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Ale in the City

- a brief guide to real ale pubs
& bars in Sheffield City Centre



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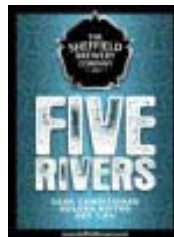
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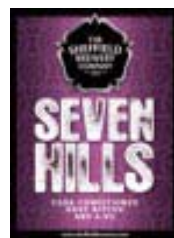
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Kelham Island

To celebrate the local hero Paul Goodison winning Olympic Gold in the Laser Class, Kelham Island Brewery has produced a special beer in his honour. Goodison's Gold is 4.7% and is a full bodied, fruity ale that is suitably **GOLD** in colour. BBC Look North had learnt of the new beer and as a result invited staff from the brewery to a celebration that Ulley Sailing club had arranged in order to welcome back Paul on the 29th August.

Goodison's Gold was on sale at the event and the proceeds went back to the sailing club where Paul originally learnt how to sail. The welcoming home Party was filmed live by BBC Look North and Paul Goodison along with the BBC News presenter Tanya Arnold were filmed on TV both enjoying a pint of Kelham Island Brewery's Goodison's Gold.!!



When Helen Wickett went shopping at Bakewell Farmers Market, she was looking for a birthday present for her husband Dave. She chanced on a stall manned by the Friends of Heage Windmill and found the ideal present – ‘Miller for the Day’ at the Windmill. This package enables able bodied persons to work with qualified millers at the windmill for a full day and to learn a little about ‘how to drive’ a windmill.

Dave had a great day and came up with the fantastic idea of promoting the work of the Windmill which is run and kept alive by the charity that runs it. The concept was for Kelham Island Brewery to mill their own grain that they could then create a new beer with. Dominic (the head brewer) and Dave Wickett (Director) spent the day at the windmill doing the milling on the 1st of August. Soon afterwards they brewed the beer with the Barley that they had ground. The Friends of Heague Windmill came to assist with the brewing and were delighted to aid in the “mashing in” process.

The beer is called Six Sails and this is named after the windmill as it has the unique feature of having six Sails. It is a great flavoursome hoppy pale ale that has an abv of 4%. It will be on sale throughout Sheffield and Derbyshire- Particularly around the area of

Belper and Heague where the Windmill is based.



Like Paddington Bear from deepest darkest Peru comes Congquistador. A beer originating from the foothills of the Andes, now being brewed in Sheffield with a Kelham Island twist. This dark amber beer gives a fruity, berry like aroma backed with a hit of chocolate which comes from the chocolate malt and real Peruvian Cocoa added during the brewing process. Raise a glass to the Inca Gods and enjoy this truly complex new addition to the Kelham Island World Series.

Thornbridge

The brewers at Thornbridge have been set the task of brewing a beer that is innovative & exciting yet commercial. They have all designed, developed and brewed a beer and you have the choice to vote which one you like best.

This time Thornbridge's Kelly Ryan has taken up the challenge with his uniquely crafted beer 'Katipo' (pronounced Car-Tea-Paw), a 5.4% "Rich Porter Matured on Real Raspberries"

This matured porter is named after New Zealand's endangered spider, the Katipo,



known for its small black body and red stripe. Katipo is brewed with chocolate, black and brown specialty malts and American Mount Rainier hops. To make things interesting it has been aged on real Belgian raspberries to add a hint of sweetness and depth of flavour. This combination has resulted in a subtle raspberry aroma, with hints of hay, prunes, raisins and dark bitter chocolate in the finish.

Thornbridge were at the first European Beer Festival in Copenhagen from the 12th to the 14th of September, where Jaipur IPA, Saint Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout and Kipling were featured. They were also included at the related event at the Ambassadors residence, which showcased British beers to international buyers.

The Brew Company

Pete Roberts of the Brew Company will be at the Wig & Pen with their chef, Alex, to co-host a beer dinner on the 22nd of October. Alex will be preparing 4 courses to match four of Pete's beers.

