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responsible adult at all times. Under 16s are NOT permitted in the beer tent.



More and more people are joining CAMRA and the organisation is growing, with membership nationally likely to break the 100,000 mark before the Great British Beer Festival takes place in London this August. Locally our

branch membership now stands at a record 1050 members.

People have joined CAMRA for various reasons. Some wish to add their voice to those concerned about pub closures and the number of traditional community pubs being lost, some feel quite strongly about our other campaigning themes too. Other people just join because they like the opportunity to try new and interesting beers, or perhaps they wish to combine an existing hobby with drinking good ale.

We are keen for local members to make the most of their membership by getting involved with the branch, we've seen a few new faces coming along on our country pub walks (RambAle) and a group of enthusiastic individuals have volunteered to survey pubs for the new local guide we are producing.

If you have recently joined us we have organised a social at the Sheffield Brewery Company on Friday 5th June at 7:30pm, where you will get a tour of the brewery then the opportunity to try their beers in the brewery bar at a bargain price. Please book your place with Rob Carroll on 07811 868260 or [secretary@sheffieldcamra.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sheffieldcamra.co.uk). There is the option of enjoying a pie & pea supper whilst there, this needs to be ordered and paid for in advance. This promises to be quite an enjoyable evening, so get your name down and come and drink with us!

### Thornbridge charity garden party

It's that time of year again for the Peak District's must-attend summer event - The Thornbridge Hall Charity Garden Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July between 11am and 4pm.

This year's event supports; Helen's Trust, Child Life Support, Lainey K Campaign & the Boots for Africa campaign.

There will be lots to do for all the family including; Open house & gardens, craft fair, live musical entertainment, a funfair, football skills with Sheffield FC, children's entertainer, pony rides, and much more.

Award winning Thornbridge Brewery will be launching their new summer beer, while the celebrated team from the Cricket Inn at Sheffield will be providing some great food.

The Sheffield FC Boots for Africa campaign will be there- dig out any unwanted football boots, astro boots or football trainers in any size and donate them to Sheffield FC at the collection point at the Garden Party. The Club will then ensure they are shipped to South Africa and distributed to the children.

Entry Tickets Adults: £4.00, OAP: £3.00, Kids under 16 free! Free parking (please use the entrance off the A6020).

We are planning on running a minibus trip to the garden party if there is enough interest, and will benefit from the concessionary entry price of £3 if booked in advance. If you would like to go, please contact our social Secretary Richard Ryan.

### Attention pub landlords!

Share your pub news with Beer Matters readers - editors contact details on page 26

## The Champagne bar that sells real ale

Trippets Champagne and Wine Bar prefers to be known as Trippets, Trippet Lane, these days, still very much a Wine Bar but with the credit crunch the emphasis from Champagne has moved somewhat, well, in fact, they are very pleased to offer on hand pull Kelham Islands award winning 'Easy Rider' alongside some excellent continental draught lagers.

Co-owner John Mitchell (of Mitchells Vintners) commented – 'We don't want to be a Jack of all trades master of none, but with the diversity of drinkers we get down Trippet Lane who frequent us and the other local establishments we've been asked dozens of times to offer a Real Ale so what better way to start than Kelham Islands Easy Rider from just around the corner?'

## Dovestock!

On Sunday 7th June 2009, the Dove and Rainbow Pub in Sheffield City Centre will hold its first all-day charity music festival.

The festival, known as Dove Stock, will donate 10% of the bar takings to the NSPCC. Dove Stock will start at 12pm and finish at 12.30am. 14 local bands will play throughout the day, supported by a barbeque and raffle.

Local businesses are keen to be involved, with raffle donations from Magna, the Showroom Cinema, Ponds Forge, Virgin Active, Purple Monkey and many others.

The Dove and Rainbow Pub is located in

Hartshead Square near Castle Square tram stop, behind Pizza Hut and Argos.

## New management at the Bulls Head

Mark and Marie Wilson have moved from the Wharncliffe Arms, Wharncliffe Side to the Bull's Head at Ranmoor.

The beers are Tetley and Stones Bitter, Taylor Landlord and a guest, recently being Well's Bombardier.

There is also a new menu ranging from bar snacks to full meals. Sunday and Thursday are both general knowledge quiz nights

## Real Ale in Grenoside

Two handpumps are now installed at the Angel in Grenoside. One pump will dispense their regular beer which will be a popular national brand, the other a guest beer from the fairly local Wentworth brewery.

