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Masons Arms, Crookes Open every day and selling real ale

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# Members' Weekend

# Next month, CAMRA Sheffield & District are hosting the 2023 Members' Weekend. AGM & Conference

The event will be on 21-23 April at Octagon Centre. University of Sheffield. A full conference schedule, plus details of trips and activities will shortly be available.

Over 1000 CAMRA members will attend. They will also take the opportunity to visit several of the many excellent breweries and pubs spread across the city. We also need volunteers to assist with the many jobs which will need covering.

Assuming you're a CAMRA member, we hope to see you there!

# **Get involved!**

CAMRA members can register and volunteer at camra.org.uk/agm

# What's on...

# Thu 20 Apr

Meet & greet and live brew day at Sheffield Tap.

#### Fri 21 Apr

Brewery open days and tours. Ticketed tours are at Abbevdale, Chantry, Neepsend. Stancill, Toolmakers and Triple Point. Members' Bar open in the evening.

#### Sat 22 Apr

AGM and conference followed by fringe activities (Health and Safety, What Makes a Successful Branch. The True Cost of Beer, Promoting Cask and Increasing Footfall). Members' Bar open lunchtime and evening. Ticketed events in the evening include a cider tasting with Mike from the Cider Hole, a guided heritage pub walk and brewery tours at Abbeydale, Chantry, Stancill, Toolmakers and Triple Point.

## Sun 23 Apr

Conference in the morning, Members' Bar open early afternoon.



# Blast from the past

While having a bit of clean, one of the staff at the Rutland Arms in the City Centre found a 20 year-old relic down the back of a radiator - a 2003 edition of Beer Matters!

While flicking through and reminiscing about various pubs we've lost since then, we came across this page with a few of that year's Pub of the Month winners.

At the top is Tom & Barbara Boulding of Fagan's, who featured on the cover of last month's issue in celebration of their welldeserved retirement after running the pub for 38 years!

Also featured is Brian Johnson of the Bath Hotel. who returned to run the pub last year after Thornbridge ended their lease.



# Pub heritage guides

The latest edition of the book, Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs is currently in production and is expected to be available for the forthcoming national CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference 2023.

Compared to the previous edition, this new expanded, 128 page issue, includes over 70 new images.

In addition, we are also producing a 32 page booklet, Sheffield Pub Heritage Walk (from the University Arms to Fagan's).

Both will be available from local outlets and by mail (email pubheritage@sheffield.camra.org.uk).

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As you left their recent (excellent) beer festival, I'm sure you all spotted the pane of glass above the inner entrance door at Shakespeares. Apparently, this was acquired at an auction some years ago, but where did it originate?

It could be Arkwright's Brewery (2011): originally based at The Real Ale Shop, Lovat Road, Preston. The shop closed in 2014 and the brewery relocated and upgraded to a 10 Bbl plant. In 2015 it was renamed Darkwave Brewing, ceasing production in 2018. Arkwright's beer was available at nearby Fat Cat in August 2013.

Or perhaps, it's from the set of the Ronnie Barker Open All Hours TV series (1976/1985) - the name above the shop is Arkwright.

Any ideas?

Dave Pickersgill & **Lucienne Pinglewick** 

# Inn Brief

Following the retirement of Tom & Barbara from running Fagan's pub, a new consortium have taken on the lease (the pub is owned by Heineken's Star Pub Company). They have revealed their plans in Exposed magazine, with the main changes being the end of the hot food service, new opening hours (no longer open in the daytime on weekdays, but open until 1:30am at the weekend). a bit of decorating and the introduction of a card payment machine! The consortium is made up of the Rockingham Group's James O'Hara and James Hill (they run Picture House Social, Great Gatsby and Public cocktail bar), Matt Helders, Warp's Mark Herbert and Niall Shamma, Ian Stayner, David House, Ben Pickup and Tom

Conor threw a party at the **Dog** & Partridge on 10 February to celebrate running the pub for ten years. As well as a buffet and birthday cake, there were drinks on offer at retro prices including all the cask ales at £3 a pint. There was talk of a 2013 music playlist too, but apparently the music that year was terrible! A short speech was made by Conor featuring his best Mrs Dovle impression. for those that are a fan of Father Ted!

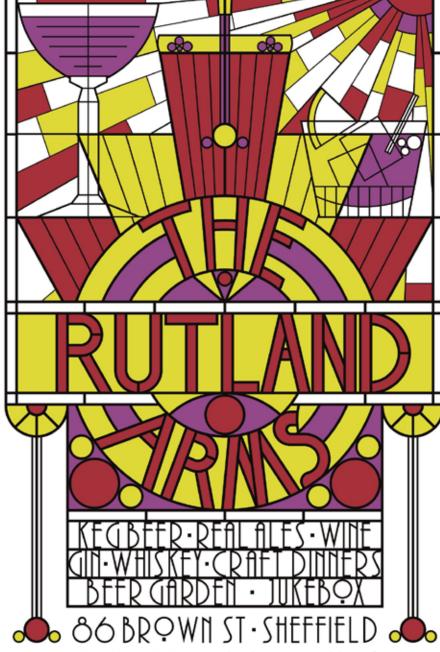
The Gardeners Rest is hosting an event with Drone Valley Community Brewery from 2 to 5 March with eight of their beers on the bar. Paul & Craig from the brewery will be presenting a talk about the brewery on the opening day of the event, while on

> the Sunday afternoon there will be live music with Tom Killner.

