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Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year

Bridlington pub voted winner by CAMRA members

Three B's Micropub in the centre of Bridlington sells over ten different ciders and perrys from producers all around the country, but always stocks products from Yorkshire such as Tree Top Press and Udders.

Despite opening during the first Covid lockdown in 2020, the pub is becoming renowned for its high-quality range of real ales as well as ciders. Homemade parkin and sausage rolls are also available alongside local butchers' pies, which often get as many positive comments as the beer and cider on offer, with customers disappointed if these run out due to high demand.

Commenting on the accolade of being the best cider pub in Yorkshire, owner Mark Bates said "We always have over ten ciders permanently available with around half coming from suppliers from within Yorkshire, as well as more traditional cider producing areas, so we are over the moon to have been recognised with this major award from CAMRA".

CAMRA Yorkshire Cider Coordinator Christine Jane said "We have judged Three B's Micropub as being Yorkshire CAMRA Cider pub of the Year, taking particular note of the customer service, inclusiveness, and knowledge of the product offered at the venue".

The presentation for Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year will take place on 12 August at 3pm at the pub and all are invited. (In the event of a rail strike, this will be moved to 19 August).





Pete McKee

Celebrating the value of local pubs

Local artist Pete McKee hosted a three-day Sheffield pub crawl in July, celebrating the importance of the much-loved local. Teaming up with four of the city's local pubs and Kelham Island Brew Co, the event ran 7–9 July, ahead of his much-anticipated exhibition this November, Frank & Joy: A Love Story.

During the event, visitors to the four pubs (Fagan's on Broad Lane - home of McKee's iconic The Snog mural, Bath Hotel on Victoria Street, Greystones on Greystones Road, and Brothers Arms at Heeley) could try a special Kelham Island beer and pick up a free Pete

McKee pub crawl card to be stamped when they bought drinks. Visitors with stamps from all four pubs were able to exchange the card in the days after the event for a limited edition *The Snog* beer glass, from the Pete McKee gallery on Sharrow Vale Road.

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Pete said "A major part of the Frank & Joy: A Love Story exhibition later this year will be about the bond local pubs have with their communities – and what better way to celebrate this than a good old fashioned pub crawl?" For more information and to buy tickets, visit **frankandjoy.co.uk**.

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This June, July and August you can enjoy a pint of local real ale at the Old Queen's Head for just £3.25. The offer runs every day from 9pm until close on selected real ales.

Since changing hands last November the Old Queen's Head has showcased a variety of breweries from Sheffield and the surrounding area on its free-of-tie lines. Alongside its regular Thwaites beers, the pub has showcased beers from Abbeydale, Acorn, Ashover, Beer Ink, Blue Bee, brewSocial, Campbell Street (to name just a few - that's just the start of the alphabet).

Manager Andy Stephens, previously of the Rutland Arms, said "The Old Queen's Head is a fantastic pub, steeped in history and conveniently centrally located by the bus station. I'm overjoyed we can put this offer on over summer, there are lots of wonderful beers and styles to try".



Devastated family and friends of a Sheffield man who died unexpectedly

have joined forces to raise money to buy a defibrillator to be placed at a popular

local pub.

Stefan Elliott (43) died peacefully in his sleep in December, and his loved ones, along with the Banner Cross pub on Ecclesall Road, where Stefan used to work, immediately sprang into action organising a fundraising drive so his memory would live on.

More than £4,200 was donated. Stefan's family decided to use the money to fund a new defibrillator which has now been put up outside the pub, alongside a plaque for Stefan, with any money left being donated to local mental health charities.

Stefan, a former pupil of Silverdale School and big Sheffield Wednesday fan, lived on Ecclesall Road and worked at Sheffield City Council before he died. Stefan's brother, Lewis Elliott (41) from Ecclesall, said "Losing Stefan has been absolutely devastating for me, my parents, Stefan's daughter and step-son, and the rest of our family and friends. It was such a shock, but immediately we knew we wanted to do something to remember him by and the defibrillator just felt right as it would be available to the wider community if ever needed.

