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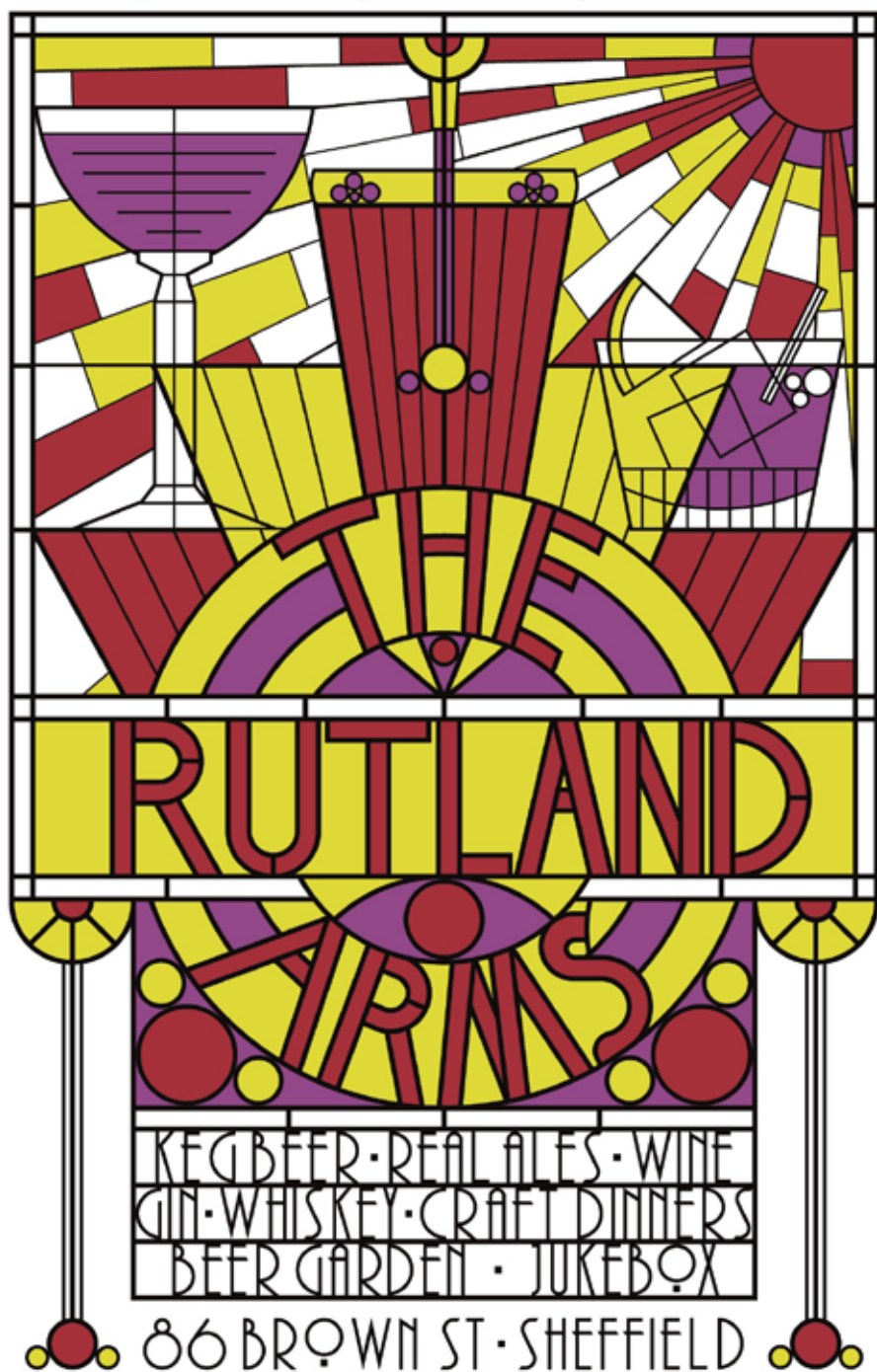


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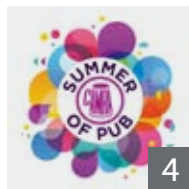
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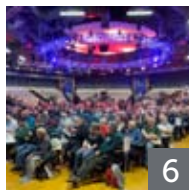
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CAMRA regional review

A working group has over the last year been looking at how the volunteering hierarchy works. It is structured with branches reporting to a regional director who reports to the national executive.