The Railway (pictured left) at Wadsley Bridge now opens every day. The new opening hours are 17:30-22:30 Monday to Thursday (different hours if Sheffield Wednesday are playing at home), 16:00-23:00 on Fridays, midday to midnight on Saturdays and 14:00-22:00 on Sundays. There is regular live music now too, normally on a Friday night. Additionally sport

is shown on the TV screens of this classic multi-roomed pub.

The British Oak (pictured left) at Mosborough, owned by True North Brewery is expected to close for a couple of weeks in early April for a refurbishment, which will include new interior design and changes to the beer garden.



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O'Hara.

# Masons Arms

The Masons Arms, Carson Road in Crookes is now open every day and selling real ale.

Crookes

Gav and Rhiann are running the pub, opening at 4pm Monday and Tuesday and 12 noon the rest of the week, with a full list of opening times displayed in the window.

Sharp's Doombar, Bradfield Farmer's Blonde and a rotating guest beer, usually from a Sheffield brewery, are available - a similar range to their sister pub the Shoulder of Mutton at Worrall.

There are two rooms and an enclosed outside drinking area, which is suitable for families. A pool table and dartboard plus dominoes and other board games are there for customers to enjoy. Quiz night is on Wednesday starting at 8pm with drinks vouchers to be won and a complementary buffet.

John Beardshaw

# Inn Brief

Work has begun to convert a shop unit into a sister venue to Ecclesall Road's Beer House, which was among the first micropubs to open in the city. The new one is to be located on the inbound platform of Hillsborough tram

The **Old House** on Devonshire Street in Sheffield City Centre has closed as a True North Brewery venue, and by the time this issue of *Beer Matters* is out should have had a refurbishment and reopened as a Vocation Brewery bar.

Various pubs in Dronfield have announced they will be once again teaming up on the first Saturday in June to put on the One Valley Festival. This year that is 3 June.

Heist Brew Co. are celebrating their sixth birthday at their tap room this April, with collaboration beers, tap takeovers and more.

A photograph of the huge bottle of Henderson's Relish on an optic behind the bar of the **Dorothy Pax** (pictured above) recently went viral after Elliot from the Antics Improv comedy troupe did a shot to be convinced it really was Hendo's in the bottle. It was installed to provide emergency rations to those living on boats in Victoria Quay who have run short at dinner time!

In related news, the next Antics Improvised comedy show at the Dorothy Pax bar is on 23 March from 7:30pm. No tickets required, just pay what you feel in the collection bucket!

The Woodseats branch of Sports Shack has closed and following a refit will reopen under the same ownership as the **Bulldog**, where the focus is on value for money, with a promise to price

> match the nearby Wetherspoons!

> > The changes probably won't include the introduction of cask beer at this venue but let us know if they do!

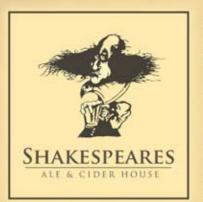
The **Graduate** on Surrey Street and Cavendish on West Street reportedly no longer serve real ale.

The Bull's Head at Ranmoor has closed pending a new tenant taking it on (it's a pub company lease).

The Plough on Sandygate Road (near the Hallam FC football ground) has been demolished and the land is up for sale.

The Rose House at Walkley is closed and boarded up (again, this is a pub company lease and awaiting a new tenant to take it on).







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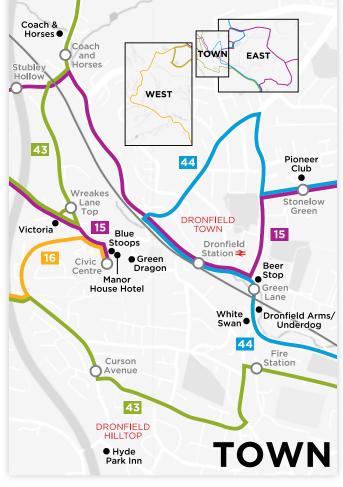


Dronfield is a small town just south of Sheffield over the county boundary in Derbyshire. It can be reached by train in about ten minutes or Stagecoach bus 43/44 provides a regular service from Sheffield with a Silver DayRider ticket offering good value all day travel on Stagecoach services.

The town centre is in two parts. "Dronny Bottom" in the vallev where the rail station is, from there head uphill via Church Street past, vou've guessed it, the church, and onto the High Street where the more modern civic centre has been built alongside the historic buildings.

There are a number of pubs and bars in the town centre, plus more in the suburbs and surrounding villages, which are linked to Dronfield Civic Centre by local rural buses 15 and 16, also operated by Stagecoach.