"Sophie and the team at the Banner Cross have been absolutely amazing and done so much to support us, including organising a fundraising night at the pub and even providing the venue for Stefan's wake. We can't thank them enough.

"We also just want to say thank you to everyone who donated and all the support we have received as a family. Stefan was such a loveable and kind-hearted person and is so missed by us all. It helps to know that the community he lived and grew up in now has this defibrillator as part of his legacy."

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Lost Industry takes on West Bar bar

Lost in West Bar may sound like some terrible B movie set in Sheffield but it is actually a new bar project from Helen-Fav Seaton of Lost Industry Brewing, which launched on Friday 7 July.

The bar is in the premises that was previously Bar Stewards and West Bar Tap. There has been a bit of a refit and the subtle changes have made better use of the space of this

micropub, improving the seating capacity, atmosphere and storage space.

The vard at the rear has received some attention too, with some flowers added to make it feel more like a garden.

On the bar there is a range of four cask ales, eight keg beers, a cider on tap, plus spirits and soft drinks. The beer range showcases Lost Industry Brewing as you'd expect, along with some carefully chosen guests.

The launch night saw Tombstone Buzzards playing outside in the vard and a food stall provided by Piper's Artisan Sausages. It is anticipated a number of outdoor events will take place in the future featuring live music and food.

While getting the bar open was supported by the whole Lost Industry family and friends, it's a very small team running it, with the only member of staff being part-timer Phob, who you will often find behind the bar offering a friendly welcome.

You can find out more on their Facebook page. Opening hours are Tue/Wed/Thu 4-10pm, Friday 2-11pm, Saturday 12-11pm and Sunday 12-10pm.

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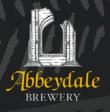
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Old Shoe is a brand new bar in Orchard Square, with the premises converted from a former shoe shop, hence the name

This is a joint venture involving Mike Pomranz of Exemption Ciderhouse (who had the Cider Hole bar

at Shalesmoor, now relocated to this new venue) and Matt Beety of Bear on Abbeydale Road.

Installed as manager is Nath Hehir, who many will recognise from working at various good beer pubs around the city. Completing the team is Tom (pictured), a former wine sommelier who previously worked at the Joro restaurant. Among various things

he'll be doing at the Old Shoe is blending soft drinks!

On the beer front, there are two handpumps for cask ales and 17 keg beers on tap. For the cider drinkers there are three keg taps which at the soft launch weekend (8/9 July) were supplied by Ross on Wye, Little Pomona and Orchards of Husthwaite. All the taps

and pumps are on the back

wall behind the bar and printed drinks menus are available on the bar to peruse.

The Old Shoe is bigger than you might expect when thinking of a former shop unit and is split into two as: the bar area, with

parts: the bar area, with plenty of tables and seating, and a retail area with fridges full of bottles and cans available to drink in or take away, including a large cider and perry selection. The bar also offers a range of natural wines.

Also in the retail space is the Exemption Cider House kit that was previously located at the Cider Hole. This is in an extension of the space behind the bar and makes the table in that room feel like a cider equivalent of the chef's table you get in some restaurants. There are various events planned in this area including meet-thebrewer sessions. Keep an eye on their Instagram and Facebook for updates. It is also the new home of Mike's record player and extensive vinvl collection!

Opening hours are Wed/Thu 11am-11pm, Fri/Sat 11am-1am, Sunday 1pm-8pm.

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Tucked away on Penistone Road North (A61, just before it becomes Halifax Road), Wadsley Bridge is the Railway, which changed hands just over a year ago. A warm and welcoming traditional pub that regularly has five cask beers from around the UK and four rotating keg beers from local breweries.

The manager, Sam, is very keen to develop the local appeal, but also extend that warm welcome to all who enter. To that end, they have live music in their concert room on the first and last Friday of the month and sporting events on Sky/BT Sports.



In August, they will be hosting their first beer festival (beer details to follow). They are also providing a host of retro arcade games (free of charge!). So pop along on Friday 11 and Saturday 12.

Neil Adgie

GET THERE...

Railway can be found at 19 Penistone Road North, Wadsley Bridge, S6 1LP. The fastest bus there from Sheffield City Centre is the 86, other buses include the 7/8 and 97.