## Hyde and seek

The Hyde Park Inn at Dronfield Hill Top is now open again under the new management of Darron Rasdale following a refurbishment.

The pub has been remodelled to give it a more family friendly atmosphere, and the management is striving to make the pub an enjoyable experience with home cooked food and cask ales.

Over the next few months they are looking at utilising the beer garden for the summer.

Mick and Denise welcome you to the newly redecorated

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On the 12th of May the ‘Sheffield All Stars Beer Festival’ took place at Abbeydale’s brewery pub The Rising Sun at Nether Green. All the Sheffield brewers beers were on the bar and an official blind tasting took place led by an ex brew master from Coors brewery. The Brew Company’s Spring Bock won ‘Beer of The Festival’

Pete Roberts owner and brewer at the Brew Company said “Once again we get an award which is vindication that our brews are top class. I am not surprised Spring Bock stood out in the blind tasting as we are struggling to keep up with demand for this seasonal beer. The Rising Sun is a haven for real ale and we were so pleased to be asked to showcase a beer at the festival event”

## The Brew Company embraces new media

The Brew Company has recorded two short videos about brewing cask ale.

You can watch Pete brewing on You Tube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0Kz3fni5Zg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0Kz3fni5Zg)

## Hop to it!

The Brew Company says that there is really high demand for their pale hoppy beers such as Slaker, Spring Bock, Brewers Gold and Hop Ripper IPA and they are brewing like mad to keep up!

Brewer Pete Roberts comments “Sales have seen a sharp upturn and we recorded a record month in April and again in May. Our pale and hoppy beers are going down really well at the moment and we are also getting requests for Eclipse Porter from all over the place”.

## Best beer in Leeds is from... Barnsley



Acorn Brewery’s Barnsley Bitter has triumphed as the best beer in Leeds. The top accolade from the city’s Camra branch followed a vote among its members in the *Full Measure* magazine.

A presentation of the award was made at a ‘Meet the Brewer’ evening at the Victoria Family & Commercial in Great George Street, Leeds. Acorn’s managing director and head brewer Dave Hughes said: “Competition in Leeds among cask-ales brewers is ferocious, so we are absolutely

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delighted that Camra members have voted our Barnsley Bitter as the number one beer in the city for 2008. It is yet more great praise for the first brand we brewed as a traditional Yorkshire style bitter when we started up six years ago.”

## New Acorn brews for June



Acorn are brewing a couple of new beers to enjoy during June - Quantum (4.5%) which is brewed with lager malt, Fuggle and Goldings hops to create a pale, well balanced ale and Marynka IPA (5%), this is 6th in the series of European hopped IPA's, featuring a pleasant combination of floral and herbal aromas from this Polish hop.

## Parklife in liquid form

Parklife, Kelham Island Brewery's special beer for June is a very light 4% ale brewed with lager hops, Malt and other good things making you think of long days at the seaside. A truly amazing thirst quencher for the long hot summer forecast. It will work well with

BBQ's or just a pint in the local.

This beer continues the series of musically themed beers with pump clips designed by local artist Pete Mckee.

## Riders on the Storm



This one is a permanent addition to the Kelham Island beer range.

Like a dog without a bone, Riders on the storm, On the dark side of pale, this pleasantly bitter, hoppy pale ale will take you by the hand, make you understand what a great beer this is. ABV 4.5%

## Bottle conditioned

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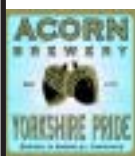
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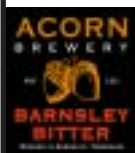
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## New Technical Sales Rep at Thornbridge



Only an effective working partnership between a brewery and a pub will ensure that any beer lover can enjoy a quality pint. Recognising the importance of this Thornbridge brewery is delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Noble as their Technical Sales Representative.

Richard has over 30 years experience in the brewing industry, initially with Samuel Webster's as a Lab Technician, monitoring all aspects of production before becoming Trade Quality Advisor helping customers maintain their cellars to the best possible standard. In 1991 he moved into a technical sales role firstly with John Smiths and finally with Heineken S&N UK before joining the team at Thornbridge.