The area is surprisingly good for real ale and craft beer, partly down to having its own local CAMRA branch which was previously part of Sheffield & District and partly down to being home to some great enterprising publicans and brewers, who jointly put on a beer festival every June.



#### **DRONFIELD TOWN**

Beer Stop, Callywhite Ln. Small, specialist independent beer shop. Massive selection of craft beers in bottle and can, many of which are bottle conditioned ales. They also have interesting craft beers on draft on their keg taps, available to drink in or takeaway. Train to Dronfield station or bus 44 which stops outside.

Blue Stoops, High St. The Blue Stoops reopened in November 2016 after being

closed and becoming near derelict. After two years of bought this historical pub lease of life by completing an extensive refurbishment, including a function room. restaurant and beer garden. The Chilled Out Pub Company and has a selection of more well known national real ale brands. Buses 15/16 is a short walk away outside Sainsburv's.

closure, True North Brew Co. and gave it a completely new It has since been leased on to to the Civic Centre or bus 43

Coach & Horses. Sheffield Rd. Small, cosy pub located next to Sheffield FC's (the world's oldest football club) ground on the northern edge of Dronfield. It is operated by Thornbridge Brewery and showcases a good range of their beers and quest ales across a wide range of styles. The large outdoor drinking area is particularly popular when Sheffield FC have a home fixture, or when live music is being played. Bus 43 stops outside.

Dronfield Arms. Chesterfield Rd.

The Dronfield Arms became Dronfield's first brewpub when a brewery kit was installed downstairs in the former restaurant in 2015. This is on display to customers through a glass panel in the floor of the main bar. The original brewery name was Hopjacker, which has been disbanded although the name still appears around the pub. A new brewery, Temper, are leasing the kit and brewing without tie to the pub. The Arms features a very long bar, with the real ale dispensed at the top end which has a large comfortable seating area. Also on the bar are several keg fonts including KeyKeg. There is an outside raised seating area at the rear of the pub. Train to Dronfield station or bus 44 stops at the nearby post office.

Green Dragon, Church St. Cosy historical pub with the addition of a heated outdoor drinking area constructed alongside the car park. Selection of well known real ales, both local and national.

Operates as a traditional local midweek with auiz nights Monday and Thursday, while it becomes a livelier town centre venue at the weekend with a DJ Friday nights and entertainment Saturday nights. Train or 44 bus to Dronfield station or bus 15/16 to the Civic Centre.

Manor House Hotel, High St.

The Manor House is a beautiful 15th century Grade II listed building, full of original features and olde world charm. and located in the centre of the historic town of Dronfield. The vibrant bar and restaurant are both very popular with local residents and hotel guests. DJ plays on most Friday nights - either in the bar or the heated outdoor drinking area behind the hotel. Abbeydale Moonshine available on handpump. Buses 15/16 to Civic Centre.

Pioneer Club. Stonelow Rd. A family orientated, award winning club where all visitors are welcome. Membership is not required to drink in the lounge bar, although members enjoy a discount. Satellite sports channels are available. A varied programme of entertainment is planned for the Concert Room. Extensively refurbished to provide a cheerful and welcoming atmosphere. Four real ales on the bar including some local beers. Buses 15 and 44 stop at the end of the drive.

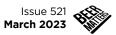
**Underdog**. Chesterfield Rd. Following an extensive refurbishment of the former Smiffy's Bar (previously a cafe) the Underdog opened its doors in September 2019. It is a large single room with a very high ceiling, wooden floors and is furnished in a contemporary design. The long bar hosts five real ales. four ever changing, and several keg lines including some interesting craft options alongside a varied selection of spirits. The bar welcomes dogs and children (check times restrictions) but not vaping. Train to Dronfield station or bus 44 stops at the nearby post office.

Victoria, Stubley Ln. Traditional, friendly street corner boozer. Although the Vic is in the town centre, it is a proper local featuring reasonably priced real ales, comfortable corners, pool table, darts and football on the TV. Bus 43 stops around the corner outside Sainsbury's.

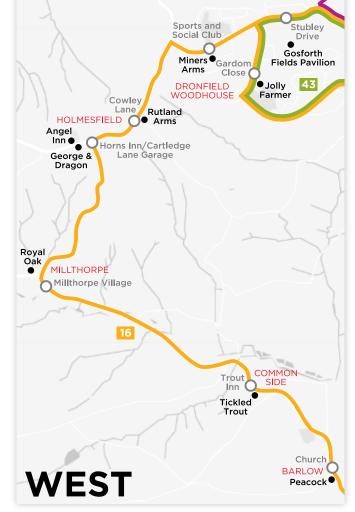
White Swan, Chesterfield Rd. Reopened following refurbishment in 2018, this is a classic town centre pub. Two rooms - one a comfortable lounge and the other containing a pool table with sport on TV. Two real ales available. Beer garden accessed via a door at the back of the lounge. Train to Dronfield station or bus 44 stops at the nearby post office.

