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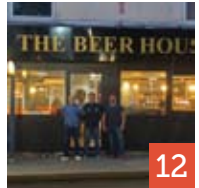
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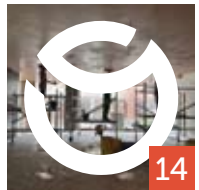
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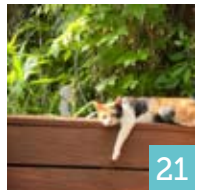
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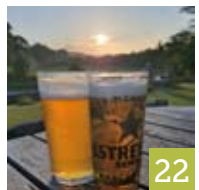
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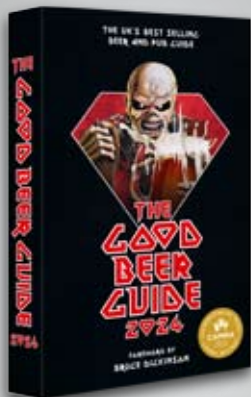
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GBG enlists music icon

The Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) *Good Beer Guide* – the UK's best-selling beer and pub guide – is celebrating its 51st edition with a striking cover and a foreword supplied by Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson. The guide, which surveys 4,500 of the best pubs across the UK, is the definitive beer drinker's guide for those seeking the best pints in the nation's pubs.

Dickinson's foreword shines a spotlight on the cultural tradition of pubs within the United Kingdom, the importance of protecting the heritage, charm and welcoming nature of pubs and clubs, and not taking them for granted.

Pubs and clubs are a rite of passage for many bands and musicians starting out in the UK, and Iron Maiden themselves began their career almost 50 years ago playing in London pubs. The conviviality of these venues creates

the perfect atmosphere for burgeoning music scenes, and helps to drive footfall into pubs, especially after a challenging period for them brought on by the pandemic.

The cover of *The Good Beer Guide 2024* features Eddie, Iron Maiden's mascot and icon of the band's range of Trooper beers, brewed by Stockport brewery Robinsons. Trooper celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and has become one of the UK's most established ales in that period.

CAMRA National Chairman Nik Antona said: "We're honoured to have Bruce Dickinson pen the foreword for *The Good Beer Guide 2024*. As we enter our second half century of producing the guide, there is no one better to introduce this year's edition, and highlight what makes these institutions so worth visiting.

"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 2024 is set to be published on 28 September, with options to order the standard editions, alternative cover and hard-back editions available on the CAMRA shop. To pre-order, go to shop.camra.org.uk.



Ringwood Brewery

Responding to the announcement that Carlsberg Marston's has put Ringwood Brewery and associated brands up for sale, CAMRA National Chairman Nik Antona said:

"Founded in 1978, Ringwood Brewery has been a stalwart of the British brewing scene for decades, being one of the first cask ale producers in the country. I sincerely hope whoever takes up the reins continues with its long-standing, valued traditions.

"It is encouraging that brewing of its flagship beers will still take place on the site while a new buyer is sought. It is important to note the reasons for selling is not due to a failing business, but the current owners wanting to expand other areas of its operations which is not possible at the current location.

"CAMRA campaigns for pubs, pints and people – we never want to see the closure of any brewery as too many across the country are closing their doors. This can have a detrimental impact on local communities, including employment as well as the social benefits a tap can bring. I hope it continues to thrive

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under new ownership, who will honour the production of the Ringwood live beers consumers have come to love and respect.

“Ringwood has been hugely successful over the years, moving from its original site in 1986 after outgrowing it. CAMRA will be keeping a watchful eye on the sale and will be urging whoever takes over to ensure these traditions remain at the heart of its operations. It would be a sad day for beer enthusiasts if this was not the case.

“Ringwood’s Old Thumper was a former Supreme Champion Beer of Britain in 1988, an accolade awarded at CAMRA’s Great British Beer Festival Winter.”



Black Sheep Brewery

Black Sheep Brewery has been sold to London investment firm Breal Capital after being placed into administration, reports the Stray Ferret news website, however the sale has left suppliers owed £3m and unlikely to get paid. The biggest unpaid invoices include Simpsons Malt (£83.4k) and Sustain Drinks Packaging (£33.8k).

Celebrating cider education

Collaborating with esteemed writers, influencers and film makers, the award-winning Learn & Discover site hosts an abundance of articles, videos and audio material, exploring the world of pubs, beer, cider and perry.

A new beginners’ guide is freely available for CAMRA members and non-members alike:

Intro to sparkling cider – The first of a new cider series by celebrated drinks writer Rachel Hendry exploring why some ciders are still while others are sparkling. Rachel details the science and processes involved in making different styles of cider, from the importance of fermentation to the multiple methods of carbonation.

