out on to the terminal basin of the

Sheffield & Tinsley Canal and seemed the ideal spot for Richard and Simon to fulfil their long-held desire to open a bar and live music venue.

The bar's name comes from the last ever Sheffield Keel that used to work on the Sheffield navigation, scuppered in the 1950s, part of which was used to create the distinctive bar top.

From the outset, the Dorothy Pax has been keen to offer beers from local breweries, and regularly feature the likes of Blue Bee, Abbeydale, Triple Point and Neepsend amongst others. With seven handpumps and nine keglines on the bar there's always a decent pint on offer.

There is also a staggering amount of live music to be enjoyed, including plenty of gigs in conjunction with the Honey Bee Blues Club, brainchild of local music legend Martin Bedford. In previous years the Canal Lines festival, as part of the Tramlines fringe, has been hugely successful, branching out this year to become 'Pax In



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The Park' at Heeley People's Park. This commitment to live music has led to them branching out further afield to organise the Shady Grove festival in Eckington.

Regular visitors will have no doubt seen the regular appearance of the Pax Disco Cape, a surprisingly heavy collection of tassles and baubles in keeping with the words 'disco' and 'cape' which apparently you are entitled to wear on your birthday! And of course, everyone's favourite, the Pax Cat, an abandoned black cat who has been given a home by Richard and Simon, and endless amounts of affection from just about everyone who calls in.

But what really makes the Dorothy Pax somewhere special, is the overall atmosphere of the place. And that's not just the location, unique though it is, but the vast range of music and arts events, and more importantly the people, both staff and regulars, who make it one of the most inclusive venues in the city.

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## Steel City 46

# A lot has changed since we last held our festival in 2019

It goes without saying that the last couple of years have been extremely difficult for a lot of people, including the hospitality industry that we all hold so dear. Victims of the times include Kelham Island Brewery and Sheffield Brewery, both of whom would always appear on our bars, and we are extremely saddened they won't be here again this year.

### Venue

There have been a few changes at the Kelham Island Museum too. The Millowners Arms is now being run as an independent venue, although they are working with us to be a part of the festival as normal. All this has meant a rejig of the festival layout. We have an extra room in the rear courtyard which will house our KeyKeg bar, and the Bradfield bar is switching to the Brearley Room, the old home of the keg bar. The marquee layout will also change slightly, but we're sure that these improvements will make the festival better than ever.

### Beer and Cider

No change in the range of beer and cider on offer though! Over 300 beers including around 50 keg beers, over 40

real ciders and two bottle bars featuring continental beers. The Sheffield Beer of The Festival award will take place again on Wednesday evening.

### Entertainment

We have our usual array of live acts, and a great variety of food stalls, with extended vegetarian and vegan offerings this year. In addition to this we have our ever-popular tombola stall, traditional pub games and CAMRA merchandise desk selling books and t-shirts.

### Charities

This year will see three charities taking a stall. Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (SCCC) will appear on Thursday, the Stan Shaw Memorial Appeal on Friday, and the return of the Sheffield WI cake stall on the Saturday. Our overall festival charity is Sheffield Children's Hospital, which will be grateful for any of your unused beer tokens, or festival glass deposit.

### Glasses

Although we're not sure you'll want to hand your glass back! We are delighted to announce that the half-pint glasses this year are being sponsored by

none other than Henderson's Relish. The distinctive orange logo will be gracing a 12oz conical glass which we're sure will be in big demand.

### Volunteers

No article on the beer festival would be complete without a word of thanks to our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Each year they arrive to set everything up, man the bars, run the various desks, do whatever needs doing to ensure the festival is the success it is, and then dismantle everything and put it back in to storage for next year. We cannot thank them enough for the time and effort they give. The festival simply would not happen without them. As a thank you, this year we are running a free staff trip to Halifax, and as an extra reward for the Sunday takedown volunteers we have a free buffet at a yet-to-be-decided venue. If you fancy joining our happy band please visit our website [sheffield.camra.org.uk/festival](http://sheffield.camra.org.uk/festival) to get more details on volunteering. We're sure that you'll enjoy it.

### Beermats

Don't forget to look out for our festival beermats around the locals pubs. As we have done for the last three years, the festival side of the mats are all different and once you collect all twelve they fit together to form an image of the festival poster.

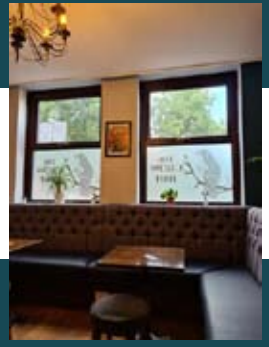
We can't wait to welcome you all back.