Inn Brief

The **Royal Oak** at Deepcar, which closed down in 2019, is advertising that it is reopening soon, however a firm date has not yet been announced



From 14 July, **Cremorne** on London Road is offering a discount on beer to CAMRA members with a valid membership card. The discount is 20% off cask ales and 10% off selected keg beers. The discount is not available on Sheffield United match days and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers.

The Hillsborough **Sport Shack** has had a rebrand and has become the **Owls Nest**.

The **Dog & Partridge** launched their food service on 13 July. The menu, largely homemade, includes sandwiches, burgers, chicken wings, lasagne, ploughman's, and topped chips.



The Bankers Draft is a friendly, well-run, cosmopolitan, city centre local – one of a handful of JD Wetherspoon's branches to have previously made it into the *Good Beer Guide* and been Pub of the Month.

It has a lively downstairs and a more cosy, sedate mezzanine bar complete with small library and a welcoming fire in winter. Food is the standard, good value Spoon's fare. Jonathan and Terrianne are the respected, long-serving managers (since 2011) - though both were established at the Bankers prior to their promotions. Terrianne is responsible for Wetherspoon's regional training in-house, and Jon, in particular, has long and enthusiastically promoted CAMRA's objectives. He has recently been taking a more hands-on approach to cellarmanship, with a subsequent uplift in ale quality. Jon is

ably assisted by Rosalee, who produces the excellent promotional material, and Charlotte, who assists with beer selection and ordering.

There is a loyal, established CAMRA customer base: in fact. Jon iokes that he thinks the Bankers is CAMRA's "guilty secret"! Many members are recruited directly through the regular 50p a pint card-carrying discount scheme on Mondays to Wednesdays - which is offered over and above the standard Spoon's CAMRA vouchers. The Bankers is the biggest ale seller in the area: getting through 2,000 pints of ale a week at peak times and up to 3,000 during last year's festival - second only to the King's Cross Spoons!

Clive Alexander





As part of Heritage Open Days 2023, we are leading two pub heritage walks. On Thursday 14 September at 5pm we'll be on West Street, and on Sunday 17 at 2pm we'll be in Kelham Island. Both walks will include Victorian tilework, terrazzo flooring, Art Deco glasswork, a mention of longgone Sheffield breweries and much more...

Full details and booking info are available online:

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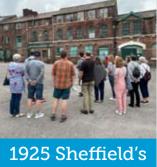
Thanks to all the retail outlets which are stocking the recently published Sheffield pub heritage publications:
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(at their new premises on Eyre Street), the

CAMRA shop, Crow, Dog and Partridge, Draughtsman (Doncaster), Fagan's, Famous Sheffield Shop, Fat Cat, Hop Hideout, Kelham Island Books + Music, Kelham Island Museum, Makers Store (Meadowhall), Millennium Galleries, Samuel's Kitchen (Stocksbridge), St Mars of the Desert Brewery, University Arms and Weston Park Museum.

Both the book and booklet are selling well - please contact pubheritage@sheffield.camra.org.uk for retail enquiries or copies by post.

B&W photos: Pete Mudd



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Gang wars and murder mystery

Tickets for our first Steel City 47 event are now available: a guided walk with a difference - you will explore Sheffield's Little Chicago Quarter before your fast-track entry to our beer festival.





Led by local author. John Stocks, you will explore the social and industrial heritage of the area, examining the myths and reality of 1925, a tumultuous year in Sheffield's history.

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The comfortable walk, with just one minor ascent, is under two miles and will last for approximately 90 minutes before concluding at Kelham Island Museum and Steel City 47 Beer & Cider Fest for a post-walk drink and discussion. There will also be the opportunity to purchase copies of the book.

This event will take place on Thursday 19 October; full details and tickets are available at tinvurl.com/5vvvdvaw.



Mead and braggot tasting

Grizzly Grains may be best known for their beers. however, brewer Sam is also behind Sheffield Mead and has been enjoying experimenting a bit with honey based beverages! For those following what he has being doing, a visit to the tap sessions at the brewery provides an opportunity to try his regular mead. On Thursday 6 July, a special event was organised at Shakespeares on Gibraltar Street.