For cider and perry enthusiasts wanting to learn more about their favourite drink, there is a fantastic new documentary film available exclusively for CAMRA members*:

World of cider: Hardanger – The second instalment of CAMRA’s World of Cider video series, renown cider expert Gabe Cook, otherwise known as The Ciderologist, meets Norwegian cider producers in Hardanger. Attending the Hardanger Cider Festival, Gabe learns of the history of Norwegian cidermaking, the practicalities of producing cider in Norway and the country’s ever growing

ing cider tourism scene.

Filmed by Haritz Rodriguez, the documentary boasts of breath-taking shots of fjords and the stunning Norwegian landscape. The trailer for the film is free to view on CAMRA’s YouTube channel [here](#).

Catch up with the first episode of Gabe’s word tour, in which he travels to Scotland [here](#).

CAMRA supports and campaigns for cider and perry throughout the year, highlighting them in month-long celebrations throughout October and May, during which time local CAMRA branches organise cider and perry events across the country.

Alex Metcalfe, CAMRA’s Learning & Discovery Manager, said: “Working with creative filmmakers and talented writers, these new guides highlight the variation and complexity in cider, making it such a well-loved beverage in the UK and across the world. I was blown away by the high-quality production of the World of Cider video, which rivals that of a big budget TV series. As always with Learn & Discover, there is more on the horizon, I can’t wait for people to see what is in store for the platform and our growing YouTube channel.”



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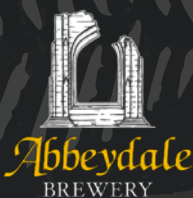


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Stand up for high street pubs

High street pubs could be lost for good unless Government thinks again, warns CAMRA

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) is leveraging its 150,000-strong membership to ensure that the planning protection won for pubs in 2017 won't be undone by the Government's latest levelling up proposals.

Members are writing to their MPs, letting them know that Government proposals for 'High Street Rental Auctions' cannot go ahead in their current format, and asking MPs to take action. CAMRA won landmark protection for pubs just five years ago, with the removal of permitted development rights that had let developers convert or demolish pubs without giving communities their say through the planning process.

High Street Rental Auction proposals are currently under consultation with the aim of rejuvenating highstreets by letting Councils auction leases for a range of vacant property types, but these proposals miss the mark by reintroducing permitted development rights that would see pubs converted, divided up into

multiple units, or gutted of fittings without the need for planning permission. The e-lobby campaign follows a letter sent to Levelling Up Minister Dehenna Davison MP by CAMRA National Chairman, Nik Antona, asking the Government to think again about removing pub protections with High Street Rental Auctions.

Commenting, Nik Antona said: "Last week the Government opened the latest round for bids to the Community Ownership Fund, while at the same time, consulting on taking planning protection away from the kinds of venues that so many communities are working to save.

"It's vital that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which is responsible for both the Community Ownership Fund and High Street Rental Auctions, takes a more joined-up approach to legislation surrounding the trade, and offers meaningful change that empowers communities to support, or even run, their locals.

"I urge everyone to contact their MP and ask them to stand up for high street pubs."



MW23 charity donation

Thanks to all who attended the recent Members' Weekend for their generous donations to Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity: £659.76.

Pictured are two members of the MW Organising Committee, Harriet Keynes from the Charity and a very large cheque.



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View from the bar

Local CAMRA member, John Stocks, talks to Josh Barnsley, manager of his local, the Cross Scythes

Josh, with the assistance of his partner, Kat, took over the running of the Cross Scythes (145-147 Derbyshire Lane, S8 9EQ) about six months ago, on 1 Nov 2022.

What inspired you both to take on the challenge?

I had been working for the Devonshire Group for a number of years out on the Chatsworth Estate, in my final years with the Group managing the Devonshire Arms at Pilsley. I thought that it was time to move back to Sheffield. Catherine actually has a full-time job and I would say she

was more reluctant to the challenge knowing how much time that this industry and especially running a pub takes but I am very grateful for the hours and time she somehow manages to fit in with running the Cross Scythes.

Did you always envisage working in the industry?

Not really, originally leaving school I worked for Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme and after four years, I moved on and got my first job as a bar manager at the New Inn on Hemsworth Road.

Have you received training in working in the hospitality industry?

Yes absolutely. I've now been in this industry for around 13 years and over time, I've taken on various courses such as BIIB cellar management, bookkeeping etc. and more recently a management course with University of Derby.