The evening will start with a pre drink in the bar, then after everyone is seated Alex will introduce his menu, Pete will introduce

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Abbeydale

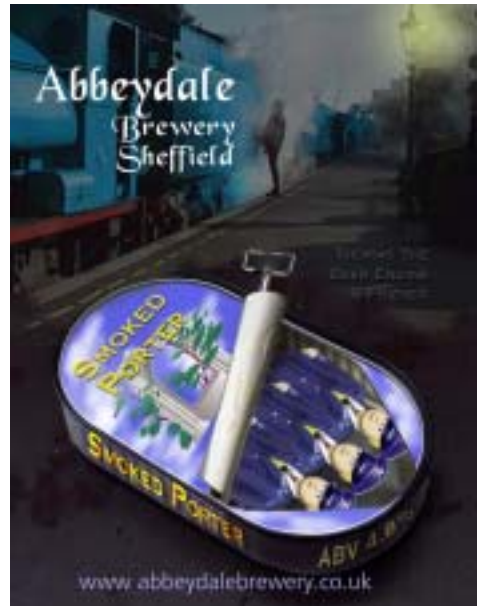
Abbeydale provided Moonshine for both the public bar and the President's enclosure at Longshaw Sheepdog Trials this year, by special request of this year's President Jim Fulton, who wanted a real ale available. The beer went down extremely well, selling out in the middle of Saturday afternoon. The bar organisers were pleasantly surprised by how well it went and have asked Abbeydale to provide beer for them again next year.

Brimstone is now available in the Three Merry Lads on Sandygate Road and Moonshine is set to become a regular beer in The Scholar on London Road. Abbeydale beers are also making an appearance alongside other local ales in the Museum on Orchard Square and the Frog and Parrot on Division Street as well as the Ball Inn at Crookes. "The enthusiasm for local ales among landlords, managers and customers is very heartening and the LocAle campaign by Sheffield CAMRA has been very helpful in highlighting the many good reasons for

stocking local beers." said Patrick Morton, Abbeydale's Managing Director.

Abbeydale were also delighted that in the recent Sheffield Beer survey by CAMRA, Moonshine was the most frequently encountered beer, beating even the national brands. Says Abbeydale's MD, Patrick Morton "It was always our ambition to make Moonshine the beer of Sheffield and it is wonderful that the CAMRA survey bears this out, as well as demonstrating the sheer variety of beer available in Sheffield."

The Abbeydale Seasonal beer available throughout October is Smoked Porter ABV 4.8%. The brewers have long wanted to make a smoked porter and no-one could think of a better name.



Little Ale Cart

Little Ale Cart has started producing test brews, with number 1 being available on the bar at the Wellington early September. This

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has since been followed by numbers 2 and 3. Test brew number 4 should be ready and on the bar at the start of October.

Crown

The Crown brewery was asked to attend the 1st European beer festival in Copenhagen from the 12th to the 14th of September. Wheatie-bits, Red Barron and H.P.A were sent in casks. Red Barron and Wheatie-bits were also sent bottle conditioned in 330ml bottles.

The Pub-tick tram-transport Beer Festival will take place from the 16th to the 19th of October. The Hillsborough Hotel, University Arms and Devonshire Cat will have at least 60 new or interesting beers between them.

Crown Brewery are producing a series of beers named after Jazz stars. The third in the series was released mid-September and was a 3.8% golden bitter called 'Satchmo'.

A special strong Wheat Stout, at 6.5% ABV is being brewed, this will be available in bottles in time for Christmas.

Sheffield Brewery Co.

Sheffield Brewery Company are brewing a special beer to allow drinkers at Sheffield Beer Festival to toast one of the City's Steel Industry's famous sons - Mark Firth, who is buried in the General Cemetery where the festival is being held. The beer has been named 'Firth Quencher'.

The Sheffield Brewery's facilities for onsite brewery tours have proved a huge success with the installation of its very own bar at the brewery. In keeping with the directors' green ethics the bar was salvaged from the



Ranmoor Halls of Residence which have just been demolished. Eddy Munnely, one of the directors of The Sheffield Brewery says:

"Its been a fantastic restoration project and the "new" bar will play a central role in promoting our brewery tour events for private parties, corporate and charity events. We think students and graduates alike will also want to visit the brewery just to see how we've preserved their "old" bar." Check out the Match Venture advert in this edition to see our latest group booking. Details at www.sheffieldbrewery.com

The Sheffield Brewery Company can now hire out an authentic "bar" and set it up to offer venues or party holders a fine selection of quality cask ales. For indoor or outdoor events its brilliant and has been used at Whirlow Hall Farm, the University and other corporate and wedding events, BBQs and private parties. Details at www.sheffieldbrewery.com.

