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Hop Hideout is 9

Small business success sees Sheffield indie beer shop celebrate with collaboration

At a time when we're hearing the hardships many small businesses face, it's also a good time to reflect on those who continue to survive and thrive.

As one of a handful of 100% female owned beer shops in the UK, Jules Gray has from the very start championed women brewers and breweries as a passionate core ethos of Hop Hideout. She knows and values how much visibility counts in making the beer world a broader, diverse and ultimately more rounder and improved place to be for those in it, and providing her customers with outstanding beers to enjoy.



After a two year challenging period over the Covid-19 pandemic, Jules stated, "I wanted to celebrate women that really light up the beer scene, who I not only look up to, but who provide so much positivity and inspiration to the whole beer community".

This November Hop Hideout celebrated their ninth anniversary as an independent beer shop and tasting room, releasing their beer collaboration, a flapjack stout, brewed at Wild Card Brewery with Crafty Beer Girls. They've been pouring Wild Card Brewery beers since 11 November as part of a tap takeover, including their special birthday collaboration release with Crafty Beer Girls and the brewery.

On Saturday 12 November they hosted a relaxed celebration tasting with Jaega from Wild Card and Crafty Beer Girls organisers in attendance.

On Sunday 13 November they hosted a free and fun family social. As a new parent, Jules knows how much of a challenge it can be to find a welcoming social space that's easily accessible and with baby changing.



She continued, "I'm absolutely delighted Jaega Wise of Wild Card Brewery and Natasha and Natalya of Crafty Beer Girls agreed to this collaboration. Jaega is a phenomenal technical brewer, having just released her first brewing book and presents on national shows such as the BBC Food Programme. The Crafty Beer Girls is a beer community safe space created for women and non-binary folks to come together in their enjoyment of

beer. Co-organised by two passionate and brilliant women Natasha and Natalya. Through the pandemic I turned to this group for support and really valued their virtual meet-ups."

The celebrations continued at Wild Card Brewery's new pub Tavern On The Hill, Walthamstow, on Thursday 17 November with a Crafty Beer Girls London meet-up.



Inn Brief

The **Friendship Hotel** (pictured above) in Stocksbridge recently opened their nine new contemporary first floor en suite letting rooms. This is a welcome addition to Stocksbridge and another contribution to its growing reputation as the centre of one of the best walking areas in the north of England.

Railway Hotel at Wadsley Bridge has been running a Cask Wednesday promotion with 50p off the cask ales on that day of the week, except for Sheffield Wednesday match days.

Old Hall Hotel in Hope have announced their beer festival dates for 2023. As usual all the bank holiday weekends from Easter through to late summer have an event, they've also added an extra event in for the King's Coronation weekend. See our festival listings for all the dates.

Tunnel Tap at Totley Rise has finally opened. No cask ale is available but there are

some quite acceptable craft beer choices on keg, usually including options from Abbeydale and Buxton. This micropub is on two floors with a bar on each and seating downstairs. They also have bottles, cans and minikegs available to take away.

Shakespeares at West Bar is planning one of their regular beer festivals for January, as usual featuring some interesting, experimental and silly one off special cask beers on gravity upstairs as well as a full range on the main bar. Keep an eye on their social media for details.

Bar Stewards at West Bar has had a change of name and is now known as **West Bar Tap**. There have been some changes to the business behind the scenes but otherwise its the same place and people, other than a minor refit to part of the venue that has added some extra tables where the self service fridges were.



theSocial bar on Snig Hill has closed down. Unfortunately, although it was a great little bar everyone enjoyed it didn't prove financially successful. The associated brewery based in Attercliffe, brewSocial, continues to produce beer and will keep going as long as it sells. Pictured is Juliet, who managed the bar, with a pumpclip from every brewSocial beer so far.

Under new management, the **Olde Mustard Pot** (Midhopestones) reopened in mid-November. David and Nicola Briggs and Jonathan Wright, licensees of the Three Merry Lads (Lodge Moor) have added the pub to their portfolio. A change of beers and a new menu are in place. The pub opens daily from 11:30, food is available until 20:00.