Do you plan specific short-term and long-term goals for the pub or do you prefer to respond to needs as they arise?

I have been coming to the Cross since I was 18. The immediate response to walking through the doors was subtle changes. For example, changing the decor where budget allowed and making sure that there is atmosphere whether that's dimming the lights at night or background music. In answer to the question, short term goals are making sure that the Cross stays open, long term who knows.

Do you see yourselves remaining at the Scythes long term, or will you be looking for a different challenge?

It's not so much about remaining at the Cross. I'm a happy customer that hopes we have made an impact on our local community,



...the pop-up shop being able to support local makers has been the most rewarding.

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but the reality is that somebody could take the lease at any time. All we can do is try and ensure that we leave a legacy here that means that anyone incoming can continue to give our locals a space to be proud of.

What has been the most rewarding, and most challenging aspect of the job so far?

The comments that we receive daily about the changes we have made, the pop-up shop being

able to support local makers has been the most rewarding.

If you could change one aspect of the job what would it be?

The hours, but when I ever have anyone ask me that question, an old boss of mine's voice appears in my head telling me I'm in the wrong job!

The job must be exhausting and stressful at times, how do you relax?

It is for sure. Well we are very lucky to have the Peak District on our doorstep. I normally head out off there.

What advice would you give to anyone new to the role?

If the opportunity comes along to learn more, then do it. See it as a career and not a job. Bar staff are the best listeners in the world, and you can learn so much about life by engaging with so many interesting people.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a glass of dark beer. The glass has the Abbeydale Brewery logo on it. The background is blurred, showing another glass of beer and a wooden table.

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Beer House S6 Hillsborough

Sheffield's first micro pub, the Beer House on Ecclesall Road, has now expanded across the city with a second bar on Langsett Road in Hillsborough, at the tram stop and just by the bus interchange.

After six months of planning and fitting out, the new bar finally opened at the end of May with owner John Har-

rison being pleased with it's initial success. Serving from six cask lines and 11 keg taps there's a great selection of beer, and food will be added shortly with a selection of pork pies and sausage rolls from local suppliers.

Opening hours are 12 till 11, seven days a week, so there's plenty of opportunity to call in and try it out.



Note the easy tram access in the last photo (at least heading to town)!

Inn Brief

Bankers Draft (JD Wetherpoon) is running a mini cider festival with a choice of seven ciders throughout the summer at discounted prices.

Tunnel Tap at Totley, a keg only micropub offering some craft options on tap as well as a range of canned beers, temporarily closed during June for a refit following experience and customer feedback since opening. There will be a new keg wall, improved seating area downstairs and bar stools and standing room upstairs.

Cross Scythes Hotel in Totley reopened on Monday 12 June as part of Stonegate's "Pub & Dining" chain. They open from 9am daily with the bar closing 11pm mid-week and midnight Friday & Saturday with food served all day until 9pm. Accommodation is also offered. The launch party was on the Friday 16 June including a beer tasting with Abbeydale Brewery and samples from the food menu.