Woodthorpe Hall Cider

October is the busy time when the apples are harvested and pressed to make into Cider. Sheffield & Chesterfield branches of CAMRA will be visiting to see this bit of the process on Saturday 25th October, before walking with a tub of Cider to the Royal Oak at Millthorpe for a pint and a bite to eat.

Part one - Porter



Welcome to the first in a regular series of insights into the myriad of cask beers you see on your local bar. Pete Roberts, a local brewer and self confessed real ale lover muses about an old style beer - Porter.

The name 'Porter' originates from the 1700's when a dark style of beer was popular with the street porters of London. Landlords used to sell a blend of ale, pale beer, and older stale beer called 3 threads. This was the first Porter style and as this became popular savvy brewers blended the beer at the brewery and this was known as single butt. This dark, malty brew evolved into many variations with some slightly stronger versions which became known as 'Stout Porters'.

In the 19th Century it wasn't long before the word Porter was dropped in favour of Stout for the more robust brews and so another famous brew was born. Porter declined as the upper classes didn't wish to be associated with a working class tippie and lighter ales became more prevalent.

Today the Porter style has changed from its original colour of dark brown, as it used to be brewed with all brown malt, to a more widely accepted black. Originally the Porter

would have been quite sweet with a roasted flavour. Heavy use of self malted brown malts gave a burnt astringency to the beer but nowadays most brewers use a mixture of quality malt including roasted barley, brown, amber and black malts. The resulting modern brew tends to be dark, chocolaty, toasted flavour with a roast coffee finish and low bitterness just enough to balance the sweetness from the malts.

There are thousands of different Porters from around the world and UK real ale brewers are providing the country with a flavoursome beer, steeped in history but striding confidently into the drinkers modern portfolio. The next time you see porter on the bar, try a pint or two, drink in the history and quench your thirst for something different.

your say...

I have always looked forward to reading your excellent monthly publication which I believe has a fine mix of news, information and articles and I commend you on the glossy 'new look' with the added bonus of photographs. It is to this feature that I unfortunately have to vent my spleen. My ire has been roused by the fact that your latest edition of the publication does not even have one picture of our esteemed chairman 'Smoggy' Dave Williams. In previous issues his fizog has appeared more than once, sometimes even with a different hairstyle. Can you rectify this fault in future issues as I have nothing left to frighten the kids with. I usually tell them 'work hard or you could turn out like this'.

Yours, Frustrated of Frechville

Oh dear, I appear to have run out of space this month..maybe next month! Ed.



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Many local members will know Gus Manning as the East Midlands Young Persons Membership Co-ordinator and (now former) Chairman of the CAMRA Young Members Group who suffered a horrific motor accident towards the end of January in which his tibia and fibia were shattered, and his knee, ribs, collar bone and shoulder blade were broken.

Shortly after one of the operations on his leg, Gus suffered a blood clot on the lung and was put on medication to slow down the rate at which his blood clotted. One of the side effects of this medication is that he was not allowed to wet-shave in case he cut himself and it didn't stop bleeding. Another side effect of the medication meant that he was limited to just two units of alcohol per day. This course of medication came to an end in early August.

Gus wanted to raise some money for the Limb Reconstruction Unit at Sheffield Northern General Hospital to thank them for preventing him having his leg amputated. On Saturday 9th August, Gus managed to raise £850 when Marc Holmes (Chairman of the Great British Beer Festival) shaved Gus' beard and hair off during the GBBF staff party. After a swift half of something

strong from the staff bar, Gus was asked how he felt now that people could see his face again, and was heard to reply "Cold and naked!"

This is not the end of raising money for the Limb Reconstruction Unit at Sheffield Northern General Hospital, as Gus' employer, The Old Poets' Corner in Ashover, Derbyshire, are organising a sponsored walk from the pub to the newly opened Ashover Brewery pub, The Poet & Castle, in Codnor, where Gus will start work once his sick note runs out in October.

photograph: William Wynn

Pub news

The **Noah's Ark** at Crookes is now closed as the landlord has moved to the **Rutland Arms** on Brown Street in the City Centre, which has now reopened. Real Ale is available at the Rutland Arms, and food will be available as soon as the kitchen is up and running.