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## Tastings and talks

Following the success of the tutored beer tasting hosted by Roger Protz at our last beer festival, Steel City 46 will be offering a series of similar events. These will be hosted by the Cider Hole's Mike Pomranz, Hop Hideout's Jules Gray and *Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs* book editor, Dave Pickersgill.

### Thursday

**Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs**  
6-7pm

Illustrated talk

**A Journey Through Beer Styles**  
7:30-8:30pm

Tutored beer tasting

### Friday

**Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs**  
1:30-2:30pm

Illustrated talk

**Appreciating Real Cidermaking**  
3-4pm

Tutored cider tasting

**A Journey Through Beer Styles**  
4:30-5:30pm

Tutored beer tasting

Dave will provide an illustrated overview of the heritage aspects of many of the pubs located within the Sheffield boundary. Several local pubs will be described in detail. He will also talk about the value of pubs, beer and brewing to Sheffield's economy and external image. Dave is Pub Heritage Officer for CAMRA Sheffield & District. He leads local pub heritage walks and has had beer-related articles published in many outlets, including: *Beer*, *Beer Matters*, *Imbiber*, *Now Then*, *Pub Heritage Society Newsletter*, *Sheffield Telegraph*, *What's Brewing* and several books. Copies of the 4th edition of *Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs* will be available to purchase. Free to download at [sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp](https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp).

Jules owns an independent multi award-winning beer shop and tasting room, Hop Hideout (established 2013). In 2015 she set up Sheffield Beer Week. As director she has seen this beer celebration grow to over ten days. In 2018 she launched Indie Beer Feast, attracting over 700 attendees at the one-day event. This grew to two days in

2019 and, in 2020, welcomed over 1,500 beer lovers. She regularly judges beer in the World Beer Awards and SIBA national competitions. In 2021, with a group of like-minded beer shop owners, she launched Indie Beer Shop Day.

Mike has been writing about beer since 2006, for publications including *Time*, *People*, *Travel + Leisure*, *VinePair*, and *Playboy*. In 2014, he joined the staff of *Food & Wine* magazine and soon expanded into covering cider. He first experimented with making cider in 2015 and, a year later, became a Certified Cider Professional. In 2016, Mike moved from Brooklyn, New York, to Sheffield where he continued his interest in cidermaking, focusing on using locally-collected garden apples. In 2020, he launched Quality Ferments and began importing cider and other alcoholic beverages. In September 2021, he opened the Cider Hole – an urban microcidery, bar, and bottle shop – where he makes and serves his own Exemption Ciderhouse cider along with many other canned and bottled ciders. In June, Mike organised the first Sheffield Craft Cider Festival.

For each event, you will need to book in advance and also enter the beer festival. The beers and ciders will be selected when the beer list for the festival is finalised and will include a variety of styles and a range of strengths. Tickets can be booked from our website at [sheffield.camra.org.uk/fest](https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/fest).

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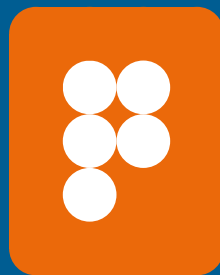
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# Festival guide

## August

### Peterborough

**Tue 23 – Sat 27 Aug**

Tented CAMRA volunteer run beer festival held on the river embankment at locations walkable from the railway station. It features a large range of beer and cider plus gin and wine, food vendors, live music and even a small funfair! More information on the festival website.

### Seven Hills

**Fri 26 – Sun 28 Aug**

The beer festival at Sheffield Tigers RUFC is back! Their ground and clubhouse is at Dore Moor, buses 65, 271 and 272 go there (and Dore journeys on bus 81/82 are a short walk away).

### Hope Valley

**Fri 26 – Mon 29 Aug**

The Old Hall Hotel in Hope host their regular bank holiday weekend beer and 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.

## September

### West Bar Triangle

**Fri 2 – Sun 4 Sep**

Joint event between the Crow, Bar Stewards and Shakespeares. Check their social media for the latest.

### Bolsover

**Fri 2 – Sat 3 Sep**

Organised by the friends of Bolsover Scouts. Open 4-11pm Friday

and 10am-11pm on Saturday, with the latter being a family fun day with a bouncy castle, face painting, live music and stalls (as well as beer, cider and gin). The venue is Bolsover FC on Moor Lane, S44 6EB. More details on their Facebook page. Bus 53 runs from Sheffield to Bolsover Centre from where it is walkable or you can connect with bus 1/1a/81.

### Tamworth

**Thu 8 – Sat 10 Sep**

CAMRA beer festival at the Assembly rooms with around 75 real ales plus a selection of cider & perry. More information on their website.