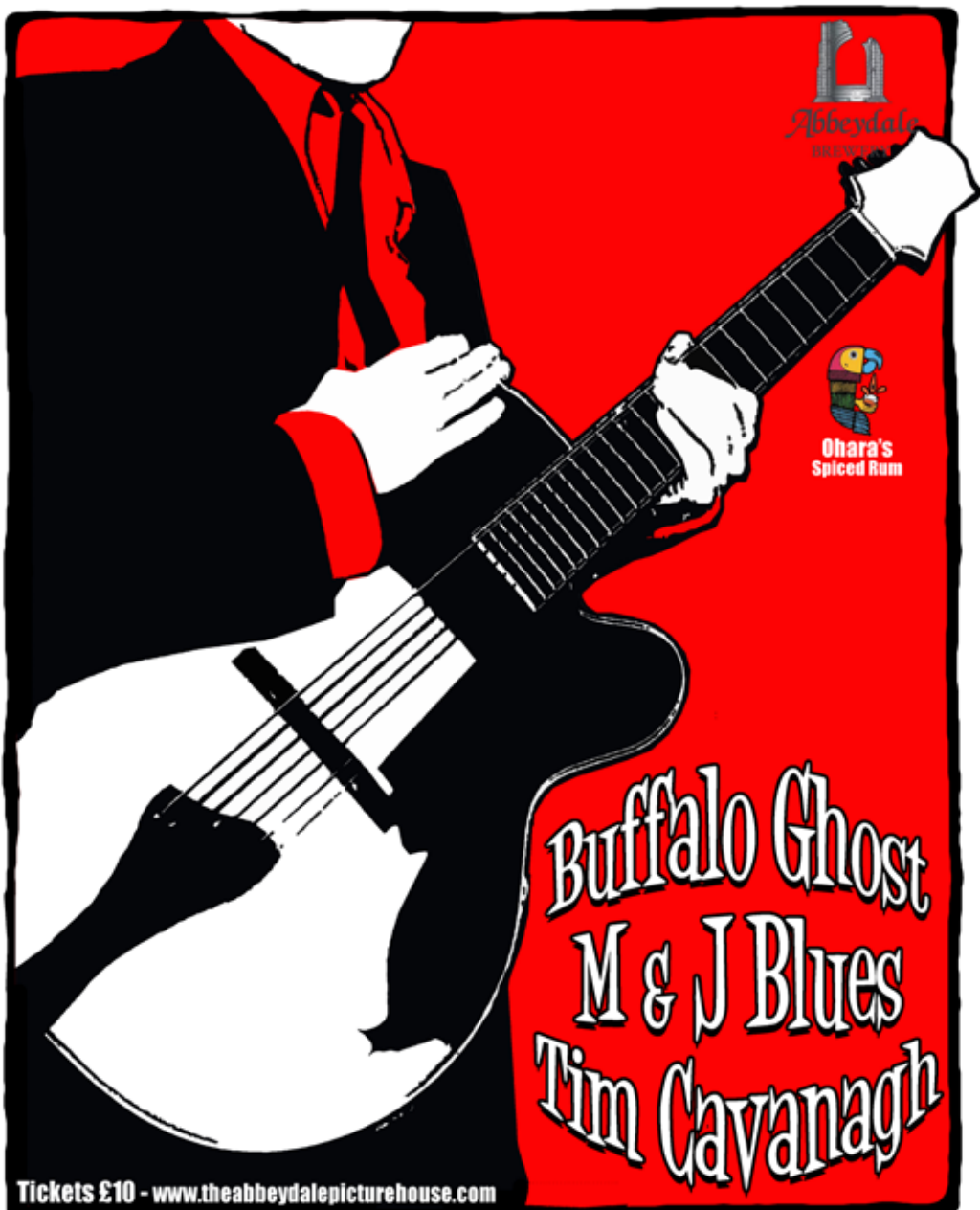
After a few years' absence, *Beer Matters* designer, Robin is back hosting the Wednesday quiz at the **Three Tuns** on Silver Street Head in the City Centre. Get tables at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Also catch their motown & soul nights on the last Friday of the month and a bit of karaoke every Saturday.

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Old Shoe Orchard Square

The new bar in Orchard Square is aiming for an opening date of 30 June (so probably already launched by the time you read this in the printed edition of *Beer Matters!*).

This is the joint venture between Mike Pomranz (from Cider Hole and Exemption Cider which has relocated to the new bar) and Matt who continues to run BEAR on Abbeydale Road. The bar will feature artisan cider, craft beer (including cask), natural wines and other nice drinks!

The general manager is someone you may well recognise – Nath Hehir has been behind the bar of quite a few good beer pubs including Shake-speares, Bar Stewards, Three Tuns and Walkley beer Co as well as being involved with the University of Sheffield real ale society “back in the day”.

Keep an eye on their Instagram for the latest on the opening, special events and more.

Dog & Partridge Trippet Lane

D&P sees the return of hot food including the infamous Chips of Doom along with burgers, sandwiches and curry from 6 July with landlord Conor in the kitchen. Until then pork pies and sausage rolls continue to be available as well as the usual crisps (Tayto from Ireland) and nuts. When the kitchen reopens it is expected the pork pies will also be available as part of a ploughman's style platter.

On the beer front their cask ale loyalty card scheme continues, get a stamp every time you buy a pint and exchange a full card for a free pint.

White Lion Heeley

The pub has reopened under the same management as the Crown (just up the road) following a refurbishment. This pub oozes with heritage and the character of this multi-room venue has not been lost, its just been smartened up and the opportunity taken to fix a few things.

The quiz night is back on Wednesdays and live music features into the weekend with jam sessions on the Thursday and Sunday. New opening hours are from 2pm Monday to Friday, midday Saturday and 1pm Sunday, closing at 11pm Sunday and either 11:30pm or midnight the rest of the week.