Issues have been identified with how the regions are working and some changes have been recommended. One of these affects Sheffield & District branch which currently straddles both Yorkshire and East Midlands, creating the complication of working with two different regional directors.

Therefore, the proposal is for the Derbyshire part of Sheffield & District to be separated and ideally give the Peak District part (primarily the Hope Valley and out towards Buxton as far as Millers Dale) its own branch, run by members who live in the area.

If you are a CAMRA member in the Derbyshire part of our branch and would be interested in joining a committee of locals running a new branch, please get in touch. It will include organising meetings and socials in the area, surveying the pubs and encouraging them to provide any news. There are also two breweries in the area (Intrepid and Eyam) to coordinate with and update on the CAMRA Brewery Information System. The branch will also need to run an awards programme, choose which pubs go in the *Good Beer Guide* and attend East Midlands regional meetings.



Summer of Pub

Summer of Pub is CAMRA's summer-long campaign to promote pub and club-going, highlighting the social and cultural importance of the UK's pubs and social clubs. It launched in May and runs to September, when the 2024 edition of the *Good Beer Guide* is published.

It's been a tough winter for the licensed trade with energy and business costs skyrocketing, so we feel now it is especially important to encourage you to get out and enjoy our great pubs and clubs this summer!

Summer of Pub kicked off on a bank holiday which didn't exactly see great weather but it was the weekend of the Coronation. Pubs played a big role in facilitating communities getting together for "a bit of a do", whether that involved bunting, entertainment and showing the ceremony on TV or providing an alternative event for those who weren't interested – such as the **Dog & Partridge** who, instead of a coronation party, ran a fundraiser for the Shelter homeless charity and a collection for the S6 Foodbank.

There are various pub based events coming up over the summer including beer and music festivals, organisers of which are invited to submit their events for national listing online at camra.org.uk and our own local festival guide.

Of course, as the weather turns warm and dry for the summer (well occasionally, this is England after all!), thoughts turn to outdoor drinking and we have some great options in our area. You don't even need to head out to a country pub. We have waterside options at places like **Dorothy Pax, Riverside and Gardeners Rest**, hidden away City Centre beer gardens and patios at pubs like the **Washington or University Arms**, and suburban pubs offering a great view over the city such as the **Brothers Arms**. Meanwhile, head to an area like Kelham Island where you can do a crawl of urban beer gardens and yards at pubs like **Shakespeares, West Bar Tap, Kelham Island Tavern, Fat Cat, Wellington, Crow Inn, Grafters Bar, Millowners Arms, Happy's Bar, Alder** and more!

If the weather does prove to be a bit more British and wet this summer then of course pubs are indoors and provide a great place to get together with friends, enjoy a nice beer and maybe a bite to eat! Alternatively if you are on your own and bored head to a pub with entertainment such as live music!



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Members' Weekend

Our report on the successful event

CAMRA Sheffield & District recently hosted the 2023 national CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference on April 21-23 at the Octagon and adjacent Students' Union building. There were 790 attendees, including 77 from our branch area. We previously hosted this event in both 1991 and 2011 and were also due to host the 50th anniversary conference in 2021 but this was cancelled due to Covid.

The weekend included fringe events, brewery visits (both formal and informal), a tutored cider tasting and a guided pub heritage walk.

There was also a members' bar. Construction commenced on Tuesday 18 April. During that day, all 63 cask beers were stillaged. By the

end of Thursday, all beers were vented, tapped and labelled. The bar opened at 4pm on Friday 21 and closed, never to reopen, two days later. Visitors also took the opportunity to sample many of the 300+ beers which were available across the city in our excellent breweries and pubs.

We've had lots of positive feedback from the brewery visits: the friendliness, the knowledge and the variety. After one visit, a visitor commented, in amazement, 'the finance guy knew about brewing...' apparently, this is unknown in her part of the UK. Not in Sheffield.

In addition, two new Sheffield pub heritage publications were available; over one in ten attendees purchasing a copy. As one happy customer said, 'The updated *Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs* book and *Sheffield Pub Heritage Walk* booklet are both exemplary publications - well worth every penny.'