Two special things were available on cask that night: a batch of session mead served on handpump, and a pin of Belgian style honey braggot on gravity serve.

Sam was also hosting a tasting of a number of bottled meads, complimented by cheese, honey and crackers (not just any of course. charcoal sourdough crackers with local cheese and honey!)

The mead in cask was Sam's session strength (3.9% ABV) version with Motueka hops added. This had a wonderful honey aroma and subtle flayours from the hops.

It was served still and refreshing. Those folk attending the Cider & Mead Festival at Heist on 15 July will have been able to try a version put in keg and served sparkling

for comparison.



Available in bottle to try was another variation of the session mead, with the addition of locally foraged elderflow-

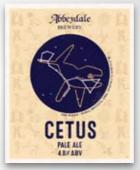
er and fermented with Kviek yeast, making a lovely fruity and floral drink to refresh on a hot summer's day!

On the stronger side, at 10% ABV (although not strong by mead standards I'm told) in bottle, was the bochet mead. This is made. to a traditional medieval recipe where the honey is boiled in a cauldron then fermented with Norwegian farmhouse Kwiek yeast. It is full flavoured with notes of sweet toffee, caramel honey, tangerine and a tart finish.

You can keep up with the latest from Sheffield Mead on their Facebook page.

Andy Cullen





Abbeydale

A little bit of good news to start off our monthly preview - we're really happy to say that our cask beer release schedule is now back at pre-Covid levels! So a big thank you to you all for supporting your local pubs and drinking real ale. We couldn't do what we do without you! Talking of local. Abbeydale Road Beer Festival takes place 4-5 August and is sure to be a great neighbourhood event; there are loads of venues and breweries getting involved!

We're starting off August with a splash of tingly tangly and refreshing *Doctor Morton's Aftersave* (4.1%) with Amarillo and Simcoe hops. Expect a balanced bitterness and flavours of zesty orange with a twist of lemon peel and pine needles to finish.

We're looking forward to hosting our friends at Loxley Brewery, creating an all new 4.2% pale ale called *Walk the Loxley Valley* (name TBC at the time of typing), with Sabro hops giving a

beautiful coconutty character and a creamy finish.

Our Geoglyph series continues with a 4.0% Citra and Columbus hopped pale, *Cetus*. A delicious, easy drinking whale of a pale. Expect a nice sharp/bitter balance against the juicy hop flavours.

Plum Porter (5.2%) is the next edition of our Salvation series of dark beers and one we're all pretty excited about. Smooth, beautifully round, packed with plum character, hints of dark chocolate, and a delectable fruity-sweet finish.

And finally this month, we've got an exciting collaboration coming up with Beer Central and Hungry Buddha, representing the wonderful array of independent traders who call the Moor Market their home. *Coalition* is a 4.3% hazy pale ale with Galaxy, Mosaic, Amarillo and Centennial hops. Flavours of juicy mango and pithy orange are followed up by a crisp, refreshing bitterness.

Brewery Bits

Grizzly Grains have released a new beer hopped with Citra and Belma, named Get Going. Expect big fruit flavours: ripe strawberry, pineapple and grapefruit. Available in cask and keg. Since then, the brewery has received delivery of some Australian hops and Sam is looking forward to using them.

As with last year, **Bradfield Brewery**'s August seasonal beer is *Blueberry Ale*, a refreshing malty, session strength beer (4.4% ABV) with fruity, spicy overtones and a not too unusual blue tint to the head

Fuggle Bunny Brew House

continue to open every Friday for a tap session. Selected dates now also have As Tha Got Beef? in attendance serving burgers up to go with your beer. Upcoming dates include 28 July, 18 August, 1 September and 15 September. Additionally, they are opening Saturday 29 July from 2pm to 9pm with live music and pizza.

Triple Point Brewing have brought back their *Kashmir Mountain IPA* for the summer. It is a similar recipe to their award-winning *Debut IPA* but, at a more sessionable 4.4%, and in terms of style, combines the juiciness of a New England IPA with the bitterness of a West Coast IPA and just the right balance provided by the Centennial, Kashmir, Citra and Admiral hops.