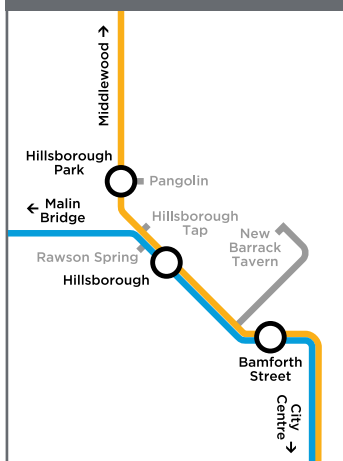
Beery outings by tram

The Supertram network, currently operated by Stagecoach Supertram, provides three tram routes across the city of Sheffield along with a Tram Train service between Sheffield and Rotherham, with all four routes operating all day every day.

All day unlimited travel passes are available if you want to hop on and off doing a tram based pub crawl. Alternatively, thanks to funding from the South Yorkshire Mayor, single journeys currently cost a very reasonable £2 a ride regardless of how far you are travelling.

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Hillsborough

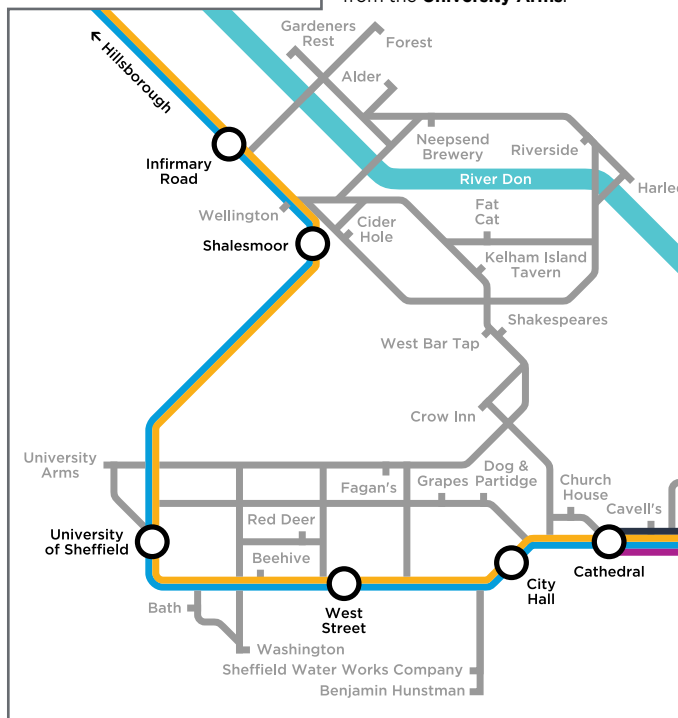


Hillsborough tram stop is at the heart of this suburb, two real ale outlets here are the **Rawson Spring** (Wetherspoon) and the **Hillsborough Tap**. However get off the tram a stop early at Bamforth Street and you can visit the **New Barrack Tavern** or stay on the Yellow route tram an extra stop to Hillsborough Park where there are several different micropubs including **Pangolin**, a craft beer specialist. Trams run regularly until about midnight.

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City Centre

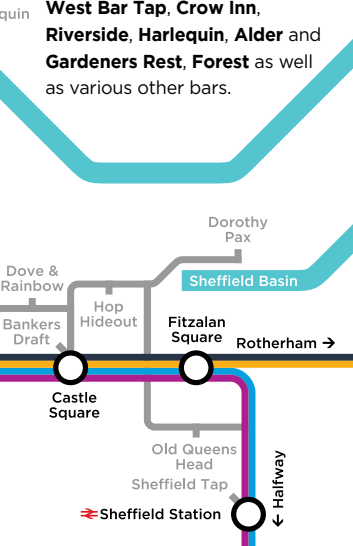
Sheffield Tap, also home to Tapped Brew Co, is at the station so easily accessed by the station tram stop. Walkable from the Fitzalan Square tram stop is the **Old Queens Head** and **Dorothy Pax**. The Castle Square stop is handy for **Hop Hideout**, **Bankers Draft** (Wetherspoon), **Dove & Rainbow** and **Cavell's**. Cathedral is close to **Church House**. City Hall is handy for **Dog & Partridge**, **Grapes**, **Fagan's**, **Benjamin Huntsman** (Wetherspoon), **Sheffield Water Works Company** and various bars along Division Street. West Street tram stop is near the **Red Deer**, **Beehive**, **Bath Hotel** and **Washington**. The University of Sheffield stop is a short walk from the **University Arms**.



Kelham Island/Neepsend

This district has benefited from some gentrification in recent years and was named by *Time Out* in their top 50 coolest neighbourhoods in the world! Shalesmoor tram stop is the gateway to the area, with a frequent service on the Blue and Yellow routes (about every six minutes in the day and 15 minutes in the evening, up to midnight).