Feedback from the weekend has been very positive. The members' bar was highly praised: 'Whoever was in charge of the beer

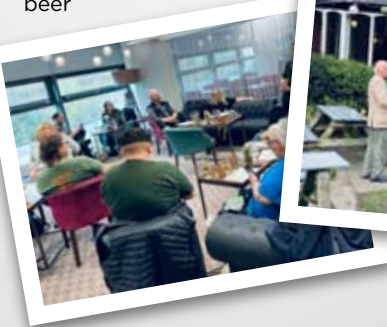
selections; well done! I converted from IPAs to darks after volunteering at Eastbourne last year and the range and taste of the darks was incredible.'

Other positive comments included:

'All packed and ready to exit Sheffield. It's been a fantastic venue for Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference. The team of volunteers and staff at the venue worked tirelessly to accommodate our needs. The cider tasting was one of the best.'

'The organisation was exemplary as was the beer selection and service.'

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'You and your local team hosted a great and successful event. Well done to everyone and thank you. The challenge is now on to meet, or better, the experience from Sheffield in Dundee next year.'

We believe that Sheffield 2023 will be remembered in CAMRA history as one of the best ever Members' Weekends: another winner from the best beer city in the world.

Thank you to everyone: attendees, brewers, pubs, staff and over eighty volunteers – who assisted with this event, we could not have done it without you.

Dave Pickersgill
Local Organising Committee Chair
CAMRA Members' Weekend 2023



Cider, perry and mead

People and places doing great things with the real stuff

While CAMRA is better known for banging the drum about real ale and pubs, we also campaign for better availability of proper cider and perry in pubs and bars, and have two months a year – May and October – when we are asked to make a special effort to promote cider and perry and encourage drinkers to seek it out and try it. The reason those two months are chosen is that October is typically when the apples and pears are harvested and pressed, and May is usually when new batches of cider and perry are ready and released.

When we talk about “real” cider or perry, we mean products that are made by fermenting freshly pressed juice and using only natural, genuine flavours. The vast majority of ciders on the bars in the UK are industrial products manufactured from concentrate.

Sheffield isn't exactly known for its cider scene but we do have a few people and places doing great things. The longer term stalwarts have been Liz at the **Harlequin** and Steph & Kev at the **New Barrack Tavern**, which both stock a large range of bag in box ciders with a number of them fitting CAMRA's definition of "real". Just over the border in Holmesfield, Derbyshire, we have Dick Shepley at **Woodthorpe Hall** making cider.

Since then they've been joined by **Hop Hideout** in the Kommune food hall, Sheffield City Centre, stocking an impressive selection of bottled ciders and perries as well as occasionally having a keg conditioned cider on tap. For national Cider Week in April a number of events were organised by Jules showcasing various producers and I attended a special tasting session with Albert from **Ross on Wye Cider**. While most of the flavour and character in the different ciders are down to which apple variety is used, they make a number of interesting ciders that have been fermented in oak casks, and also do blends of different vintages to maintain the right flavours.

Finally, the newest show in town, Mike Pomranz, who opened the **Cider Hole** at Shalesmoor and started making his own cider there under the **Exemption Ciderhouse** banner. He's also worked with us to host tutored tasting events at our Steel City Beer & Cider Festival and the

CAMRA Members' Weekend. Each year he also works with Heist Brew Co. to put on an annual cider festival in their tap room - this year it is planned for 15 July. The end of May saw the Cider Hole close, relocating to a new City Centre bar, the **Old Shoe** in Orchard Square, opening in partnership with Matt from **Bear** on Abbeydale Road.

You may have noticed the headline also mentioned mead (an alcoholic drink made from fermented honey) and wondered where that fitted in. Well partly because I have memories of attending certain CAMRA beer festivals years ago where the cider bar randomly had bottles of mead tucked away and I don't ever recall seeing mead on sale at any pubs or bars in that era, but also because **Grizzly Grains** brewery has been making *Sheffield Mead* in small batches using honey from Heeley City Farm with bottles available at their tap sessions. Interestingly, as well as the traditional strong mead in big bottles they also offer a session mead at a more sensible strength with a hopped version available.

However, changes are afoot on the mead front with beekeeping due to end at the farm. Honey will instead be sourced elsewhere with an opportunity to produce slightly bigger volumes as a result, and there is talk of putting mead into cask for a pub to serve on handpump.