### Grenoside

**Sat 10 Sep**

Organised by "The Yellow Jersey Team", this event is held in a marquee behind Grenoside Community Centre featuring beer, food and music and is on from 2pm to 11pm. Advance tickets available online. Buses 86 and 135 stop outside.

### York

**Wed 14 – Sat 17 Sep**

York CAMRA's big tented festival on the York Knavesmire racecourse showcasing over 500 beers and 100 ciders along with food stalls and entertainment. Buses are available from the rail station to the festival if you don't fancy walking. The festival is open from 5-11pm Wed (with a members only preview session from 3pm) then 12-11pm the rest of the week.

### Cleethorpes Rail Ale & Blues

**Fri 16 – Sun 18 Sep**

The festival returns to Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway for its seventh year! A stunning line up of blues musicians from around the country will be making their way to the stage at Lakeside Station to put on a show you will not forget. The

award winning Signal Box Inn will be bursting at the seams with a superb variety of real ales and there will be even more ales available from the external bar in The Engine Shed. Then if you fancy a relaxing trip along the coast, take a ride on the light railway, where steam trains will be in action all weekend. The event is free to enter with charges applying for drinks and train rides. A card only policy will be in force across the whole site. More details at [cclr.co.uk](http://cclr.co.uk).

### Torrside Smokefest

**Sat 17 – Sun 18 Sep**

An event at Torrside Brewery in New Mills (10 minutes walk from New Mills Central station on the Sheffield-Manchester line, trains operated by Northern) dedicated to all things smokey – it is a showcase of their range of smoked beers along with guests, on both cask and keg. Food is also available. Advance tickets are required, costing £12, which includes a glass and your first beer.

### Calderdale

**Thu 22 – Sat 24 Sep**

CAMRA beer festival held at the Viaduct theatre in Halifax featuring up to 60 beers – of which about 20 will be served from a wooden cask.

## October

### Robin Hood

**Wed 12 – Sat 15 Oct (TBC)**

Nottingham CAMRA are back at Trent Bridge cricket ground, a short bus ride from the station, with a huge range of real ales, other craft beers, cider, perry, food and entertainment.

### Steel City 46

**Wed 19 – Sat 22 Oct**

See previous pages for details.



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## Branch diary

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### RambAle Castleton-Hope

Sat 27 Aug

We start in Castleton for a walk to Hope for the beer festival at the Old Hall Hotel. Catch the 11:20 272 from Sheffield Interchange for a 12:10 start in Castleton.

### Pub of the Year (City Centre)

8pm Tue 30 Aug

We are at the Sheffield Tap to present their award and enjoy a beer or two. The bar is at the railway station and easily reached by bus, train or tram.

### Branch meeting

8pm Wed 7 Sep

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 is Factory Floor bar at Neepsend and will include a tour of Neepsend Brewery. Get there by bus 7/8 or it is a short walk from Infirmary Road tram stop.

### Pub of the Year (North Sheffield)

8pm Thu 8 Sep

We present the Blake in Walkley with their award and enjoy a beer or two. Nearest bus route is the 95/95a.

### Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 20 Sep

Planning for Steel City 46. The meeting venue is upstairs at the Gardeners Rest, Neepsend. Buses 7 and 8 stop outside or Infirmary Road tram stop is a 5 minute walk.

### Pub of the Month

8pm Wed 21 Sep

We present the September award to the Dorothy Pax at Victoria Quays and enjoy a beer or two. Nearest tram stop is Fitzalan Square or there are various City Centre buses nearby.

### RambAle Penistone-Thurlstone Circular

11:30am Sat 24 Sep

We catch the 11:35 train from Sheffield to Penistone for a circular walk with stops at Crystal Palace (brewpub) in Thurlstone, Huntsman, Whitefaced Brewery & Bar and other pubs in Penistone.

### Committee meeting

8pm Tue 27 Sep

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

### 52 bus crawl

1pm Sat 1 Oct

A bus ride offering an opportunity to visit some East Sheffield venues including the Oxbow at Woodhouse Mill, Chantry Inn at Handsworth and possibly the Brewery of St Mars of the Desert in Attercliffe - all located along Stagecoach route 52. Buy an all day travel pass such as CityBus and hop on and off. We meet at the Oxbow at 1pm, bus 52 stops outside the pub or the X5 stops around the corner on Retford Road.

### Branch meeting

8pm Tue 4 Oct

Venue TBC

### Steel City 46

Wed 19 - Sat 22 Oct

The return of our beer and cider festival at Kelham Island Museum.

### Committee meeting

8pm Tue 25 Oct

Dog & Partridge, Trippet Lane

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