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Award presentations



Pub of the Year



Gardeners Rest Neepsend

Gardeners Rest team are presented with their award by Paul Crofts.



Pub of the Year

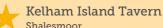


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Malcolm Dixon presents manager Craig Chaplin with their award.







Above, the team with their awards and inset, Chair Glyn presenting.



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Red Lion

Pub of the Year 2023 (District)

There has been a pub in the village of Litton since three cottages were knocked together in 1787. In more recent times, a late 1970s Sheffield CAMRA's Real Beer Guide described the Red Lion in Litton as a "stone built free house in an idyllic setting overlooking the village green, upon which stand the stocks and an ancient stone cross of unknown origin.

Its cosy interior has open fires and 'olde-worlde' charm".



The only beer mentioned was Theakston's *Best Bitter* and the pub was closed weekday lunchtimes.

Although the pub retains its olde-worlde comfort and charm to this day, it's now open weekday lunchtimes through to the early evenings and serves excellent meals and beers. It can get very busy, especially at weekends when, according to its website, 'it pays to book' and offers a very fulsome range of excellent homemade food using quality produce from local suppliers.

It now offers anything up to five hand pulled real ales on the bar, mostly local sourced Peak Ales from Bakewell,
 Eyam brewed beers and Abbeydale beers from Sheffield,
 with occasional beers from further away, such as a porter from Bolton.

It regularly and deservedly features in CAMRA's annual *Good Beer Guide* and recently achieved top marks in the Cask Marque assessment scheme. It also hosts a beer festival in June as part of the local Wakes Week.

If you need a base to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside it also offers accommodation, either in its own rooms or in a nearby cottage for longer stays. It's also on the 65 (Sheffield-Buxton) and 173 (Bakewell-Castleton) bus routes.

Much praise for making and keeping it this way must go to Jeanne Mason, who has been in charge since 2014, and her excellent bar and kitchen staff. Every day they offer what all village pubs should be offering in the choice and quality of the beer, food and surroundings, making the Red Lion a very worthy winner of this year's Pub of the Year (District) award from the



CAMRA Sheffield & District members.

As our district winner the pub went forward into the North Derbyshire round of the national competition and achieved runner-up.

The award was made at the end of our five mile July RambAle walk, which had started earlier at Eyam, calling in at the Bulls Head in Foolow and the Three Stags Heads in Wardlow Mires on the way.

The high number of stiles and gates, nor the inclement weather, could prevent us from delivering the certificates to the Red Lion intact (if slightly late).

Malcolm Dixon









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Finally back to Bruges

Dave Pickersgill heads to Belgium

After a considerable delay. I recently celebrated a significant birthday in Bruges. The first visit since 2019. A Eurostar deal gave us an excellent 'room with a view' - top floor at Martin's Bruges, a few hundred metres from the Belfort, a short walk from both Brugs Beertje and De Garre.

The main focus of the weekend was the 16th Bruges Beer Festival. Located at the recently completed, Meeting & Convention Centre, this saw some 80 breweries providing over 500 beers. Included were 16 breweries new to this festival, including the, perhaps inappropriately named, Misery Co. - a reference to

the Stephen King book. Their New England IPA (6.9%) was one of several beers sampled from the 12.5 cl customised glass. Among many highlights was the first appearance of Terrest with their 8% Golden Triple, brewed with both grain and hops from the family farm at Houthulst. Also available was, the rarely seen, Westvleteren 12 (10.2%).

We had many conversations with other visitors - one memorable exchange was with the reserve mascot for Charleroi FC ('the Zebras'). Sheffield, 'the home of football' was a common topic of conversation which has worldwide resonance, a theme which Sheffield should extensively utilise.

We also visited several bars, some return visits, but also new experiences. Halve Mann provided the (almost) obligatory Bruges Zot (the only bar which serves this 6% beer unfiltered from the tap). Bauhaus gave us Brussels Beer Project Juice Junkie (5.4%), while old favourite, St. Bernardus 12 (10%), was sampled at Yesterday's World. The latter is a quirky bar or, more accurately, a two-floor antiques shop which serves

a selection of beers - well worth a visit.