# **DRONFIELD HILLTOP**

Hyde Park Inn, Hilltop Rd. A traditional country inn on the western outskirts of Dronfield. Food served until 9pm. Nice beer garden in summer months. Quiz night Thursday. Bus 43 stops a short walk away on Gosforth Lane.







#### **DRONFIELD WOODHOUSE**

# Gosforth Fields Pavillion.

Bubnell Rd. Dronfield's premier field sports facility. Open to the general public. Two bars, both with TV sport. Function room available for hire. Opening times are approximate and may vary according to times of televised sporting events. The facilities are jointly owned and operated by Dronfield Town FC, AFC Dronfield and Dronfield

Rugby Club. Two real ales available. Bus 43 a short walk away on Stubley Lane.

Jolly Farmer, Pentland Rd. A former Shipstone's house. the Jolly Farmer was renamed in the late nineties from the Gorsey Brigg and retains much of the artificial rustic character it was given then. Different levels and alcoves give this large pub a very intimate feel. Up to six real ales available, usually including some local guests. Bus 43 stops close by.

Miners Arms. Carr Ln Situated in Dronfield Woodhouse this pub serves the local community. The Miners reopened late August 2022 after a two-year closure. Entertainment Thursdays and Fridays. Real ale is usually Timothy Taylor Landlord. Bus 16 stops right outside.

#### HOLMESFIELD

Angel Inn, Main Rd Traditional freshly prepared gluten and dairy free pub food and at least one gluten free cask beer always available. A comfortable bar area for non-diners is available in addition to the main dining room and conservatory. Beer terrace at front and beer garden at rear popular in summer. Bus 16 is a short walk away.

George & Dragon, Main Rd Popular refurbished (2020) stone built pub opposite the church with a main bar plus comfortable snug featuring a log burning stove. Outdoor decking area popular in summer. Four upstairs rooms converted in 2021 for guest accommodation including one pet friendly room and one family room. Bus 16 is a short walk away.

Rutland Arms. Main Rd A popular traditional village country pub with open fires and low wooden beams which offers a relaxing, warm and snug atmosphere. Up to six well kept cask ales available. A handsome collection of Wards breweriana is contained throughout the pub. Extensive outdoor seating

area with grassed children's play area. Bus 16 stops outside the pub.

# **MILLTHORPE**

Royal Oak. Cordwell Ln A delightful traditional stone built country pub with the main bar and small separate room. Bus 16 stops close by.

# **COMMON SIDE**

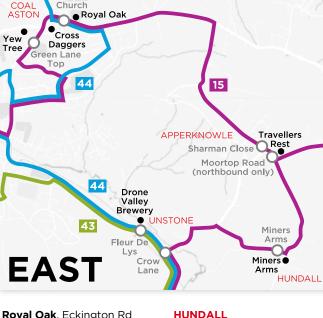
Tickled Trout. Valley Rd Recently re-opened after an extensive refurbishment and enlargement. Food locally sourced with Italian inspiration. Bus 16 stops close by.

# **BARLOW**

Peacock. Hackney Ln Large pub, smart and comfortable. Extensive menu available starting with breakfast from 9:00 am. A Micro Brewery (Collyfobble Brewery) to supply in-house needs and those of the nearby Tickled Trout opened in July 2017. Guest accommodation is available. Charging point for electric cars installed in the car park (purchase tokens from the bar). Bus 16 stops close by.

#### **COAL ASTON**

Cross Daggers, Brown Ln A comfortable and welcoming true village local tucked away in the heart of Coal Aston. The Cross Daggers is a 19th century pub which has been home to Landlord, Anthony Hutchinson since 2000. A viewing window in the floor shows the immaculate cellar below. Bus 15 stops on the main road nearby.



Royal Oak, Eckington Rd A traditional village local, also known as the Pond. Buses 15 and 44 pass the pub.

Methodist

Yew Tree. Holmlev Ln A large one room pub, split into two levels. Traditional, old style decor, clean and spacious. Pool table. Live music some weekends. One real ale. Bus 15 a short walk away on Green Lane.

# **APPERKNOWLE**

Travellers Rest, High St A constantly changing range of cask beers and cider/perries are a feature of this traditional country pub at the edge of the village. The outdoor drinking area provides sweeping views over the Drone Valley - one of the best views in Derbyshire. Good quality food is available at all times, with the cheese platters and pork pies being noteworthy. Bus 15 passes the front door and stops close by.

Miners Arms. Hundall Ln A compact, cosy and comfortable wet-led traditional pub with a well-appointed beer garden. Multi-awardwinning pub at local and regional levels which hosts up to five quality real ales, including the nearby community Drone Valley Brewery and numerous ciders and perries. Extremely dog friendly, games and TV sports areas. Oversized lined pint glasses used, limited bar snack served at all times. Bus 15 will drop you outside the pub.

# UNSTONE

#### **Drone Valley Brewery.**

**Unstone Industrial Complex** A brewery run by a community interest society, their tap room operates in a marquee next to the brewery at the weekend. Bus 43/44 stops on the main road at the end of the drive.