When you alight at Shalesmoor, you are next to the **Wellington** pub, which acts as a tap for Neepsend Brewery, or across the roundabout in the Krynkl shipping container development is the **Cider Hole**, a specialist bar that makes its own cider as well as offering tutored tasting flights of cider from both the UK and overseas. There is also an awesome circuit of real ale pubs including the **Kelham Island Tavern**, **Fat Cat**, **Shakespeares**, **West Bar Tap**, **Crow Inn**, **Riverside**, **Harlequin**, **Alder** and **Gardeners Rest**, **Forest** as well as various other bars.



Chantry Brewery

Chantry brew a range of ales and lagers in Parkgate, Rotherham, a short walk from the Tram Train terminus. They have built a tap room on a mezzanine level and adapted part of the brewery into a small music venue with regular gigs (some requiring tickets) most weekends.

The bar is open Thursday to Saturday from 5pm. Check their social media for whether it is a puuic or gig night before going. The Tram Train runs roughly every 30 minutes with the last back to Sheffield at 23:59.

There is also the option of jumping off at Rotherham Central en-route to visit some town centre pubs (such as the **Bridge**, **Cutlers Arms**, **New York Tavern**, **Three Cranes Inn** and **Bluecoat**), alternatively **Little Haven** micropub is a short walk from the brewery.

Other stop-offs along the Tram Train (and Yellow) route include **Wentworth**, across the road from the arena/Valley Center-tainment, along with **Brewery of Saint Mars of the Desert** in Attercliffe.

Halfway

Fuggle Bunny Brew House

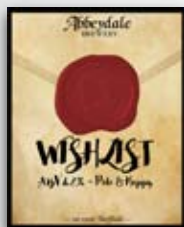
Fuggle Bunny brew a range of real ales and host tap sessions every Friday where an on site bar opens for you to sit inside and enjoy their beers. The brewery is about a ten minute walk from Halfway tram terminus, on the Blue route.

Trams operate every 12 minutes in the daytime and every 30 minutes in the evening, last trams back from Halfway are 23:17 on the full route to Malin Bridge via the City Centre or 00:17 to Sheffield Station.

Also nearby and walkable from the brewery is **Guzzle Micro-pub** in Killamarsh.

Travel a few stops down the line to Beighton or Crystal Peaks and you'll find various pubs to try such as **Scarsdale Hundred** (Wetherspoon), **Gypsy Queen** and **Milestone**.





Abbeydale

For those of you who've been following the journey of our new brew kettle, we're pleased to report it is indeed now fully commissioned and we've got some fantastic beers coming out of it already! Fortunately everything ran to schedule meaning we have some tasty Christmassy beers on the way.

As well as **Wishlist**, a 4.2% pale ale with Willamette and Columbus hops, the next version of **Salvation** (4.5%) will have a festive twist – it's a **Chocolate Orange Stout!** A classic combination and an absolute treat, with a roasty toasty background, layers of silky smooth sweetness and a zesty finish. It's mine!

We'll be bringing back **Wilderness** (4.5%) for winter, too – we've gone for the same hop combination as last year's release (Amarillo, Nelson Sauvin and Simcoe Cryo), but at a slightly more sessionable ABV. This one's a hazy, juicy, New England style pale with low bitterness and a clean, refreshing finish.

Fresh Hop Heathen is also back for 2022, but this time it's also a Cryo version! Alllll the buzz words, luckily also all the flavour, still weighing in at a tasty and very pintable 4.1%. This year we're pioneering the use of YCH 301 Mosaic hops from the Yakima Chief Hops Elite Product Trial programme... freshly harvested, unkilned hops, processed into Cryo form! This state of the art process keeps all those delicate fresh hop aromas and flavours but in a punchy little pellet. Expect blueberry and tropical notes to come through on the aroma along with a refreshing, tasty grapefruit and stone fruit character. This one sold out on pre-orders last year and we're not expecting it to hang around for long.

And in the new year (HOW is that coming around already?!), we'll be seeing the return of our 2.8% **Restoration Table Beer** and the always popular Citra hopped **Dr Morton's Duck Baffler**, PLUS rumour has it there might be a *Lost Souls* shaped big boozy stout on the way to get 2023 off to a corker of a start.

Brewery Bits

Grizzly Grains have hosted a collaboration with Shake-speares, brewing a Belgian style pale ale using Pilgrim and Phoenix hops supplied by Brookhouse Hops.