Andy Cullen



The two Sheffield City Centre Stonegate pubs that closed for a minor refurbishment, the **Beehive** on West Street and **Globe** on Howard Street, are now both open again. They will operate as “Craft Union” venues, which are Stonegate wet led pubs run in partnership with self-employed managers and their staff. The focus is on drinks deals and entertainment with the Beehive open until 2am at the weekend with a DJ on. Cask ale remains available at the Beehive with Timothy Taylor *Landlord*, Marston's *Hobgoblin Gold* and Robinsons *Dizzy Blonde* on the bar on the opening weekend.

The **Wharnccliffe Arms** is set to close temporarily at the end of May for renovation work which will see an extension of the seating area, installation of a commercial kitchen and relocation of the bar area.

The **Ladybower Inn** reopened at the beginning of April although just serving drinks (beers, wines, spirits, cocktails and hot drinks). The kitchen was scheduled to open on 17 May, so by the time this issue of *Beer Matters* hits the pubs the food menu should have been launched. Also, by the time you read this in print, the rooms upstairs should be available to book for overnight stays.

Living in Sheffield Women's Beer Tasting

Women supporting women through collabeeration

Are you ready to raise your glass? The first Living in Sheffield 'Women's Beer Tasting', hosted alongside award-winning Sheffield beer shop, **Hop Hideout**, is happening in May. Two women collaborating together to widen the connection of community with beer. An opportunity to travel the world in flavours, stories and ingredients.

The event will take place on **Thu 25 May** at Kommune foodhall, where Hop Hideout is currently located, in a great partnership between two women who love a good pint: Livia Barreira (from Living in Sheffield) and Jules Gray (from

Hop Hideout). Tickets for the event are £10 and include four thirds of beer.

“People quite often think women don't like or don't understand about beers, which is wrong. This event is also an incredible opportunity for women in Sheffield who like a good pint, to connect and have fun”, says Livia.

Jules explains: “It will be an accessible, inclusive and fun beer tasting for women and LGBTQ+ folks as part of the Women on Tap National Festival that is taking place between 24 and 28 May all across the country”.

Children are welcome with parent(s) and food will be available to order via Kommune foodhall. Tickets for the event are available via Eventbrite.



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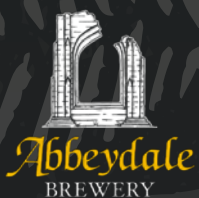


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Beer House II Hillsborough

Our friends behind Sheffield's first permanent micropub, the Beer House on Ecclesall Road, are opening a new bar in Hillsborough. It's been six months in preparation, but the aim is for a late May opening so they could already be trading by the time you read this!

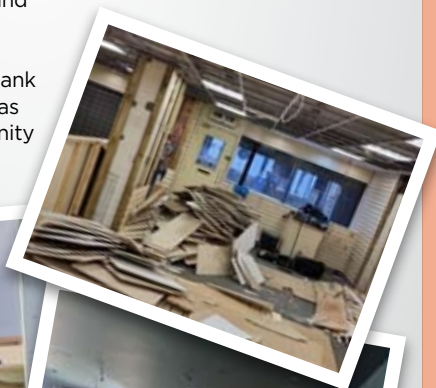
Following the same style as the original, they will have a good range of well-kept beer featuring six cask lines and five keg, as well as "Yorkshire Tapas", namely pork pies and sausage rolls!

A tie-in with the S6 Foodbank will also help local people as well as fostering a community spirit within the pub.

Positioned by the tram stop opposite the old Hillsborough baths, the new Beer House will become part of a rapidly-developing part of town. A number of interesting new bars and restaurants have opened in the last couple of years, making Hillsborough a great place for a night out.

We'll have a full report once they open.

Paul Crofts



Inn Brief

The **Cross Scythes Hotel** in Totley, which was leased from the Stonegate pub company by a local independent operator, closed on the 18 April after five years being run by Ben & Scott – a good chunk of which was through the pandemic! The pub and restaurant reopen on 12 June following refurbishment as part of Stonegate Pub & Dining chain.

The Dronfield area pubs and clubs taking part in the annual **One Valley** festival on Sat 3 Jun have been announced. The main town event involves the Victoria, Blue Stoops, Manor House Hotel, Green Dragon, White Swan, Dronfield Arms, Underdog, Jolly Farmer and Dronfield Woodhouse Sports & Social Club. Running alongside this is One Valley Extra at Drone Valley Brewery. There are four Stagecoach bus routes serving Dronfield and most of the venues – 15, 16, 43 and 44. A Silver DayRider offers all day travel on Stagecoach services in the area for £5.90 per adult or £15 for a group of five (purchased and used on Stagecoach app), or there's a £2 flat fare per ride.