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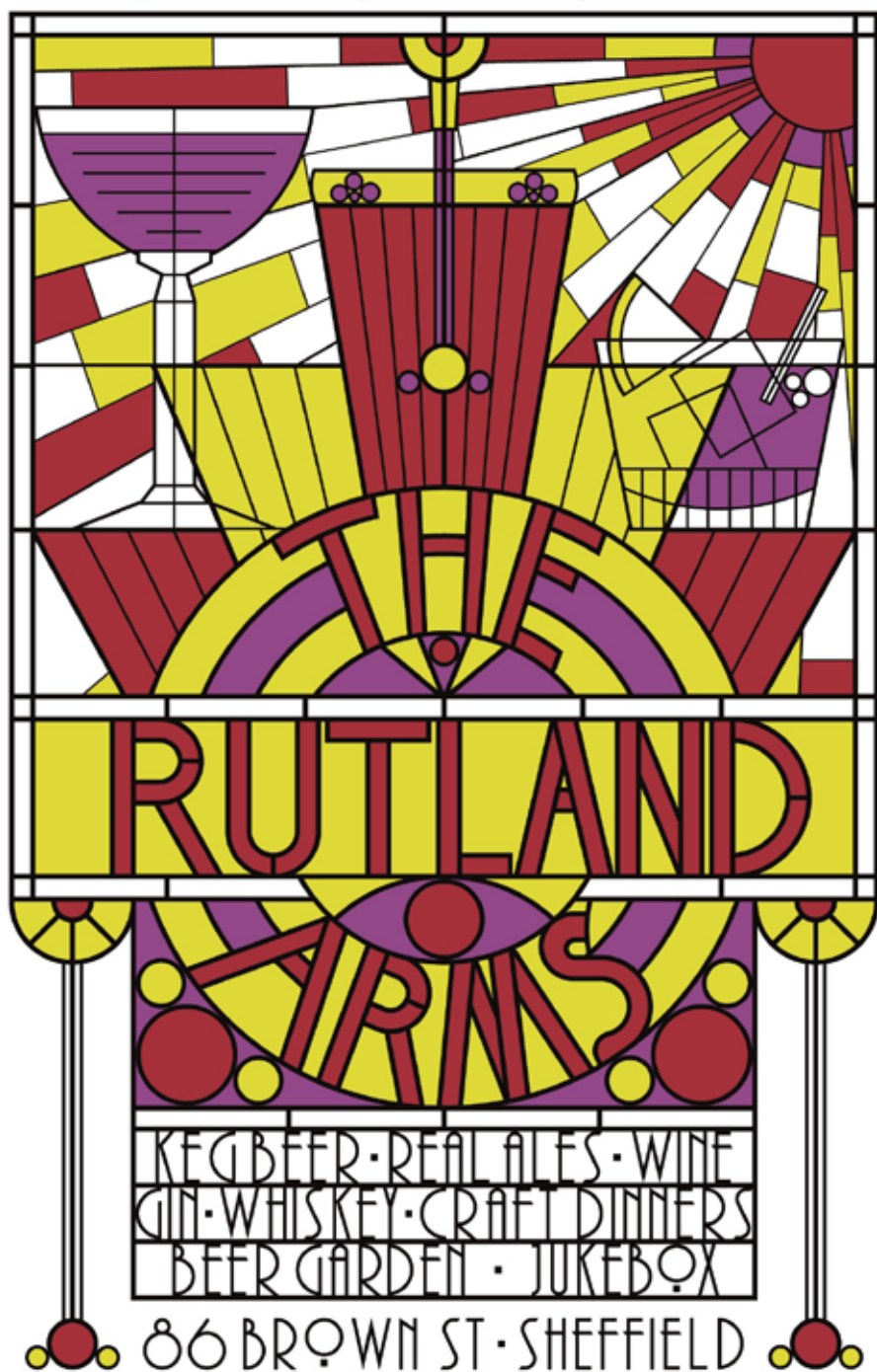
Brown Bear in Sheffield City Centre, A Samuel Smiths brewery pub, closed temporarily in early June and will reopen once a new live in management couple is recruited.

Perch on Garden Street, on the edge of the City Centre, have events planned for the year ahead, mostly for the yard at the rear. Next up is a beer festival the end of July, a Belgian beer showcase in early September, an Octoberfest in late September, a Steel City warmup festival in early October and a Christmas market in December.

British Oak in Mosborough host their annual Oakstock from 7-8 July which sees a programme of live music outside the pub over the weekend. It is on Friday 5-10pm and Saturday midday to 10pm and also features an outside bar, food stalls, ice cream van and kids entertainment.

A planning application has been put in to turn the former **Simmonites** shop on Division Street into a micropub.