Intrepid have made another tweak to their ever evolving **Ite** small IPA (3.9%). The latest batch sees a bit more oats added to the mash and a return to a Kveik yeast. It's been hopped with a big mix of hops - Cascade and Mandarina are used late in the kettle for a subtle bitterness and citrus platform to work with the yeast. It's then double dry hopped with Ekuano and Azacca with a bit less of Chinook and Mosaic added bringing that drippy fruit punch flavour with some dank citrus.

Fuggle Bunny celebrated the first anniversary of the new ownership on 4 Nov and celebrated at their regular Friday tap session with live music and Dough Box pizza trailer trading outside. Their newest beer, **Chapter 10 – Stomper**, is a dry hopped IPA and was available at our Steel City festival. Also out recently was a Halloween special, **Deadly Nightshade**, a 5% amber ale.

Triple Point have released **Canyon**, a 4.8% American red ale on cask. On the hop bill it features a new berry inspired Cryo hop blend released by Yakima Chief along with a couple of American classics – Cascade and Centennial.

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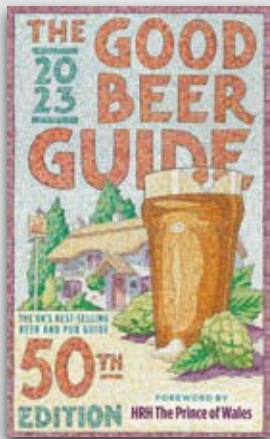
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Good Beer Guide 2023

CAMRA guide celebrates milestone 50th edition

The guide, which surveys 4,500 of the best pubs across the UK, is the definitive beer drinker's guide to the very best pints in the most picturesque and friendly pubs. Compiled by thousands of independent volunteers, it helps identify significant trends and themes across the pub sector.

The 50th anniversary edition features a new cover design by Neil Gower, a foreword by HRH The Prince of Wales (22 August 2022) and an introduction to each region by Laura Hadland – award-winning author of *50 Years of CAMRA*. It brings together pub and brewery information for the first time, making it easier than ever before to find your next local brew.

The first edition in 1972 was just 96 pages in length and listed around 1,500 pubs with a brewery section covering just 105 brewing companies. Today, the *Good Beer Guide* features 1,864 breweries across the nation.

Just five pubs across the UK have made it into each edition of the guide – known as the “famous five”. These pubs include the Star Tavern and the Buckingham Arms in London, the Roscoe Head in Liverpool, the Square &

Compass in Dorset and the Queen's Head in Newton, Cambridgeshire.

To be listed in *CAMRA's Good Beer Guide* is a fantastic achievement for a pub. The guide is based entirely on personal recommendations made by local CAMRA members, which are rigorously reviewed by branches and editors.

Recommendations consider beer quality as well as the history and architecture of a pub and various aspects such as food, gardens, family and disabled facilities and special events. CAMRA does not take any fees for listings to ensure the guide remains independent and unbiased.

CAMRA's national chairman Nik Antona said: “It is a huge achievement that we're able to celebrate 50 years of publishing the *Good Beer Guide*, and a real testament to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, who undertake the assessments.

“What makes the guide unique is that all the entries are compiled and vetted by a huge volunteer team based around the country. We work hard to ensure that all areas of the country are covered and, unlike some competitor titles, inclusion in this book is dependent on merit – not on payment.

“The last few years have been an incredibly difficult time for the industry, and we need more support than ever before to keep our nation's pubs open and thriving. I'd encourage everyone to use this year's guide to visit the very best pubs across the UK and support them for generations to come.”

The *Good Beer Guide*, sponsored this year by Cask Marque, is set to be published on 27 October 2022. Paul Nunny, Director of Cask Marque said: “Cask Marque has sponsored the *Good Beer Guide* for a number of years, because it is important that we recognise great pubs with a CAMRA endorsement. 50 years of actively supporting our industry is a great achievement and coincides with Cask Marque championing beer quality for 25 years!”

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Hearth of the Community

Could pub-working become the new home-working this winter?

It's scary out there at the moment isn't it? Whether you read this as a drinker, a landlord or a hospitality worker, you'll have either a shared or individual reason to be concerned. Sadly, that doesn't seem to be going to change anytime soon either. There's the overall Russian concern, concerns over job stability and, for our beloved pubs and bars, concerns over financial sustainability. Like those sitting at home, how are they going to pay their electricity bills?

With everyone, myself included, facing imminent price hikes for utilities, food and other bills, will there be room for beer in our budgets? Will we be able to venture out to our locals (or beyond) for a pint in a bid to 'do our bit' and help them keep their lights on? Well, we just might be able to...