The **Cremorne** on London Road has a new manager and the pub is back on form with a good range of well kept cask ales and music has returned too.

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Our collaboration with Castle Rock is due to be released and will be available in cask, keg and can. **Menelaus** is a 5.5% IPA, which blends our combined years of heritage with our collective love of creativity and innovation. Here we're celebrating the emerging array of flavours from UK grown Harlequin and Cascade, layered up with tropical overtones from Galaxy and a flourish of Loral Cryo hops for an international twist. The name comes from one of the lions which flanks the steps of Nottingham's Council House – so no prizes for working out what our return collab later in the year is going to be called!

Through the Hopback Delta (3.9%) is on the way too – Delta is a lesser known hop, and one which makes up part of the backing blend for Willamette in **Moonshine**, so it's really interesting to be able to use it in a single hopped beer and give it some room to shine! Lightly spicy in character with delicate notes of melon and citrus.

And finally, look out for **Dr Mortons Rogue Apostrophe** (4.1%), sure to infuriate English teacher's across the city!



Little Mesters

Little Mesters Brewing Co continues to grow and evolve and, in the last few weeks, the business has decided to make a progressive move by becoming a limited company and taking on a new director to help move the company forward in its brewing portfolio. To support this, they have purchased some new brewing equipment, which has just been installed in their Little Norton Brewery next to Mitchell's Wine Merchants, together with a new canning line, which will compliment the beer products soon to be introduced.



Built on traditional values, Little Mesters Brewing believes their core lines will continue to do well and the introduction of new lines will broaden their appeal to new and existing markets.

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Brewery Bits

Bradfield have renewed their sponsorship of the Sheffield Steeldogs ice hockey team.

Collyfobble, based at the Peacock in Barlow, have been tweaking a number of their beers and the latest updated brew has been their *Bob On!* best bitter. The brewer has been playing with the colour of this one and mixed up the malt bill to push it in more of a copper-amber direction. This should also bring some lovely, complex, sweet, malty flavours to balance out that solid bitterness.

Dead Parrot have been brewing small batches almost exclusively for their own tap room this year but expect to start scaling up to supply the wider trade once again later in the year. They have been taking advantage of this to produce a wide range of test brews and visitors to their Perch bar recently have enjoyed a choice of up to ten of their cask ales on the bar at the same time!

Fuggle Bunny continue to open their tap room every Friday. Additionally, they are opening on the Saturdays: 28 May, 29 July and 26 August,

then holding an Oktoberfest on Sat 30 Sep. They are also running a bus trip from the tap room for regulars fancying a change on 3 June!

Grizzly Grains have been keeping busy. Recently released in bottle is *Bigger Dimples*, a 5.7% stout which was parti-gyle brewed with *Big Dimples* dark mild, offering flavour and body from the big mash, caramel, toffee, dark chocolate, subtle coffee and fruit cake balanced against a slightly hop bitterness. Since then they've been brewing an IPA and a Belgian braggot as well as producing a Bochet Mead!

Intrepid's April open day saw the launch of a tweaked version of a previous beer – their spring pale *Var* 4.5%. This year's edition uses the same hops and malt but a different yeast blend of Belgian abbey yeast and New England yeast to release a more balanced yet complex flavour profile. Hop burst and gently dry hopped, this beer has more flavour than you'd expect. Since then Ben has hinted at a new project involving Perry Lees, Wooden Barrel, continental pale and time!

Loxley will be selling merchandise at the Loxley Beer Festival, organised at their host pub the Wisewood Inn.

Neepsend have brewed a West Coast IPA, something they've been intending to do for a while! It is called *Coyote*, a 6.4% ABV with a chewy malt body and a satisfyingly punchy 58 IBUs. This sets the stage for the all star lineup of hops – Mosaic, Ekuanot, Sabro and an impromptu addition of Simcoe.

Tapped have been collaborating with Round Corner Brewing of Melton Mowbray during April. The away fixture saw an Amarillo hopped golden ale called *Cadillac Ranch* brewed, then back at the Sheffield Tap, during the CAMRA Members' Week-end, a mild was brewed.



A recent cask release from **Temper** of Dronfield is a 4.8% American brown ale called *Face of the Earth*. A rich malt character balances with hints of pine and citrus from Cascade and Willamette hops.