# Abbeydale

We always look forward to March here at Abbevdale Brewery, as it means it's time for Sheffield Beer Week! This year taking place 6-12 March, there's absolutely loads going on all around our wonderful beery city, so do check out the events listings and support your local breweries and venues.

We've got a special collaboration due to launch for the occasion, brewed in conjunction with Sheffield Beer Week and Indie Beer Feast. **Cloud Peak** is a 4.8% mountain style cryo-hopped session IPA, packed with the big hitting combination of Citra, Cascade and Mosaic. Soft and fluffy with a crisp, bitter finish. This one will be available exclusively from Indie Beer Feast at Trafalgar Warehouse and Hop Hideout from Friday 3 March in keg, with the first pour on cask taking place at the Rising Sun, Fulwood on Monday 6 March. It'll then be available in cask, keg and can more widely while stocks last!

Look out later in the month for our other collaboration too. which will be brewed during Sheffield Beer Week and hopefully out by the end of March. It's the next in our **Deliverance** 

series, this time a bold 7.2% West Coast IPA which we're brewing with Newcastle's Full Circle Brew Co. Showcasing Galaxy in the whirlpool, before dry-hopping with Idaho 7. Amarillo and Eureka. Pithy and piney with notes of pomelo and pink grapefruit.

In cask only. Citra is up next for our single-hopped Through the Hopback series (4.0%). As the name suggests, packed with citrus character with distinctive lemony notes alongside zesty lime and floral undertones. And we're revisiting the OG Doctor Morton's beer! **Snake Oil** was first brewed in 2008, and we'd never have predicted what it started! From "newfangled beers with weird pumpclips" to an extensive and entertaining range of easy drinking pale ales. Although the look has more recently been updated we've kept a strong hold on the humour and eccentricities this series brings.

We're also pretty excited that Spring is in the air once more, and so it's time for our annual release of *Reverie*, our 4.2% sessionable dry-hopped pale ale. Always a lovely one to eniov on those first warm(ish) al fresco evenings!

# **Brewery Bits**

brewSocial's new beer in January was Nice Drop, a single-hopped blonde beer. Large quantities of pilsner malt in the mash give a pleasant mouthfeel. Harlequin hops impart tropical fruit notes, and a pronounced bitter finish. February saw Crackin' Nuts go on sale, a 4% ABV chestnut ale.

The St Mars of the Desert taproom was sadly broken into on Christmas Dav and damaged plus items stolen. Community rallied round and helped Dann and Martha get it tidied up. In more positive news they have recently brewed a collaboration beer with Ossett brewerv. Amere Biere, a hazy French bitter.

**Grizzly Grains** launched a couple of new bottled beers in January - The Biggest Dimple (8.8% ABV, a parti-gyle with their Big Dimples Mild), Feste (a strong saison at 9.3% ABV). February saw their first cask beer of the year brewed, using low carbon Chinook hops. They've also got a pop up taproom arrangement set up in the brewery now, which saw it's first opening on 15 February taking advantage of being close to Bramall Lane stadium to cater for pre-match drinks demand!

Loxley Brewery produced a new citrussy, hoppy easy going pale ale in January



called First Totem Pole. celebrating an obscure reference to the first ever totem pole having a raven on top!

Talking of Loxley Brewery, they celebrated their fifth birthday with a bash at the Wisewood Inn at the end of February.

Beer Ink of Huddersfield has brewed a Sheffield collaboration to be launched at the Rutland Arms during Sheffield Beer Week. They have worked with Bullion Chocolate and Frazer's Coffee Roasters to make two special beers. There is also a limited edition blend of the two to create a coffee Mocha Stout!



**Bradfield Brewery con**tinue to work through their roster of seasonal beers in 2023 with Farmers Blushed out for Valentines Day with Farmers *Irish Dexter* replacing it in time for St Patricks Day. Later in March look out for Farmers Plumb Bitter then of course for the World Snooker Championships in April will be CruciBULL Ale.



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Dog & Partridge Trippet Lane

Pub of the Month March 2023

This pub which dates back to 1796 has a unique frontage including the pub name and "Gilmours Windsor Ales & Stouts". It also has some modern wall graffiti art outside on Bailey Street.

It compromises of four different rooms each with some original and unique features including real fireplaces in both the snug and rear room. The snug is largely unaltered retaining features including bell pushes from their table service days together with the original door and fixed seating. The central bar has a range of cask and keg beers - four rotating cask beers often include offerings from Stancil, Abbeydale and other local breweries including a stout.

Conor who took over as landlord in 2012 has recently become free of any brewery ties. This popular pub has regular events including a weekly quiz, weekly folk evening and shows maior sport events on the TV screens.

Congratulations to all involved with the Dog and Partridge including Conor and his team.

**Paul Manning** 

# **JOIN US!**

The presentation is planned for the evening of Tuesday 14 March and all are welcome to join the celebration and perhaps enjoy the usual pub quiz from 7pm beforehand.