It's impossible to avoid the numerous saddening news stories of venues closing (The Griffin in Castleford being one of the latest), but between them, there are small glimmers of hope, and opportunity for those able. Pubs have been the beating heart of communities for generations now and if we're not careful, we're in danger of losing that. Whilst the word 'pub' might instantly mean beer that could, particularly over the winter, change to warmth.

In a world where home-working has become the norm, sitting at home might not be as comfortable as it once was. Instead of staring at the thermostat with scrutiny before sticking on a tenth layer of clothing, pubs and venues could provide the answer; allow people to work from them. For a fee of some sort, perhaps with a pint or cup/s of tea/coffee thrown in, not only could someone work remotely in relative comfort, but the pub can also cover a portion of their heating/electricity bill at the same time. And, let's be honest, who isn't going to stop for a pint after work too?

This isn't a new or groundbreaking idea either as venues such as Springwell, North Brewing's taproom, and Horsforth Brewery cater for those needing a workspace, but it's one I'm surprised we haven't seen more of. Not only can those working from home find some company and conversation by working outside of their own four walls, but the pub could find itself some new customers too.

Of course, this isn't going to be applicable to every venue across the district, but how many would otherwise potentially be heating an empty space and wishing for customers? Not only is it beneficial for both parties if done correctly, but it could be the first crucial step in re-connecting with the local community and prolonging the pub being the centre of its local community. If people are happy to work there, they're certainly going to be happy to eat, drink and socialise there after. Done properly, the pub could become people's second homes, much like they used to be, with a thriving community look and feel.

It's a novel idea, and one that may not generate thousands in income but, in the current climate especially, surely something is better than nothing? The potential long term effect is worth considering too, with plenty of opportunity to advertise upcoming events & community projects, enticing further revenue and support.

If I worked from home and my local offered such an idea, I know where I would rather be sat. Imagine being able to say, "I'm going to work," meaning the pub and having the best of both worlds; a comfortable and welcoming space in which to work, then having a pint after. Sounds perfect to me.

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New PM

CAMRA comments on the announcement of the latest prime minister

Commenting on the news that Rishi Sunak will become leader of the Conservative Party and the next prime minister, CAMRA's National Director Nik Antona said:

"I'd like to offer my congratulations to Rishi Sunak on behalf of CAMRA and our 160,000 members. We look forward to working with the new prime minister to tackle the crisis facing pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers across the UK.

"I want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the prime minister to join me at the George and Dragon pub in his constituency to talk further about CAMRA's aims for the beer and pub industry. This community owned pub, and previous winner of our prestigious Pub of the Year award, is a fantastic example of everything a pub can be, and I believe it is urgent that UK's pubs, social clubs, breweries, cider producers are made a priority by Government.

"The sector needs ongoing support on energy bills lasting beyond April 2023, the positive reforms from the Alcohol Duty Review to be implemented as quickly as possible, a cut on VAT for on-trade food and alcohol and reform of the business rates system."

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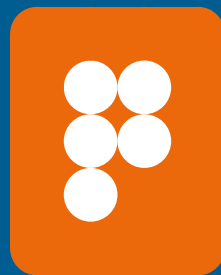
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Crow Inn
Scotland Street

Pub of the Month
October 2022



Branch chair Glyn Mansell (left) presents Kate and Chris (right) with their award. Photo by John Beardshaw.



Church House
St James Street

Pub of the Month
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Licencee Andrew Delemere (second from left) and the team with their award.



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Fagan's Broad Lane

Special Award

The next CAMRA Sheffield & District branch meeting will take place at Fagan's on Tuesday 6 December. During the evening, we will be presenting the licensees, Tom and Barbara Boulding, with a Special Award in recognition of their contribution to the Sheffield beer scene.

Originally known as the Barrel, Fagan's dates from circa 1790 and is one of the oldest pubs in central Sheffield. Past owners include Thomas Rawson & Co, from 1946, Gilmour's Windsor and from 1954, Joshua Tetley. It is currently managed by Star Pubs & Bars. This traditional three-roomed pub retains much of an early 1950s refit. This merits inclusion on the national CAMRA Pub Heritage listings: this is a pub with Special Historic Interest. In August this year, this *Good Beer Guide* pub was included

on the South Yorkshire Local Heritage List.