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Pub of the Month June 2023

Congratulations to Mark Simmonite and all at Perch Brewhouse (44 Garden Street, S1 4BJ) on becoming our Pub of the Month. The bar opened less than two years ago and has already made a mark on the Sheffield pub scene.

Back in 2015, Dead Parrot Brewery obtained the site, opening their brewery three years later, in autumn 2018. At that point, they had the medium-term intention of converting the frontage of the complex, the old works offices, into a taproom.

Previous long-term users were a small engineering manufacturing company who produced penknives and similar devices. The site was subsequently used

by Sheffield City Council Parking Services, acting as the base for parking meter operators; electronic equipment was left to charge overnight.

Almost two years after the opening of the brewery, in June 2020, a planning application was submitted. Formal planning permission was subsequently granted and a comment from ourselves was mentioned in the official report:

'We are writing in support of this planning application. The addition of a small brewery tap, with community facilities, will provide additional needed infrastructure. As well as fulfilling a local need for increased retail and leisure facilities, the addition of a brewery tap will allow the brewery to further cement its position as part of the Sheffield beer tourism scene.'

Conversion work continued during the various lockdowns. Plasterboard, partition walls and polystyrene ceiling tiles were removed, and a considerable amount of woodwork was reused. With careful use of contemporary materials, the old office space was stylishly converted into the new Perch Brewhouse, opening on 27 August 2021. It has since been nominated for a CAMRA/Heritage England Pub Design Award 2023.





In addition, the central yard now has a large timber-framed covered outside drinking/event area. Their first beer festival occurred during the recent national CAMRA Members' Weekend. In addition to the ten Dead Parrot beers on the bar, an additional 35 cask beers were available in the outside area. The normal offering is ten cask, ten keg and over sixty bottles/cans. Food is also available, including a wide selection of pizzas. Perch is a welcome addition to beer opportunities in the city.

Dave Pickersgill

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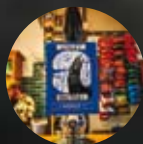


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Chantry Inn Handsworth

**Pub of the Year
2023 (East Sheffield)**

The Chantry Inn (400 Handsworth Road, S13 9BZ) has been voted as our East Sheffield Pub of the Year and came third overall citywide.



This historic pub, which was built around 1250, is uniquely one of only four pubs in the UK set in consecrated grounds, being within the grounds of St Mary's parish church in Handsworth.

It comprises of three different rooms each with some original and unique features including real fireplaces, beamed low ceilings and even the bell pushes used in previous days to order the ale. There are also claims of various tunnels and passageways from the cellar to the church.

It has had a varied past, originally being a chantry and safe house for nuns, then a washhouse and a school before being a pub for much of the later years from the early 1800s.

Chantry Brewery acquired the pub in early 2019, undertaking a tasteful restoration and now deliver real quality beers. There are always five cask ales on tap from Chantry Brewery, with a rotating special that includes *Steelos*, *Kaldos*, *Full Moon* alongside the regulars of *New York Pale*, *Iron & Steel* bitter, *Special Reserve* and *Diamond Stout*. There are also changing keg beers available, often from Tiny Rebel or Beavertown, as well as real cider and Chantry Brewery's own *Helles* lager.

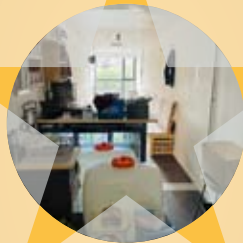
Their recent special *Parkgate 200* has been on the members' bar at the Houses of Parliament in London ensuring our elected leaders get to taste the excellent Chantry Ales.

Congratulations to all involved with the Chantry Inn including the brewery and the pub manager Terry and his partner Alison.

Paul Manning

JOIN US!

The presentation is planned for around 8pm on **Tue 30 May** and all are welcome to join the celebration.



Cider Hole Shalesmoor

**Pub of the Year
2023 (Cider)**

Congratulations to Mike Pomranz and all at the Cider Hole (Unit 1.3, Krynkl, Shalesmoor, S3 8UL) for being voted our Cider Pub of the Year.

Since 2006, Mike has been writing about beer professionally, appearing in a wide array of publications including *Time*, *People*, *Travel + Leisure*, *VinePair*, and *Playboy*. He joined the staff of *Food & Wine* magazine in 2014 and soon expanded into covering cider. He first experimented with making cider in 2015 and became a Certified Cider Professional in 2017.