Jim Harrison, Thornbridge's MD, is delighted that Richard has joined the brewery and believes that "his wide experience within the trade will enable him to make a telling contribution as the brewery expansion takes place". Richard says he is "delighted to be joining such a progressive

and quality orientated brewery and is looking forward to working with Thornbridge's customers to present the award winning beers with the same passion that goes into their creation".

## Beer Festival at Amber Ales brewery

Amber Ales are to host a beer festival at their brewery in Ripley, Derbyshire from the 19th to 21st June featuring 'Revolutionary Ales' from local microbreweries. Full line-up is yet to be confirmed, but will include some new brews from Derby Brewing and Thornbridge as well as Amber Ales - such as an oak-aged stout and Hop Devil, a big hop bomb of a beer!

Amber Ales can be found on, Asher Lane, Ripley DE5 3SW.

## Wakefield Scouts fundraiser

Over to Paul Lote, a Cub Scout leader at the 15th Wakefield Scout Group now.

"We would be grateful if you could make your members aware of our annual real ale festival been held on the 26th and 27th June 2009.

This is a fund raising event with proceeds going towards the running of our Scout group which currently caters for approx 100 young people each week. And has in the past been supported by many CAMRA members as well as those that prefer real ales. If you require any more information please email or contact me on 01924 257021."

## news

### Birdsedge village Beer Festival

This small beer festival takes place on Friday 10th July as part of the wider village festival which takes place on the 11th, to raise funds for the running of the new village hall, an important community resource in Birdsedge (near Penistone).

The festival will feature 12 beers from 6 local breweries - Kelham Island , Leeds Brewery , Mallinsons (Huddersfield) , Ossett Brewery , Summer Wine Brewery and Wentworth Brewery. Wherever possible there will be seasonal beers from each brewery and these monthly specials will only be available in July. Also on offer will be a couple of real ciders and a perry, as well as some bottled lagers and a range of soft drinks.

Entertainment on the Friday night is from the Frumptarn Guggenband (Barnsley) and Harry Rowland (a local young musician - winner of a Musical Youth competition ). Food is available throughout the weekend from our BBQ , which has built a reputation for quality and value over the last few years.

The BeerFest is a dedicated night open to the general public but with a discount for CAMRA members. More details are available on the BeerFest website at: [www.birdsedgevillagefestival.org/beerfest.html](http://www.birdsedgevillagefestival.org/beerfest.html)

### Captain Cook

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## EBCU Manifesto



CAMRA is today celebrating the publication of the European Beer Consumers Union Manifesto, which calls upon the EU to preserve and promote Europe's beer and brewing

heritage, support Europe's well-run pubs and bars and protect European beer consumers' rights!

CAMRA will be writing to European election candidates asking them to endorse this manifesto.

The European Beer Consumers Union (EBCU) was formed in Bruges in May 1990, and is now a federation of 13 European beer consumer organisations. EBCU currently has a combined membership of over 120,000 members, with the common aim of representing the interests and views of beer consumers across Europe. Beer is the national drink of many member states in the EU, with beer being brewed in Europe for many thousands of years.

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive, speaking at the release of the publication, said: *'In the UK, responsible pub-goers have been penalised by a 20% increase in beer duty since the start of 2008, therefore CAMRA wholeheartedly backs EBCU's idea of lower excise duty on beer sold in pubs.'* Benner continued: *'Beer is a product that generates billions of euros and pounds each year in tax revenue, and the beer and*

*brewing industry's value to the European economy is truly significant- the industry contributes a staggering 57.5 billion euros annually!'*

Other points contained in the manifesto include an equal treatment for beer in relation to wine, and raising the awareness of beer as a natural agricultural product. One of the objectives looks to emphasise the need for greater parity in relation to financial support for malting barley and hop growers compared to their wine industry equivalent. The manifesto also stresses the need for the EU to review its strategy on reducing alcohol-related harm.

Benner concluded: *'There needs to be a greater awareness that the responsible consumption of alcohol in well-run, licensed premises reduces the risk of alcohol misuse, and subsequent social disorder. What this ground-breaking manifesto re-iterates in a similar fashion to past CAMRA campaigns is that beer is inextricably linked with our past, and we should be proud of our rich European brewing heritage.'*

European brewing facts and figures:

- **Beer has been brewed in Europe for over 3,000 years**
- **Number of breweries in Europe is over 3,000**
- **EU brewers produce 416m hectolitres of beer annually**
- **The beer and brewing industry contributes 57,500,000,000 euros to the European Economy annually**
- **Member states receive at least 39,000,000,000 euros a year in tax revenues**
- **50% of the world's hops are produced in Europe**

Few people living in the Dronfield area these days would ever dream that the area had a mining past. In fact over the years around 40 coal mines are known to have existed in the Dronfield and Unstone area. For further details of these mines, see the excellent web resource run by A. N. Bridgewater at <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/colliery>.