In the past 100 years, there have been three long-standing licensees: locally-born and ex-Bomber Command, Michael Joseph (Joe) Fagan ran the pub from 6 July 1948 until 17 September 1985 becoming Tetley's longest serving landlord. On his retirement, aged 64, the pub was renamed, and a new sign was erected. This was replaced, in 2008, with a sign which shows an image of Joe against an RAF bomber. Joe died only a few weeks after passing on the tenancy to ex-teacher, Thomas Patrick (Tom) Boulding and his wife, Barbara.



For over 37 years, Tom and Barbara have carefully managed Fagan's. Décor-wise, every picture tells a story: visitors to the pub, local happenings, the story of Joe. Entertainment-wise, (probably) the most-stretching pub quiz in the city and (almost every evening) traditional live music. Atmospheric and wel-

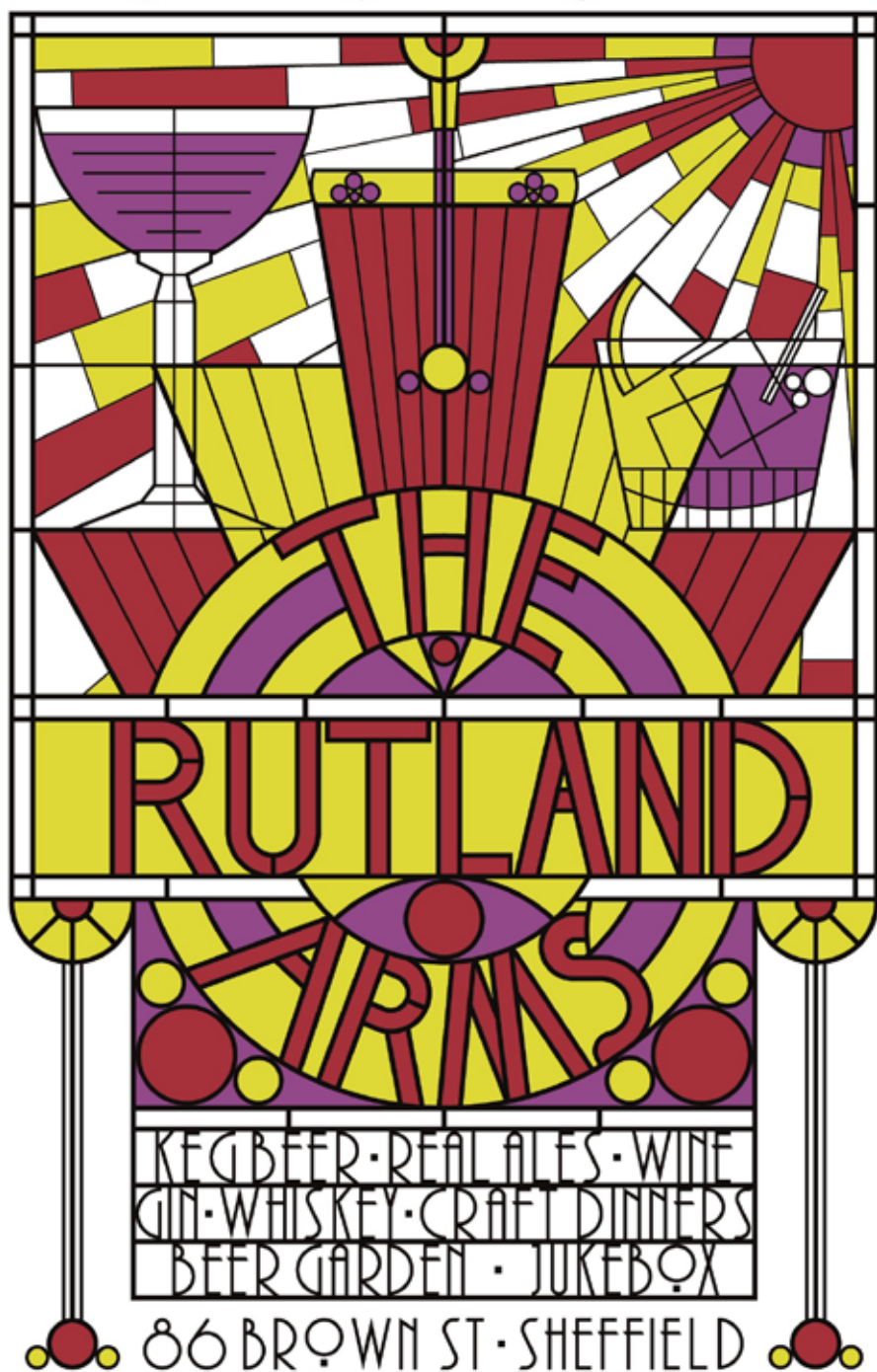


coming, this is a traditional pub and proud of it: good solid pub-food and three well-kept cask beers (*Landlord, Moonshine and Tetley's*). Outside, the pub was honoured when, in 2013, local artist, Pete McKee left *The Snog* on the gable end.