The **Grindstone** at Crookes has had no real ale on several occasions, apparently having run out. Must be popular.

The **Varsity** on West Street is now selling real ale, at very reasonable prices. However at the time of writing it is presently closed for refurbishment.

The **Walkley Cottage** has closed for several weeks for refurbishment.

The **Three Stags Heads** at Wardlow Mires seems to have reduced beer prices recently.

The **Porter Brook** now has a guest beer (Everards Tiger when visited), and has reduced the price of the Greene King beers.



Managers Kev and Steph Woods at The **New Barrack Tavern** on Penistone Road have decided to do their bit for local drinkers by persuading brewery bosses to help them drop the price of some of their beers. By standing up for their loyal customers and emphasising that times are hard for many local people with factory closures, job losses, flood repair bills, high inflation and the recession, Kev and Steph have done the deal that will benefit everyone at the ‘Tavern’.

Now, a pint of Castle Rock Brewery’s Harvest Pale Bitter will cost £1.90 down 20p on its previous price and there are additional loyalty card reductions for regular customers.

Kev says, “We’ve put a case together to ask for support for our regulars and we’re delighted that Castle Rock has listened and confirmed their understanding that ours is a customer driven business. Attracting people to pubs by offering high quality and good value is key if pubs are to have a sustainable future.”

The **Anglers Rest** in Bamford now has 3 real ales on tap and 1 changing guest ale. The constant ales are Theakstons Black Bull, Fullers London Pride and Greene King IPA.

Also, the pub is now open Daily from 12noon to midnight.

The **Castle Inn** at Castleton and the **Fox House** at Longshaw took part in ‘A Festival of Firsts’ during September. Beers featured, which were selected on the basis of being new and innovative and likely to attract new real ale drinkers, were Adnams East Green, which is believed to be the first carbon neutral beer. Young’s Special, the first beer to achieve Red Tractor status, and Caledonian Golden Promise, the first British organic beer, with the pub’s very own Vintage Ale closing the festival.



The **Old Sidings** at Dronfield is under new management. The new landlord has gone to great lengths to ensure his Tetley Bitter is served in good condition, and has introduced a changing guest beer too.

The **Castle Inn** at Bradway has redecorated the lounge and has a new chef who has introduced a new food menu. October sees a real ale promotion - details in advert.

Real Ale fans can expect to find no less than 8 handpulls in **The York**, Fulwood Road, Broomhill, as this beautiful mid 19th century Pub goes back to its roots. For the first time since its original opening in 1854 a range of cask Ales comes to the York from Halloween 2008.

The York will feature a range of permanent ales, different from all others on offer in Broomhill, plus changing Guest Ales. Expect a range of superb ales which are not available anywhere else in Sheffield, along with beers from local microbreweries too!

The York's new management hone to bring

all their expertise in traditional beer from the Dove and Rainbow, which they opened in 2006 with ten handpulls, and won CAMRA Pub of the Month in February. We certainly hope the York will be up there with the winners somewhere in 2009, as they promise be working with very high standards of cask ale storage and dispense.

While the sister pub to the York is the Dove and Rainbow, the York will not be a 'rock' pub, but focus more on being a traditional 'old skool' Public House with appeal to 18 to 80 year olds, yet with a slightly 'funky' quality to it. They shall also be stocking real ciders, a great selection of fine wines, and offer traditional Pub entertainment such as live acoustic nights, dartboard, Pinball, etc, and there will be no huge annoying TV screens to ruin the experience. The web site is www.the-york.com for more details.



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Sheffield City Centre boasts a massive and diverse choice of pubs and bars, many of which serve real ale. Here is a quick guide to just some of them, if you are new to town I hope you enjoy discovering them!

Dove & Rainbow



It has to be said that the Dove is a fairly unique little bar, with rock music at heart. At night you will find either live bands or a DJ playing rock, with a rock juke box at other times. If the music isn't enough to entertain you, then the three pinball tables might. The decor is quirky and the place has atmosphere and indoor picnic tables. The bar boasts ten handpumps, dispensing a changing range of real ales and real cider.