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 from around the world.

Then, on 17 Sep 2021, The Cider Hole opened – an urban microcidery, bar, and bottle shop – where he makes and serves his own Exemption Ciderhouse cider along with over 60 other hand-selected canned and bottled cider, craft beer and natural wine. In June 2022, Mike organised the first Sheffield Craft Cider Festival.

Last October he led a tutored tasting at the Steel City Beer & Cider Festival and more recently led a similar event at the national CAMRA Members' Weekend.

The day of our presentation is likely to be the last day of opening for the Cider Hole, as Mike will shortly be moving into bigger premises on Orchard Square: the Old Shoe,

a joint venture with the Bear (Abbeydale Road, S7 1FE), will offer 20 taps, three cask lines and a wide selection of artisan ciders, cans and bottles. It will also become the new home of Exemption Ciderhouse.

Dave Pickersgill



JOIN US!

Please join us for this well-deserved presentation at 3pm on **Sat 27 May**.



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Sheaf View

Heeley

Pub of the Year 2023 (South Sheffield)

The Sheaf View at Heeley has been voted as our South Sheffield Pub of the Year by our members.

The 19th century pub, near Heeley City Farm, became a real ale oasis since reopening as a free house in 2000. The walls and shelves are adorned with breweriana and provide an ideal background for good drinking and conversations.

The pub changed ownership, becoming part of the Trust Inns estate (along with the Blake Hotel) in 2022, but day-to-day management has remained unchanged. They now provide eight casks ales: four from Neepsend Brewery and four guest ales. A wide range of Belgian and other continental beers, an incredible selection of malt whiskies and traditional cider are also available.

They also have occasional events such as their Spring-time Vegan Beer Festival

held over the Early May Bank Holiday this year.

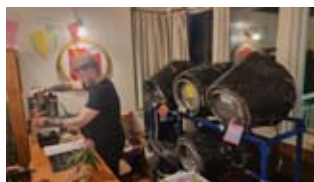
This is a popular local pub, especially so on Sunday quiz nights and Sheffield United match days.

The Sheaf View has now won the South Sheffield award four times (every time it has been awarded since the area awards were started in 2019)

Our presentation is planned for Thu 18 May so will have passed by the time this issue of *Beer Matters* comes out.

The Sheaf View can be found at 25 Gleadless Road, Heeley, Sheffield S2 3AA. Buses 20, 24, 25, 43, 44 and X17 stop nearby on London Road by the railway bridge/Ponsfords. Car park also available.

Phil Ellett



Other PotY winners



Kelham Island and Overall



Kelham Island Tavern

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Friday 26th - Monday 29th May

**Summer
Bank Holiday**

Friday 25th - Monday 28th August

Festival guide

May

Furnace (Derby)

Wed 24 – Sun 28 May

The Furnace brewpub in Derby celebrates its 11th birthday with a beer festival featuring over 30 real ales, 12 craft beers in keg, cider & perry, Mexican food and live music (food and music Fri/Sat only). Opens midday each day.

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, which features a marquee in the car park containing a festival 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. More details on Facebook.

Lees Hall Golf Club

Fri 26 – Mon 29 May

Featuring a range of ten cask ales plus other craft beer and cider, live music and food. All welcome. Buses 18 and 20.

Dronfield and nearby villages jointly put on something of a party featuring food, drink and music. Buses 15, 16, 43 and 44 link most venues with the town centre venues walkable from Dronfield station.

Stockport CAMRA

Thu 22 – Sat 24 Jun

A new venue this year – the Guildhall on Wellington Road, ten minutes from the station and on high frequency bus route 192. Features over 150 cask ales, plus cider, perry and European bottled beers along with entertainment, food and stalls.

Loxley

Fri 23 – Sun 25 Jun

The annual beer festival held at the Wisewood Inn, which is home to Loxley Brewery. The range of beers on the pub bar is supplemented by a festival bar in a marquee at the rear and there is also a food counter and brewery merchandise stall. If the weather is decent you can enjoy your beer in the garden with a lovely view over the valley! Buses 31, 61, 62.

Eckington Beer & Music

Sat 24 Jun

Venues across Mosborough, Eckington, Marsh Lane and Hundall work together to provide a day of music, food and drinks in both urban and rural settings. A minibus shuttles between venues.

host their summer festival which claims to be the city's longest running pub beer festival! The pub bar is joined by a festival stillage offering a total of 40 cask ales and 20 real ciders and perries.