West Bar Tap on Gibraltar Street has closed and will be reopening on 7 July at 7.30pm as a **Lost Industry** brewing bar showcasing both their beers and guest craft brewers on cask and keg. A programme of special events is planned in the yard including live music with pipers artisan sausages popping up to cater on those occasions.





Abbeydale

Our annual charity beer launches in early July and we're hugely looking forward to this one! **Swiftly** (4.2%) has been created in collaboration with and in support of Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust and its release coincides with Swift Awareness Week. In recognition of the amazing migratory journey that swifts make, we've combined UK hops Fuggles and Keyworth Early with African grains of paradise for a unique and aromatic beer with a botanical spice.

Also in cask only we have **Grus** (4.0%) coming up, light and delicate on the palate, an easy drinking pale with Delta and Ekuanot hops. And **Alchemy** (4.2%) is back, an always popular liquid gold kind of pale ale, single hopped with Amarillo. Citrussy, refreshing and the perfect beer garden beer!

From the Brewers Emporium, available across both cask and keg, we have an all new beer! Introducing **Tranquility**, a 3.8% session New England IPA. Fruity and juicy with a gentle bitterness from the combination of Centennial, Cascade and Mosaic hops. Plus we'll be launching a new collaboration brewed with Leith's Campervan Brewery. **Wanderer - Transatlantic IPA** (6.3%) is brewed using heritage grain Plumage Archer and some of the newest experimental hops available. UK grown CF161 and CF162 are joined by HBC586 and HBC638 from the US of A for a beer that's bursting with character. Expect clean, sharp citrus upfront with a bright, tropical bitterness.

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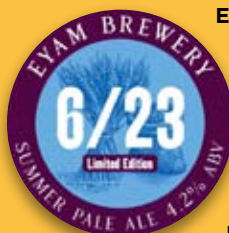


A new beer from **Grizzly Grains** on cask is a little bit different to usual but combines the brewer's appreciation of session beers and interest in different yeasts and

Saisons. This is a 3.8%

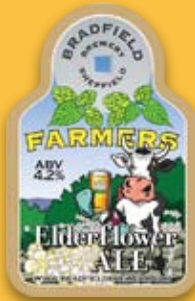
ABV session strength ale inspired by Kviek and Saison styles.

Collyfobble, based in Barlow near Dronfield, continues to see new brewer Ash tweak and develop the beer range and a sales rep has been appointed to help get the beer out into pubs a little further afield. The relationship with former Dronfield CAMRA chairman Rob Barwell, who is a keen home brewer, also continues – his initial involvement saw his *Lawnmower Ale* home brew recipe scaled up to a commercial brew which made its debut at Sheffield's Steel City Beer Festival, it proved popular and has become a permanent beer under a new name of **Grindleford Grit**. Rob's latest challenge from Collyfobble was to try brewing at home tweaked versions of their session IPA and an updated version is being brewed using Mosaic and Centennial hops.



Eyam Brewery have apparently made some changes at the brewery which left them a load of hops to use up and a series of special limited edition summer ales for June, July and August is the result,

starting off with **6/23** (as in June 2023) which is a 4.2% ABV cask pale ale with a light bitterness and fruity aromas.



The **Bradfield Brewery** seasonal beer for July is elderflower ale brewed using freshly bloomed Elderflower locally sourced from their own farm fields, this brew is Pale in colour with an Elderflower flavour, giving way to a refreshingly dry finish.

Kelham Island Brewery has had a rebrand with a new style and the pump clips no longer claim the beer is brewed in Sheffield – the company office is based in Kelham Island but the beer is brewed at Thornbridge Brewery in Bakewell, Derbyshire. *Pale Rider* is now available in cask, keg and bottle and graced the bar at the Arctic Monkeys gig in Hillsborough Park back in June!

Chantry Brewery are running brewery tour events on Friday 30 June. Tickets cost £13.20 online via See Tickets or £12 in person from

the brewery, the price includes the guided tour and a number of beer tasters. The tram-train from Sheffield Cathedral will take you to Parkgate, a few minutes walk from the brewery.

Neepsend Brew Co picked up a couple of awards at the Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival: **Ashta** got gold in the strong dark ales category while **Alphito** having won the strong pale ale category scooped champion beer of the festival!

Nick Law of **Emmanuales** fame has been busy with his Hop Forward agency (marketing, design and branding consultancy) and also won an award from SIBA for his Hop Forward podcast, however he has now brewed some new beers – **Ascension** (strawberry, mint and cucumber saison · 5.6% ABV), **Divine Providence** (Belgian blonde · 5.5% ABV) and **That Would Be An Ecumenical Matter** (oud bruin · 5.5% ABV) available in can and bottle from Walkley Beer Co, Beer Central and the Dram Shop.