Frog & Parrot



A sheffield legend, which used to have a grungy look and be famous for the very strong malt extract beer brewed in the cellar called Roger & Out. It's now owned by the

Greene King brewery and serves their beers along with a local guest ale, and has been refurbished and now has a bigger floor space, kitsch decor and an outdoor drinking area. It has reinvented itself with special music events in the pub, and the legend lives on..

Bath Hotel



This old school boozier has bags of character, and is listed in CAMRA's national inventory of pub interiors worth preserving. A few years ago the pub was refurbished in a way that managed to combine modern standards with the classic 1930s style. It's a two room pub with a corridor inbetween, and a central wooden bar kiosk serving all three drinking areas. The tiles in the lounge give a bit of an art-deco feel to it. On the bar, Tetley Bitter is available, along with 3 guest ales from microbreweries.

Old Queens Head



Another one for heritage lovers, the original

part of the Old Queens Head is the oldest commercial building in Sheffield, dating back to the year 1505. It has had a couple of extensions added since then, and of course also had a bus station built onto it. The beer here is from Thwaites brewery.

Grapes



A fantastic multi-roomed pub, with a snug, lounge and pool room, linked by a corridor, the bar is on the corridor and serves beer from Sheffield's Abbeydale Brewery along with Tetley Bitter. There is also an upstairs room which hosts a busy schedule of live music, and could be considered a key part of the grass routes of Sheffield's music scene.

Dog & Partridge



A Sheffield classic, Irish run and always busy with Irish ex pats. Two real ales available - Tetley Bitter and Abbeydale Absolution. A multi-roomed pub where you will often find a random musician sat in the back room entertaining fellow drinkers.

Devonshire Cat



A fairly modern purpose built City Centre bar, with lots of wood, glass and polished metal featuring in the interior design, however it's a mecca for beer lovers with 12 handpumps serving a great choice of real ales. There is also an entire menu of bottled and draught beers from around the world. Freshly cooked food is something the Devonshire Cat is also proud of.

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We also have our recently refurbished Function Room and Huntsman Restaurant available for events, conferences and parties. The Huntsman Restaurant is open Wednesday to Saturday from 7.00pm.

Not West Street...

Sheffield CAMRA's social secretary has organised a number of things for us to do once the beer festival is over.

The 4th Friday of the month is when we do a pub crawl, with it being a different area each month. This month, on October 31st, we will be in the City Centre.

Now, even if you are new to the city, you will be familiar with the West Street run, with a number of typical City Centre circuit bars, along with some smarter ones such as Muse. On a Friday and Saturday night they are absolutely rammed. Therefore we are doing 'Not the West Street Run'.

If you fancy joining us on this pub crawl, simply turn up in the University Arms at 8pm, which is where we are meeting, then once everybody has arrived and had a beer we will move on, taking in the Red Deer, Grapes, Dog & Partridge and Wig & Pen, finishing up in the Dove & Rainbow, where they are having a halloween party.

Christmas dinner

Richard Ryan, our social secretary, has now confirmed the plans for the Sheffield CAMRA members Christmas dinner.

It will be at the Plough, Low Bradfield, where we are sure of good food and good ale, and buses 61 and 62 stop outside the pub.

The date is Saturday 6th December, and the tables are booked for 5pm. If you would like to attend, names and deposits to Richard Ryan please, his phone number can be found on page 30.

Day trip to Masham

Now, you know that week between Christmas and New Year, you've celebrated Christmas, New year isn't until next week, and you haven't much to do? Isn't it a depressing time?

Well, we have the answer! Following our banish the blues daytrip to York last year, On Monday 29th December this year we are planning on running a coach to the North Yorkshire village of Masham, home to Theakston and Black Sheep Breweries.

This is still in the planning and enquiring stage, if you would be interested in going on this trip please contact Richard Ryan our social secretary (number on page 30) and register your interest.

CAMRA beer festivals

Enjoyed Sheffield's Steel City Beer Festival and decided you want some more of that?

Well here is a list of CAMRA organised beer festivals in reasonable travelling distance of Sheffield for the next couple of months.

If you require more details please log on to the national CAMRA website at www.camra.org.uk. If you are a member, don't forget your membership card as it will get you in at a discount rate or even free.