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# Join us again for a ramble and ale!

Sheffield has many great pubs and green spaces within, and around, its boundaries. Now they are open again it's time for us to get our boots on and go for our drinks further afield - do ioin us!

Once again we invite you to join us on visits to some of our local pubs and villages in the countryside in and surrounding Sheffield using public transport.

Sheffield CAMRA RambAles are walks and a few drinks with friends. We hope you can join us for one, or more, of them.

# **Woodseats Wander**

# Sat 8 Apr

Meet at Guzzle Micropub. Chesterfield Road, Woodseats at 14:00 (24, 25, 43, 75, 76, X17 buses). Then via Graves Park up to the Mount Pleasant and Cross Scythes on Derbyshire Lane and then down to the

Heeley Triangle pubs: Brothers Arms, Sheaf View and White Lion.

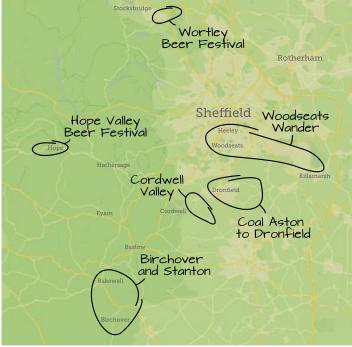
# **Birchover and Stanton** Sat 20 May

09:40 218 from Sheffield Interchange to Bakewell, to connect with 11:00 172 bus to Birchover for the Druid; then via Stanton stone circles to the Flying Childers at Stanton in Peak: followed by the Grouse & Claret at Rowsley. Bus back to Bakewell for Joiners Arms and/or bus back to Sheffield.

# **Coal Aston to Dronfield**

Sat 17 Jun

11:56 44 bus from Flat Street to Coal Aston for c12:30 arrival. Royal Oak will be our first call, then SCW to the Gate at Troway: Then onto the Traveller's **Rest** at Apperknowle and the Miners Arms at Hundall; and onwards to the pubs of Dronfield.



# **Wortley Beer Festival**

Jul (TBA, probably) Bus to Deepcar, King & Miller. for 12:15; walk up to Wortley. Bus back to Sheffield.

# **Hope Valley Beer Festival** Sat 26 Aug

Taking in the festival at the Old Hall Hotel in Hope.

# **Cordwell Valley**

Sep (TBA)

Including visiting Tickled Trout in Barlow, Royal Oak in Millthorpe and Angel at Holmesfield returning via Totley.

#### Oct (TBA)

We may have a late RambAle in October, but we're waiting for the football fixture lists and dates of local beer festivals to come out so we can fit our walks around them and some of these walks may have to be amended to suit the situation.

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PLEASE NOTE: All bus, tram and train times are subject to change and last minute cancellation. Please check before setting off

We aim to provide a series of walks which we hope people won't find either too long or too strenuous and most will feature a number of pubs and drop-out points where people can leave and make their own way back, by bus or train, to Sheffield if they don't fancy doing the whole walk or want to stay for another drink in a particular pub. These will also provide joining points for any latecomers.

Most timings and fares will be given in the walk's listing. Any additions or amendments will also be published in new leaflets, future editions of Beer Matters

or on the branch website, or by contacting the RambAles coordinator on 07842 530128 or rambale@sheffield.camra.org. uk who can also be contacted if vou need any more information on any of these walks.

Everyone is welcome to join us on any of these walks but they are advised to come suitably equipped for the day's walking, which may be rough, wet and muddy in places. You should also come prepared for the possibility of changeable and inclement weather. In most cases you will also need to bring (or be able to buy) sufficient food and drink for yourself for the day.

Malcolm & Jenny





# Sheffield Beer Week

# The city-wide event returns

Sheffield Beer Week returns in 2023 for it's ninth event with a renewed vigour around their key strand, 'Going Back To Our Beer Roots'. Focusing on showcasing the brilliantly brewed Sheffield beer from breweries within the City Region. Ongoing core strands include Beer and Food, Community and Heritage; with additional strands including International Women's Day events and celebrating our access to vital green spaces under The Outdoor City banner.

Sheffield breweries Tapped Brew Co. Little Critters, Heist, Loxley, Abbeydale (look out for their Cloud Peak session IPA with Sheffield Beer Week and Indie Beer Feast!)

and True North are already planning special beers for the week, with further breweries to announce more. Tapped Brew Co, housed at The Sheffield Tap pub, are even planning a live brewing day during the week, so watch this space for further details on that! Saint Mars of the Desert and Stancill breweries are hosting open tap days, whilst the rejuvenated Kelham Island Brewery will be highlighting its flagship beer Pale Rider, which started the 'beer journey' for many people in the city.

Visit Sheffield's The Festival of the Outdoors has become a vibrant month of annual activities in March itself and to tie in Sheffield Beer Week is hosting a number of events under this banner. Local historian Dave Pickersgill, editor of CAMRA's Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs. will be hosting his popular heritage pub and brewery walks. There will be a number of running events too including a trail club organised by Abbevdale Brewery and their Rising Sun pub and Hop Hideout beer shop's all abilities

welcome run social.