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Award presentations



Pub of the Year 2023 (South Sheffield)



Sheaf View
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Phil Ellett presenting the award. Photo by John Beardshaw.



Pub of the Year 2023 (East Sheffield)



Chantry Inn
Handsworth

Paul Manning presenting the award to Terry & Alison. Photo by John Beardshaw.



Cider Pub of the Year 2023



Cider Hole
Shalesmoor

Dave Pickersgill presenting the award to Mike before the relocation to Old Shoe.



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Phil Ellett presenting the award to Mark Simmonite.

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

Situated conveniently on Platform 1b of Sheffield Station, the Sheffield Tap has become a destination in its own right. – popular with locals as well as those travelling to or through Sheffield. And it is a very deserved winner (again) of our Sheffield (Central) Pub of the Year as voted by our local CAMRA members.

The station refreshment rooms were refurbished and restored by Jamie Hawksworth and Jon Holdsworth, following years



of them being closed and disused. Ever since it was reopened in 2009 it has proved a popular pub and a worthy star in their chain of 'Taps' at York, Harrogate, Leeds and Newcastle.

It has always had a good choice and variety of well-kept cask beers, many originally from Thornbridge and other regional breweries. Since January 2013 many are produced in the on-site Tapped Brewery. This is to be found in what was the First Class Dining Room. They have always had a good selection of foreign and keg beers – possibly due to their relationship with the Pivovar specialist beer importing business.

The Tapped brewer, Ben Tys-oe, got his grounding in brewing and running pubs both locally and with spells abroad including in Belgium and he continues to produce a range of beers including various Pale Ales, Stouts and an excellent Porter. He continues to experiment with using different hops as they become available, producing one-off specials. He has also done some collaborations with other brewers.

The pub has come through being closed for long periods during Covid and having intermittent interruptions to business due to rail strikes but has survived and remains busy most sessions most days and is always worth a visit whether you are passing through or just want somewhere to have a good quality drink in delightful surroundings. It was an ideal and popular location for our 'Meet & Greet' sessions for CAMRA Members attending the recent Members Weekend.

Full credit to manager Craig, his bar team, and brewer Ben for their hard work.

Malcolm Dixon

(with additional notes and photos by **Dave Pickersgill**)





JOIN US!

The award will be presented during our branch meeting on **Tue 4 Jul**.



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Kelham Island Tavern Russell Street

Pub of the Year 2023 (Overall)

The Kelham Island area is now a Sheffield beer tourist attraction, with bus and tram connections from the City Centre. The Kelham Island Tavern has consistently over the years been awarded Pub of the Month, Area Pub of the Year and Sheffield Pub of the Year. It is also a former CAMRA National Pub of the Year award winner, for two consecutive years. The Kelham Island Tavern has now been put in to the Yorkshire entry round of the national competition. The Kel-

ham Island Tavern is included in the *Good Beer Guide 2023*.

This gem of a pub was rescued from dereliction back in 2002. At the rear of the L-shaped bar area is a conservatory and in warmer weather you can enjoy a pint in the multi award winning beer garden (pictured below being enjoyed by Kitty).

13 handpumps dispense an impressive range of beers, always including a mild, porter and stout. The range includes *Abbeydale Moonshine*, *Acorn Barnsley Bitter*, *Pictish Brewers Gold* and ten changing beers, often including *Abbeydale*, *Blue Bee* and *North Riding*. A recent refit has also increased the number of beers on keg.

Congratulations to Josh, Louise and the team.

Glyn Mansell

JOIN US!

Please come down for the presentation on **Tue 11 Jul** at 9pm.





Great British Beer Garden

Rob Barwell takes in the pub outside

If you are looking to enjoy a summer of pub and need inspiration, you could do well to check out the new "Great British Beer Garden" Facebook page and blog started by former Dronfield CAMRA chairman and keen home brewer Rob Barwell.

- ◀ Sat outside the Plough in Hathersage as the sun begins to set.
- ▼ Admiring the sunset sat outside the Fox House Inn.



He kicked off by enjoying a Friday evening sunset chasing whilst enjoying a nice beer in Hathersage and Fox House.

The next day saw Rob head out around Dronfield on the day of the One Valley Festival, which sees many pubs and clubs in



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the area add outside bars, music stages, food stalls and more and this year the weather was perfect.



▲ Manor House Hotel setting up for the festival which here featured an outside bar with cask ale from Abbeydale, a food van and a stage with live music followed by a DJ.