In late November 2022, Tom and Barbara overtook the length of tenure enjoyed by Joe (37 years, two months and 11 days). For their influential and unstinting contribution over many years, they fully deserve this award.

We wish them well in their future ventures.

Dave Pickersgill



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Capital Delights

Our vice chair Paul Manning and his wife Bev visit Fuller's Brewery and a number of London pubs

We visited Fuller's Brewery on the bank of the Thames at Chiswick that, although now owned by Asahi, continues to produce their famous brews on the same site as it has since 1845.

The brewery is being fully modernised but retains much of its previous equipment which can be viewed on their excellent tour. It's also home to reputedly the oldest wisteria plant in the UK, grown on the outside wall of the head brewer's house since 1816.

The kit ranged from modern tanks holding 96,000 pints, to old open brewing tanks which, due to some furry visitors that used to sample the brew, gave rise to the phrases 'rat-arsed' and 'bottoms up' as they floated with their behinds upwards!

The tour concluded with sampling of numerous brews including *London Pride*, *ESB*, *Olivier's Island*, *Black Cab Stout*, and their seasonal amber ale, *Red Fox*. They also brew Dark Star and Gale's beers.

A very pleasant walk on the Thames Path to Hammersmith Bridge followed, including visits to the **Ship Inn** (a Young's pub) and the famous **Dove**, serving more Fuller's brews.

Later in the day, we made a trip to the **Star Tavern** in Belgravia which has been in every *Good Beer Guide* since inception and is rumoured to be where the Great Train Robbery was planned in the 1960s. We tasted more Fuller's *London Pride* and *London Porter* plus an excellent pint of *Radio Silence* by the Falmouth brewers, Verdant.

We also took in the **Churchill Arms** in Kensington (another Fuller's pub) which is famous for its outdoor floral displays, especially at Christmas, and home to great Thai food.

Another great trip to the capital!





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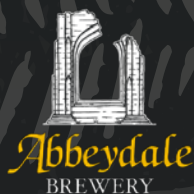
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Talks and tastings

Following the successful tutored beer tasting led by Roger Protz at the previous Steel City festival back in 2019, the recent 2022 edition saw three tutored tastings plus a couple of talks.



Mike Pomranz, from the Cider Hole, led participants through four ciders. These included Ross-on-Wye Cider & Perry, Flakey Bark S.V.P. 2020 (6.4%) and Sheffield brewed, Exemption Ciderhouse, Steel City Spontaneous Speed Run (5.8%). The latter involved apples which were on the tree a few weeks earlier. Mike gave us the benefit of his experiences across the Atlantic, providing wide-ranging comments and opinions.

Julia Gray, the owner of Hop Hideout and the driving force behind Sheffield Beer Week, led two tutored beer tastings, each concentrating on a different set of five beers, a mix of cask and key-keg. Skilfully weaving her story and comments about beer history and production, Julia led us on an exploration of beer styles. A

bonus was unscheduled inputs from Dan and Martha (Saint Mars of the Desert Brewery) who provided a potted history of their experiences in brewing and talked us through one of their beers. This was the music equivalent of attending a gig by the Rolling Stones and seeing Bob Dylan drop-in.

Dave Pickersgill twice delivered a talk about Sheffield, heritage and pubs. On each occasion, the slides were identical but different pubs were explored as comments from the audience influenced the verbal input. Several books were sold (and autographed) and the speaker was embarrassed when one attendee described the talk as 'inspirational.'

One of the volunteer staff team who fetched and served the various beers and ciders described his Friday afternoon as different, eye-opening and to be repeated.

Thanks to all our speakers and the staff who made it happen. We intend to host similar events at SCBF47, and at the forthcoming national Members' Weekend. We hope to see you at a future event.

Tombola thanks

The festival organisers would like to thank the following for donating items to the festival tombola and to sell for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity: The Fat Cat, Blue Bee Brewery, Kelham Island Tavern, Loxley Brewery, Distant Hills Brewery, Brampton Brewery, Welbeck Brewery, Peak Ales, The Bath Hotel, Ossett Brewery, Winkle Brewery, Sarah Mills, Alan Gibbons, Nigel & Emlyn Tasker, Keith Schofield and everyone who donated anonymously. Apologies if we have missed anyone.