As always there'll be a celebration of great independent brewed beer from across Sheffield, the UK and beyond with venues Jabbarwocky, The Crow Inn, Rutland Arms, Kelham Island Tavern, Sheffield Tap, Heist Brew Co., Stancill Brewery, Brewery of St Mars of the Desert, Craft & Berry, Hop Hideout, Beer Central. True North pubs and Shakespeares Ale & Cider House already planning events. Look out for more venues and events to be added on their website via the 2023 events listing.

On the weekend of 3-4 March, to kick-off the week, Sheffield's craft beer festival. Indie Beer Feast launches. A celebration of great in-



dependent craft beer with brewery bars, street food, low intervention wines and fine cider. The beer festival champions and supports The Everyone Welcome initiative. British Guild of Beer Writers' members and leading UK award-winning beer writers Adrian Tierney-Jones and Pete Brown will be heading up to host pop-up tastings and to judge the Indie Beer Feast 'Beer of the Festival'. Breweries pouring include Sheffield outfits Saint Mars of the Desert, Heist, Triple Point and Abbeydale. In addition to Manchester's

> Lancashire's Rivington Brewing Co, Birmingham's Attic Brew Co. Hitchin's Crossover Blendery, London's The Kernel, Rock Leopard and Wild Card Brewery, Huddersfield's Beer Ink, Macclesfield's

Sureshot, Liverpool's Neptune,

Redwillow, Suffolk's Little Earth Project and County Durham's Mc-Coll's Brewery. They'll also awardwinning Sheffield beer shop Hop Hideout hosting a bar and bottle shop, in addition to low intervention Italian wines from importers Naturally Wines.

Check over the page for a list of announced events and find out more at sheffieldbeerweek.co.uk.

If you are planning on spending the week using public transport to explorer Sheffield and visit venues. you can get timetables and maps from Travel South Yorkshire and buy a weekly CityWide bus and tram pass from Travelmaster.





# **Announced events**

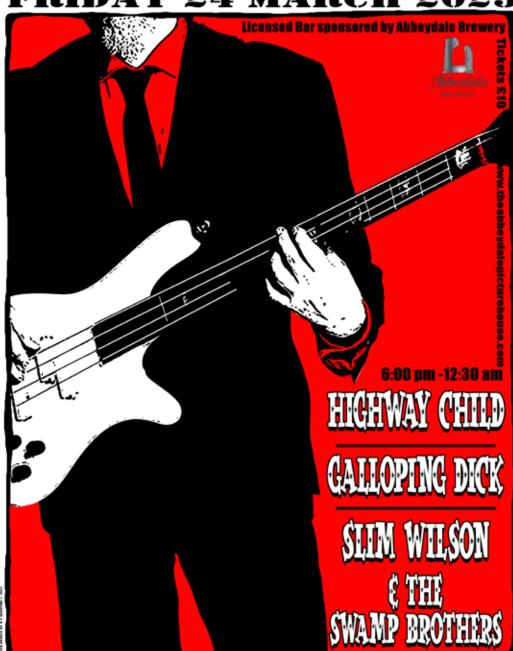
Here are the events that had been announced at our time of going to press to give you some ideas - the latest list and more details can be found at **sheffieldbeerweek.co.uk**.



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Thu 2		Bear	Rivington Meet the Brewer
		Gardeners Rest	Drone Valley Tap Takeover and Meet the Brewer
		Heist Brew Co.	Attic Brew Co Hosted Beer & Snacks Tasting
		Pangolin	Sureshot Tap Takeover and Meet the Brewer
		Sheffield Tap	Neptune Tap Takeover and Meet the Brewer
Fri 3		Brewdog	Lost Industry & Steel City Pouring
		Hop Hideout	Funk Frolics
		St Mars of the Desert	Taproom Opening
		Trafalgar Warehouse	Indie Beer Feast
Sat 4		Jabbarwocky	New Bristol Brewery Tap Takeover
Sun 5		Fat Cat	Pub and Industrial Heritage Guided Walk
Mon 6		Rising Sun	Gluten free beer talk and tasting
		True North (various venues)	Salt collaboration beer launch
Tue 7		Rutland Arms	Beer Ink/Bullion Chocolate/Frazers Coffee Collab Launch
Wed 8		Boston Arms	Thornbridge Rare Bottle Tasting
		Hallamshire House	Brew by Numbers Tap Takeover
		Hop Hideout	A Tale of Two Women with Little Pomona
		Lescar	Live Jazz
		Sheffield Tap	Tapped Brew Co Live Brew and Showcase
Thu 9		Crow Inn	Battle of the Beers
		Boston Arms	<b>Exale</b> Meet the Brewer
		Heist Brew Co.	Veil & Mortalis Tap Takeover
		Lost Industry Brewing	International Women's Collaboration Brew Day
		Neepsend Social Club	Thornbridge Meet the Brewer and Beer Menu
		Stags Head	<b>Deya</b> Tap Takeover
		University Arms	Pub Heritage Guided Walk
Fri 10		Broadfield	Track Tap Takeover
		Shakespeares & Crow Inn	Brodie's Tap Takeover
		St Mars of the Desert	Tap Room Opening
Sat 11	Uo	Hop Hideout	Running Club



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# Festival guide

# **February**

# **Rotherham Real Ale & Music**

Thu 23 - Sat 25 Feb

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

# 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. Advance tickets advisable, more on their website.

# **Scarborough CAMRA**

Thu 9 - Sun 12 Mar

Up to 36 beers and 12 ciders at the Corporation Club on Dean Road in Scarborough.