2nd to 4th October: Sheffield
 2nd to 4th October: Huddersfield
 8th to 11th October: Bedford
 9th to 11th October: Worksop
 9th to 12th October: Nottingham
 6th to 8th November: Wakefield

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The pub of the month awards are designed to highlight those good local pubs that offer good quality real ale in a friendly and comfortable environment day in, day out.

The pubs currently on the list of active nominations are listed below. If you are a CAMRA member please vote yes or no for each one you have been to! You can vote via email (potm@sheffieldcamra.co.uk) or at a branch meeting.

Phoenix, Ridgeway
Rising Sun, Ecclesall
Bath Hotel, City Centre
Rawson Spring, Hillsborough.

If you visit a pub that you think should win an award, why not nominate it? Please see the website for instructions how to do this.

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University Arms



One of the newest additions to Sheffield's real ale scene, the University Arms at 197 Brook Hill became a pub in January 2007, having previously operated as Club 197, the staff club for the University of Sheffield.

Since opening early last year it has been managed by Mike Pidgeon, who will be remembered as restoring the then derelict Sheaf View in 1984 before selling it on to Marstons, and later as a familiar face behind the bar at the Hillsborough Hotel until 2004.

The pub is located just above the Brook Hill roundabout in the Broomhill direction. On entering from the main entrance the bar is on the left, with a small alcove seating area adjoining. The main lounge area is to the right and ahead is the conservatory which leads to the extensive beer garden. Upstairs there are a number of rooms available for the many societies that meet here, as well as catering for parties.

Despite its newness as a pub, the University Arms has the appearance of a comfortable, traditional hostelry, free of gimmicks and audio-visual intrusions.

Whilst not tied, the pub is the regular outlet for Thornbridge beers in central Sheffield,

with Wild Swan being the house beer, and at least one other Thornbridge beer and two or three offerings from other local micros are always available. The large throughput of beers in the short time it has been open is illustrated by the display of pumpclips behind the bar.

Food is available every lunchtime, and early evenings except Saturdays. The pub opens 12 – 11pm Monday to Saturday (closed Sundays). There is a regular quiz night on Thursdays, and occasional live jazz and blues, and the pub is home to the Sheffield Ceilidh Society. Together with the Devonshire Cat and the Hillsborough Hotel, the University Arms is part of the Pub-Tic-Tram-Sport beer festival being held this year from 16th – 18th October.

Congratulations to Mike and his staff on winning the Pub of the Month award which will be presented on the evening of Tuesday 14th October.

Alan Gibbons

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Friday 26th Sept
Pre festival pub crawl

An opportunity for our beer festival volunteers to become familiar with pubs near the venue with a pub crawl starting at the Lescar at 8pm, then onto the Porterbrook, Vine and Devonshire Arms.

28th September to 6th October
Beer Festival

Our Steel City Beer Festival is finally here! We are on site setting up from Sunday 28th and taking down on Sunday 5th. The festival is open from the 2nd to the 4th of October - see centre pages for details. Volunteer staff still required!

Tuesday 7th October
Branch meeting

A business like meeting open to all our members to discuss pub, club and brewery news and any issues. This month the meeting is at the Fulwood Inn, 8pm start. Bus 40.

Tuesday 14th October
Pub of the month

Presentation of the October pub of the month award certificate. See page 27 for details.

Saturday 18th October
Yorkshire Pub of the year

The Kelham Island Tavern has been judged the winner of the Yorkshire round of the national pub of the year competition. Join us at the pub from 5pm as CAMRA's regional director presents the certificate to Trevor Wraith and his staff, and join their celebrations.

Tuesday 21st October
Beer Festival meeting

We review how our 2008 Steel City Beer Festival went, and start making plans for the 2009 event. The meeting is at the **New Barrack Tavern** at 8:30pm. Buses 53/77A.

Sat 25th October
Annual Woodthorpe Hall Cider run

Meet at Woodthorpe Hall near Holmesfield at midday, see the start of the cider making process before then walking with a barrel to the Royal Oak at Millthorpe where we drink cider and eat lunch.

Tuesday 28th October
Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting

The November issue of Beer Matters will be available at the **Kelham Island Tavern** to collect and distribute to pubs. The committee meeting will also take place here, from 8pm.

Friday 31st October
'Not the West St. crawl'

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