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January

Mallard – Winter

Thu 26 – Sun 29 Jan

The winter edition of the Mallard's regular beer festival at the pub, located at Worksop railway station (Sheffield-Gainsborough-Lincoln line)

February

Chesterfield CAMRA

Fri 3 – Sat 4 Feb

After a break for Covid, Chesterfield CAMRA's beer festival is back at the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield town centre.

Liverpool CAMRA

Thu 16 – Sat 18 Feb

Liverpool CAMRA's annual beer festival in the Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt. Advance tickets advisable. Website.

GBBF Winter (CAMRA)

Thu 16 – Sat 18 Feb

The smaller winter edition of the Great British Beer Festival moves on in its tour around the country and this year is being held at Burton on Trent at Burton Town Hall (the usual CAMRA beer festival venue).

Rotherham Real Ale & Music

Thu 23 – Sat 25 Feb

The annual beer and music festival held at Magna to raise money for charity. Bus X1 runs there from Sheffield City Centre, Meadowhall Interchange and Rotherham Interchange.

March

Indie Beer Feast

Fri 3 – Sat 4 Mar

The craft beer festival organised by Jules Gray of Hop Hideout and Sheffield Beer Week. This event primarily features brewery bars staffed by representatives of the brewery with a rotating selection of interesting beers along with cider and street food.

Later in 2023

Hope Valley

Fri 7 – Mon 10 Apr

The Easter edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular bank holiday beer and cider festival hosted in a marquee in the

car park featuring a festival bar and entertainment. A festival food stall usually operates alongside the pub's own menu. The Old Hall Hotel is in Hope on bus routes 271/272 or a 10 minute walk from Hope station.

Hope Valley

Fri 28 Apr – Mon 1 May

The May Day edition.

Hope Valley

Fri 5 – Mon 8 May

The Royal Coronation edition.

Hope Valley

Fri 26 – Mon 29 May

The spring edition.

Hope Valley

Fri 25 – Mon 28 Aug

The late summer edition.



CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference 2023

Fri 21 – Sun 23 Apr

CAMRA's annual event. While the primary purpose is to debate motions to steer the campaign and to elect the campaign's new board of directors, the Members' Weekend is also a chance for CAMRA members to socialise with like-minded individuals and to explore the beer scene of the host city. The 2023 event will be

held at the Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield: April 21-23. It is expected that over 1000 CAMRA members will descend on Sheffield for the weekend, many extending their stay for a few days – most will explore our local pubs.

As part of the event, we (Sheffield & District CAMRA) are organising a Members' Bar. This will be a beer festival only open to CAMRA members who register for the weekend that will be held in the Students' Union, adjacent to the Conference venue. There will also be a series of organised trips and events. If you are a CAMRA member, please register, and attend the event. camra.org.uk/agm



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**Spring
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Friday 26th - Monday 29th May

**Summer
Bank Holiday**

Friday 25th - Monday 28th August

Branch diary

Info and bookings:

social@sheffield.camra.org.uk

Members' Weekend planning meeting

6pm Thu 24 Nov

The organising committee get together to discuss arrangements.

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 6 Dec

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 Fagan's.



Christmas lunch social

2pm Sat 10 Dec

We head out to the Little John Hotel in the Derbyshire Peak District village of Hathersage for Christmas dinner and a few beers.

Please book your place in advance with our social secretary Paul Manning who will require menu choices and a deposit.

All our members are welcome, however places are limited. You can get to/from Hathersage by train or on the 271/272 bus.

City Centre pub social

8pm Fri 6 Jan

For our first get-together of 2023 we do a crawl of a few City Centre pubs that are normally lively and sell cask beer (and maybe the odd old favourite too). We start at the Washington at 7:45pm and finish at the Church House, which has live music planned.

Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 17 Jan

Planning for Steel City 47 begins. The meeting venue is upstairs at the Gardeners Rest, Neepsend. Buses 7 and 8 stop outside or Infirmary Road tram stop is a five minute walk.

Committee meeting

8pm Tue 24 Jan

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

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 7 Feb

The venue this month is TBD

Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 21 Feb

Gardeners Rest, Neepsend.

National Members Weekend, AGM & Conference

Fri 21 – Sun 23 Apr

See previous page for details.

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