▲ Green Dragon before opening on festival day with an outside cask ale bar, a gin trailer, fish & chip stall and performance area for live singers.



▲ Dronfield Arms during the festival with their outside bar, pizza stall, live music stage and, later on, an outdoor sunset disco.

Of course it is worth noting that the Manor House and Green Dragon have their outdoor areas open all the time. Both have DJs on Friday evenings and the Dragon has live entertainment on Saturday evenings.



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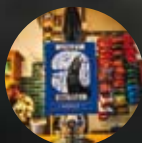


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Tramlines fringe

At the time of going to press not a lot had been announced but events we do know of include:

Washington in the City Centre has published their line up of live music running from 5pm on Friday, 2:30pm Saturday and Sunday. Entry is free and the last band is on at 10pm with DJs afterwards to continue the party through to 3am.

Fat Cat on the Saturday afternoon will have live music from Sarah Mac and Tiny Barbara's Surf Club with Rocketts playing on the Friday night.

The nice folk from the **Dorothy Pax** will be putting on a free music festival over the weekend at Heeley People's Park.

Dove & Rainbow kicks off with live music on the Friday night

As usual, there is music at places like **Crookes Club**, **White Lion** (Heeley), **Church House** etc.

It is highly likely that pubs like **Shakespeares** that always put on special events for Tramlines will do so too.

Festival guide

July

Brunswick (Derby)

Wed 5 – Sun 9 Jul

The Brunswick brewpub, close to Derby railway station, 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.

Tramlines fringe

Fri 21 – Sun 23 Jul

The weekend where lots of venues put on music events, many with good beer too, coinciding with the main ticketed Tramlines music festival. See left for details.

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.

Mallard (Workshop)

Thu 27 – Mon 31 Jul

The summer edition of the regular festival held in the downstairs room of the Mallard at Workshop railway station. Trains run regularly from Sheffield on the Lincoln line.

Perch

Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jul

The summer beer festival at Perch bar's event yard.

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 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.

Grenoside Beer & Music

Sat 9 Sep

Held in a marquee behind

Grenoside Community Centre (Main Street S35 8PR) and open from 2pm to 11pm featuring a range of beers on both cask and keg along with prosecco, gin and other spirits, food stalls and live music. Bus 86 goes there. Advance tickets available via eventbrite.

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 on their website.

Old Hall & Paper Mill

(Whitehough)

Fri 15 – Sun 17 Sep

For the first time since 2019, this popular beer & cider festival makes a return in September 2023. Bars, food and entertainment are normally spread between the historic Old Hall Inn, the beer garden and the neighbouring Paper Mill Inn. It is in a beautiful rural location, walkable from Chinley railway station on the Sheffield-Manchester line.

October

Robin Hood

(Nottingham CAMRA)

Wed 11 – Sat 14 Oct

At Trent Bridge cricket ground, a short bus ride from Nottingham station with a huge range of beer and cider plus food and live music.

Steel City

(Sheffield CAMRA)

Wed 18 – Sat 21 Oct

Ooo, here's a sneak peek at this year's festival poster...



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Branch meeting & Pub of the Year (Central Sheffield) 8pm Tue 4 Jul

All members are welcome to come along, share pub, club and brewery news, discuss campaigning updates, get involved and enjoy a beer with us! The venue this month is the **Sheffield Tap** at the railway station (brewery room at the back). We'll also be presenting the certificate for their award.

RambAle

9:50am Sat 8 Jul

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk, usually in the countryside, with a real ale pub or two. This month we're walking from Eyam to Tideswell, calling in at the **Red Lion** in Litton along the way for the District Pub of the Year presentation. Travel: Hulleys bus 257 from Sheffield Interchange at 09:55 to Eyam, returning to Sheffield on Stagecoach bus 65 from Tideswell at 16:31.

District Pub of the Year

1:30pm Sat 8 Jul

The **Red Lion** at Litton receive their certificate. Catch the 11:35 65 bus from Sheffield Interchange to join us for a few beers at this award winning pub.

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

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

Committee meeting

8pm Tue 25 Jul

Dog & Partridge.

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 1 Aug

The venue this month is TBC.

Festival planning meeting

8pm Tue 15 Aug

Upstairs at the **Gardeners**.

Committee meeting

8pm Tue 22 Aug

Dog & Partridge.

RambAle

11am Sat 26 Aug

Will be during August Bank Holiday weekend to finish at the **Old Hall**, Hope for their beer & cider festival. Day and timings to be confirmed once SUFC match timings are finalised.

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 5 Sep

The venue this month is TBC.

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