After sampling the excellent camerise sour, Cantillon Sang Bleu (6%), we were about to leave Brugs Beertje when De Struise Black Damnation XXVI ('Freddy'), an excellent, but rarely seen barrel-aged Belgian royal stout, appeared on the bar. This 13% beer is an epic, not to be missed. Suffice to say, our visit to De Garre, and their 11% House Tripel. was slightly delayed.

Fort Lapin Brewery was also visited on their Saturday tap day. Since my last visit, the brewery has expanded (four new fermentation vessels). In November they are relocating to a nearby industrial estate. in order to gain more space. Their 8% Triple was a good start to the day. Good to hear that the elder son of the owners, Tristan Vandenbussche, is now a sprint canoe European champion.

In short, Bruges provided a much-needed break, good company, good bars and good beer.

Dave Pickersgill









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Pubs by open top bus

Andy Cullen's tour of the Peaks

This summer has seen two open top bus services introduced offering scenic rides around the Peak District National Park, not far from Sheffield. Your editor had a ride round on the 1 July launch day and started thinking about the pubs and breweries along the route.

The afternoon began by catching the TM Travel bus 218 (Sheffield to Bakewell via Totlev) as far as Baslow. where both the open top bus services call at the same stop. Baslow has a number of pubs, although most appear to be hotels with a public bar and restaurant.

appeared. This operates on a circular route between Chatsworth House and Bakewell at 30 minutes intervals. Leaving Baslow, it is routed via Curbar to Calver, passing the Eyre Arms then doing a loop manoeuvre around the crossroads to then change direction and climbing up hill a little for the longer, mostly rural run to Bakewell, where I alighted.

seer open top tour buses



In Bakewell, I decided to spend half an hour before the next Peak Sightseer came through by enjoying a pint in the Joiners Arms. This small bar, which offers a range of craft beers on both cask and keg, is under the same ownership as the Dronfield Arms, home to Temper Brewing and it was one of their beers I chose. The day of my trip coincided with Bakewell Carnival, so the town was busy

and people had got their spots outside ready for the procession to come through

Boarding the other one of the two vehicles on the Peak Sightseer service, the bus left Bakewell via the A6 Buxton Road and passed the business park that is home to Thornbridge Brewery, where if I had had more time I could have gone to visit their tap room to sample a few beers and order a pizza.

The next location along the route is Ashford in the Water where we passed two pubs across the road from one another, although one was closed, with the now familiar pub company sign advertising it as available to lease. The Bulls Head however was open, this is an old coaching inn owned by Robinsons Brewery.

The next landmark along the route is at Hassop, where the bus crosses over the Monsal Trail. This used to be a railway running from London to Manchester via Matlock and Buxton, but is now a popular walking and cycling trail, and the old Hassop station is now a cafe. The bus continues via Pilsley and stops by the Chatsworth farm shop before turning off the main road and onto the Chatsworth estate, up the drive to the house.





of arriving at Baslow's Nether End bus stop, one of the Stagecoach Peak Sight-



The bus has a five minute break at the Chatsworth House stop before setting off around the circular route again and heading down to Baslow, passing Peak Ales Brewery as it heads down the hill.

Having completed the Peak Sightseer route, I wanted to try the other open top bus service, the Breezer, operated by local independent bus company Hulleys of Baslow. This is a more traditional bus service, rather than a circular tour, running from Baslow to Castleton via Calver Sough. Grindleford, Longshaw, Hathersage and Hope, then returning the same way. Most people in Sheffield know about the Surprise View before heading downhill into Hathersage and this offers the opportunity to enjoy it on an open top bus!

Unfortunately there was a good hour or so until the next Breezer leaving Baslow and I was keen to get to the Hope Valley to do my Beer Matters magazine deliveries to a couple of pubs there, so I joined the regular bus 257 after a wait of less than ten minutes for a scenic ride on a modern single decker. The departure I joined was the one a day which goes a different route to normal, after Eyam it went via Foolow, Great Hucklow, Bradwell and Hope, where it dropped me off.