Pax in the Park

Fri 21 – Sun 23 Jul

Free-entry music festival and bar in Heeley People's Park.

Wortley Beer Festival

Fri 21 – Sun 23 Jul

Wortley Men's Club annual event with beer, cider, food and music. Bus 29 Chapel-town to Holmfirth goes there.

August



Great British Beer Festival (CAMRA)

Tue 1 – Sat 5 Aug

One of the big ones, a national event held at the Olympia Exhibition Centre in Kensington, London.

Hope Valley

Fri 25 – Mon 28 Aug

The late summer edition of the Old Hall Hotel's regular

June

One Valley (Dronfield)

Sat 3 Jun

A number of pubs, social clubs and breweries around

July

Brunswick (Derby)

Wed 5 – Sun 9 Jul

The Brunswick brewpub, close to Derby railway station,

bank holiday beer and cider festival.

Seven Hills

Fri 25 – Sat 26 Aug

The beer festival held at Sheffield Tigers Rugby Club, located at Dore Moor. The event showcases mainly local brewers, all the beers are a reasonable £4 a pint and admission costs just £2 which gets you a plastic festival glass to drink from. Camping is available. Buses 65, 271 and 272 stop on the main road outside the rugby club or bus 81/82 to Dore stops a short walk away.

September

Bolsover

Fri 1 – Sat 2 Sep

Held at Bolsover FC, Moor Lane, Bolsover S44 6EB with real ale, cider, gin and food. The Saturday is a family fun day. Bus 53/53a runs from Sheffield to Bolsover. For more details see their Facebook page.

York (CAMRA)

Wed 13 – Sat 16 Sep

York CAMRA is back with a new smaller scale beer festival at a new venue – St Lawrence's Church & Hall – which is on Hull Road, YO10 3WP. Regular trains run from Sheffield to York; it is then walkable to the venue or there are various buses.

Rail, Ale & Blues (Cleethorpes)

Fri 15 – Sun 17 Sep

Held at the Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway's Lakeside station featuring a

programme of live blues music, real ales and mini steam trains! Bands on from 7pm Friday, 1:45pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday. Direct trains run from Sheffield to Cleethorpes. More information on their website.

October

Robin Hood

(Nottingham CAMRA)

Wed 11 – Sat 14 Oct

Held at Trent Bridge cricket ground, a short bus ride from

Nottingham railway station with a huge range of beers and ciders plus food vendors and live music. For more information see their website.

Steel City

(Sheffield CAMRA)

Wed 18 – Sat 21 Oct

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Pub of the Year (Cider)

3pm Sat 27 May

Join us for the presentation at **Cider Hole**, Shalesmoor

Pub of the Year (East)

8pm Tue 30 May

Presentation at **Chantry Inn**, Handsworth.

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 6 Jun

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

Boston Arms, Woodseats.

Matlock bus trip

11:30am Sat 10 Jun

We take the X17 from Sheffield to Matlock for an afternoon visiting some of the pubs in the town. The bus departs Sheffield Interchange at 11:36 (also picks up at Arundel Gate, Heeley, Woodseats and Meadowhead) with buses coming back regularly until around 7pm. There is an option to also take a ride down to Wirksworth on the same bus route.

Pub of the Month

8pm Tue 13 Jun

Presentation at **Perch**, Garden Street, Sheffield City Centre.

RambAle

11:50am Sat 17 Jun

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk, usually in the countryside, with a real

ale pub or two. This month we're in the Dronfield area starting at the **Royal Oak** in Coal Aston at 12:30 and walking via Troway, Apperknowle and Hundall down to Dronfield. Bus 44 departs Sheffield Flat Street at 11:56.

Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 20 Jun

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

Committee meeting

8pm Tue 27 Jun

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 Jul

Sheffield Tap, City Centre.

Pub of the Year (Kelham and Overall)

8pm Tue 11 Jul

Kelham Island Tavern.

Torrside Brewery and New Mills train trip

11am Sat 15 Jul

We take the train from Sheffield station at 11:14 (also picks up at Dore & Totley) to get to New Mills Central at midday for the tap session at **Torrside** brewery followed by a pub or two in the town before heading back towards Sheffield on the train, with the option of stopping off somewhere in the Hope Valley on the way if desired.

Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 18 Jul

Upstairs at **Gardeners Rest**.

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