# **April**

# **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 festi-

val bar and entertainment. A festival food stall usually operates alongside the pub's own menu. The pub is in Hope on bus routes 271/272 or a ten minute walk from Hope station.

## **Mallard**

Thu 20 - Tue 25 Apr

The St George's Day edition of the Mallard's regular beer festival at the pub, located at Worksop railway station (Sheffield-Gainsborough-Lincoln line). Look out for details on their Facebook page.

# CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference 2023

Fri 21 - Sun 23 Apr

We're hosting this event, which includes a members' bar showcasing local breweries, at the Octagon Centre!

# May

# **Hope Valley**

Fri 28 Apr - Mon 1 May

The May Day edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular bank holiday beer & cider festival.

# **Hope Valley**

Fri 5 - Mon 8 May

The Royal Coronation edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular bank holiday beer & cider festival.

# **Barrow Hill Rail Ale**

Thu 18 - Sat 20 May

The atmospheric beer & cider festival in the railway roundhouse featuring drinks, trains, music, food and more. A special shuttle bus operates there from Chesterfield railway station or the Stage-

coach bus 90 runs there from Chesterfield town centre and Whittington Moor. More details and advance tickets are on the festival website.

## Ridgeway

Sat 20 May

Multi pub based event in the village of Ridgeway with beer, music and charity fundraising. Bus 252 Sheffield-Crystal Peaks goes there.

## Lincoln CAMRA

Thu 25 - Sat 27 May

At the Drill. Details on their website. Regular Northern trains run Sheffield-Lincoln.

## **Hope Valley**

Fri 26 - Mon 29 May

The spring edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular bank holiday beer & cider festival.

# June

# One Valley (Dronfield)

Sat 3 Jun

A number of pubs, social clubs and breweries around Dronfield and nearby villages jointly put on something of a party featuring food, drink and music. Stagecoach buses 15, 16, 43 and 44 link most venues with the town centre venues walkable from Dronfield railway station.

# **August**

# **Hope Valley**

Fri 25 - Mon 28 Aug

The late summer edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular bank holiday beer & cider festival.

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# Branch diary

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# Pub heritage guided walk

# 2pm Sun 5 Mar

Organised as part of Sheffield Beer Week, this walk is in the Kelham Island and Neepsend area and goes from the Fat Cat to Alder bar. It is led by Dave Pickersgill, editor of Sheffield's Real Heritage Pub book. Advance booking is required.

#### **Branch meeting**

# 8pm Tue 7 Mar

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 Fat Cat

# Pub heritage guided walk

#### 5pm Thu 9 Mar

Organised as part of Sheffield Beer Week, this walk is in the City Centre and goes from the University Arms to Fagan's. It is led by Dave Pickersgill, editor of Sheffield's Real Heritage Pub book. Advance booking is required.

#### **Pub of the Month award**

#### 8pm Tue 14 Mar

We are at the Dog & Partridge in Sheffield City Centre to present their award certificate and enjoy a few beers.

#### Festival planning meeting

# 8pm Tue 21 Mar

We continue planning our 2023 Steel City Beer & Cider Festival at this meeting held upstairs at the Gardeners Rest.

# **Committee meeting**

# 8pm Tue 28 Mar

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

#### **Branch meeting**

# 8pm Tue 4 Apr

The venue this month is TBD.

#### RambAle

# 2pm Sat 8 Apr

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk, usually in the countryside, with a real ale pub or two. We're starting off with an easy one - the Woodseats Wander, meeting at Guzzle micropub and then heading off through Graves Park. Buses 24, 25, 43, 44, 75, 76, 76a or X17 will get you

# Festival planning meeting

#### 8pm Tue 18 Apr

TBC - this falls during the Members Weekend bar setup!

# **CAMRA Members Weekend, AGM & Conference**

Fri 21 - Sun 23 Apr Details at camra.org.uk/agm.

#### **Committee meeting**

8pm Tue 25 Apr Dog & Partridge.

#### **Branch meeting**

## 8pm Tue 2 May

The venue this month is TBD.

# **Festival planning meeting**

# 8pm Tue 16 May

Upstairs at the Gardeners.

## RambAle

# Sat 20 May

Bus out to Bakewell, heading to Birchover and Stanton.

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