There are three pubs in Hope. I had a pint and delivered *Beer Matters* magazines at the **Old Hall Hotel**, which is known for hosting beer

festivals most bank holiday weekends, as well as the pub having a restaurant, tea room and accommodation. Just across the road is the **Woodroffe Arms**, owned by Greene King, and a short walk down the Edale road will bring you to the **Cheshire Cheese Inn**, a classic rural pub with a good beer garden.

From Hope, I rejoined the Breezer open top bus which had left Castleton a few minutes previously bound for Baslow, and enjoyed a short run down the Hope Valley as far as Hathersage.

In Hathersage it was a visit to the **Little John Hotel** to deliver their *Beer Matters* magazine, as well as enjoy a pint and a bite to eat.



There are a number of other venues in Hathersage, including the George and Scotsman's Pack in the village, and the **Plough** Inn a little bit of a walk down the road to Leadmill Bridge. I could also have joined the final Breezer open top bus trip of the day back down to Baslow, however time was running out and I needed to be home to get ready for evening plans, so joined a Sheffield bound train back from Hathersage.

Andy Cullen

BUS TICKETS

The Stagecoach **Peak Sightseer** open top bus tour costs £6 for adults and £4 for concessions with a ticket allowing you to hop on and hop off as much as you like during the day.

All the other normal local buses in the area, including the Hulleys Breezer open top service, currently cost £2 per ride, and also accept English National Concession Senior Citizen and disabled passes. Alternatively, you can buy a Derbyshire Wayfarer pass for the day, offering unlimited travel on most local buses in Derbyshire (including direct links from Sheffield) for £8. There is an option also including trains for £14. With the Wayfarer pass you can buy the Peak Sightseer ticket at the discounted price of £4.

DAYS OF OPERATION

The **Peak Sightseer** runs daily until 30 September, then weekends only up until Christmas Eve.

The **Breezer** runs on Saturdays and Sundays, plus weekdays during the school holidays, with the last day of operation 3 September. Please be aware that Hulleys only have one open top vehicle, so from time to time this may be substituted with a regular bus.





Last year's festival staff get-together

The day began with brewery tours courtesy of Triple Point Brewery and Heist Brew Co. Volunteers then set off from each brewery, visiting a variety of pubs before all meeting up in the Kelham Island Tavern. Pubs visited included Rutland Arms, Sheffield Tap, Dorothy Pax, Crow, Gardeners Rest, Alder Bar, Shakespeares and Wellington, among others.

A very enjoyable day; it gave everyone the chance to renew friendships made at the festival and at last year's trip to Halifax.



For anyone interested in volunteering for this year's festival, the staffing form will be live on our website shortly.

Festival guide

July

Smithfest

Thu 27 - Sun 30 Jul Smithfield in Derby host their festival with over 40 ales plus keg beer, cider, music and a burger van. The pub is walk-

Mallard (Worksop)

able from Derby station.

Thu 27 - Mon 31 Jul

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

Perch

Fri 28 - Sun 30 Jul
The summer beer festival in
Perch'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.

Abbeydale Road

Thu 3 - Sun 6 Aug

A number of bars along Abbeydale Road host brewery tap takeovers.

Railway

Fri 11 - Sat 12 Aug

The Railway at Wadsley Bridge host their first ever beer festival with retro arcade games also available to enjoy! Bus 7/8, 86 and 97 go there (86 is the fastest from Sheffield City Centre).

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 Facebook.

Peaktober Fest

Fri 1 - Sun 3 Sep

The Peak Hotel in Castleton hold their first German themed beer festival, with a range of over 50 beers and ciders, full Oompah band and food. Organised by the same team as the festival at the Old Hall Hotel in Hope. Details on their website.

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. For more information see their website.



Steel City (Sheffield CAMRA)

Wed 18 - Sat 21 Oct Details over the page...





Our festival is back!

Steel City Beer & Cider Fest returns this October

It's coming up to that time of year again. After last year's successful post-Covid return. we're back once again at the Kelham Island Museum to celebrate all the best in beer and cider.

We've chosen to keep a very similar layout to the festival to let everyone get used to the changes we introduced last time. The Millowners Arms is still independent and offering a wide variety of drinks; The keg bar will stay in its new position in the rear courtyard, accessed through the Engine Room; and the Bradfield Brewery bar will be in the Brearley Room, on your right as soon as you enter the festival.

No change in the range of beer and cider on offer though! Over 200 beers, including around 50 keg beers, over 40 real ciders and two

bottle bars, featuring continental beers. The Champion Beer of Sheffield award will take place again on the Wednesday evening.

One noticeable change this vear will be our decision to switch from beer tokens to token cards. These will be A6. cards featuring a set of 20p boxes which will be crossed off as you spend. A common sight at other festivals, we have decided to move to these to speed up service at the bar.

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

Our festival charity is Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who will be grateful for any of your unused beer tokens, or festival glass deposit.

Although we're not sure you'll want to hand your glass back! We are delighted to announce that Henderson's Relish are again one of our glass sponsors. This year they are sponsoring the pint glasses, with Bradfield Brewery sponsoring the half pint ones.

No article on the beer festival would be complete without a word of thanks to our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Each year they arrive to set everything up, man the bars, run the various desks, do whatever needs

doing to ensure the festival is the success it is, and then dismantle everything and put it back in to storage for next year. We cannot thank them enough for the time and effort they give. The festival simply would not happen without them. As a thank you, this year we are running a free staff trip to Lincoln, and as an extra reward for the Sunday take down volunteers we have a free buffet at the Gardeners Rest. If you fancy joining our happy band please visit sheffield.camra.org.uk/sc to get more details on volunteering. We can guarantee that you'll enjoy it more than you expected.



Don't forget to look out for our festival beermats around the locals pubs. As we have done for the last few years, the festival side of the mats are all different and once you collect all 12 they fit together to form an image of the festival poster.

We can't wait to welcome you all back once more.

Steel City 47 Beer & Cider Fest, 18-21 October 2023, Kelham Island Museum, Sheffield.

Paul Crofts

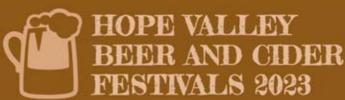


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Summer Bank Holiday

Friday 25th - Monday 28th August

Branch diary

Info and bookings: social@sheffield.camra.org.uk

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 1 Aug

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 **Castle Inn** at Hillsborough. Buses 31, 57a and 61/62 go there or it is walkable from Hillsborough Park tram stop.

Crookes & Walkley Pub Stroll 8pm Fri 11 Aug

Yes, our local area socials are back! On each of these events we'll take you on a wander around pubs in an area of Sheffield that you might not normally visit to enjoy a few good pubs, sometimes including one that has been nominated for Pub of the Month – if you enjoy it you can vote for it!

This month we are doing Crookes and Walkley starting at the **Old Grindstone** at 8pm, which is on the 52/52a bus route. If you aren't sure where that is we'll have a premeet at the **Dog & Partridge** in Sheffield City Centre from 7pm then catch the bus up there.

Festival planning meeting

7pm Tue 15 Aug

We continue planning our Steel City 47 Beer & Cider Fest at this meeting held upstairs at the **Gardeners Rest**.

Committee meeting

8pm Tue 22 Aug

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

Club of the Year

Sat 26 Aug (TBC)

Our members have voted the **Sheffield Tigers Rugby Club** at Dore Moor as our Club of the Year, join us at their annual Seven Hills Beer Festival where we will present the certificate. Buses 65, 271 and 272 go there.

RambAle

10:45am Mon 28 Aug

Our RambAles combine a gently paced walk, usually in the countryside, with a real ale pub or two.

This month we're in the Hope Valley on a walk ending at the **Old Hall Hotel** in Hope where their Hope Valley Beer & Cider Festival will be taking place. Meet on the 272 bus departing Sheffield Interchange at 10:50, we'll be beginning our walk at Bradwell.

Branch meeting

8pm Tue 5 Sep

The venue this month is TBA.

Festival planning meeting

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7pm Tue 19 Sep

Upstairs at the **Gardeners**.

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