Two of these mines used to be found at Dronfield Woodhouse and Hundall and they provided trade for and directly influenced the names of their respective nearby pubs – both called the Miner’s Arms and this article briefly outlines their history.

## Miner’s Arms, Dronfield Woodhouse

Dronfield Woodhouse mine was located on Carr Lane, near the Miner’s Arms. There was a further mine at Stubley, near the Dronfield School Gosforth site, and local sources also state that there was another mine opposite the top of Carr Lane, which had opened in 1795.

A beerhouse at ‘Woodhouse’ was first recorded in an 1833 Trade Directory, run by William Hattersley. As an aside, the Peacock at Owl Bar was also run by a William Hattersley in 1833, and it is possible that they were the same person.

By 1857, Hattersley was listed as running a public house, known as the Miner’s Arms. The assumption is that the current pub started life in the early 1830s as a simple beerhouse. Census records reveal that William Hattersley was born around 1795 and that his son, Henry, subsequently ran the pub in the 1890s. Sheffield brewer Duncan

Gilmour & Co. bought the Miner’s in 1919 from another Sheffield brewer, Old Albion, which also supplied the Red Lion in Dronfield. Gilmour’s themselves were bought by Tetleys in 1954. The Miner’s is now owned by the Punch Taverns pub company and beer brewed in Sheffield, from Kelham Island Brewery, may still be enjoyed at this popular community local today.

## Miner’s Arms, Hundall

Hundall mine is believed to have opened in the 1870s – it is not possible to be more exact than this due to a lack of documentary evidence. Located up a track opposite the Miner’s Arms, it was operated by the Hundall Colliery Co. until its short life ended in 1887 when the mining equipment was sold off.

The pub premises were originally a farmhouse/homestead belonging to the Stephenson family. A beerhouse was opened sometime after the Stephenson’s sold the property in 1858 and the first evidence of its existence is the 1871 census when the licensee was Joseph Breedon, who was also a coal miner. Previous owners include several breweries - Thomas Berry (from Sheffield) and then Tennant Brothers’, via their takeover of the former in August 1924, and finally Whitbread (see below).

Comparing the various dates above, it appears that the beerhouse opened before the mine, especially as beerhouse licences were generally not issued after 1869, and it may not initially have carried the ‘Miner’s Arms’ name.

The beerhouse licence was converted to a full pub licence in the early 1950s whilst the landlord and landlady between 1971 & 1978 – Jim and Jean Hardy – are fondly remembered in Mick McDermott’s book ‘Ghostly Exhumations’, which is available from Dronfield Library.

Jim and Jean left in 1978 after Whitbread, who had merged with Tennant Brothers’ in 1961-2, decided to sell the pub at auction after the couple had decided not to purchase it themselves. The pub is still open and remains a traditional community local.

### Jim McIntosh

*Footnote: Jim’s book - ‘North Derbyshire Pubs Past & Present’ – is almost sold out. A few remaining copies may be available from the Coach & Horses, Dronfield, Cross Daggers, Coal Aston and local independent bookshops or can be purchased online at [www.pynotpublishing.co.uk](http://www.pynotpublishing.co.uk)*



## Collectable tankards

We are now taking orders for the second batch of limited edition Sheffield & District CAMRA glass bottomed pewter tankards, commissioned to celebrate brewing in

## Sheffield

Following the popularity of the first batch of 50 which featured Bradfield Brewery, another batch of 50 is now being produced featuring Kelham Island Brewery. Again each will be individually numbered and cost just £14.95. Orders should be placed with Richard Ryan, either at a branch meeting or by phone on 07956 114926.

The rest of the series will feature Abbeydale Brewery, Sheffield Brewery, The Brew Company, Crown Brewery and White Rose Brewery.

## Pub of the month award nominations to vote for

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](mailto:potm@sheffieldcamra.co.uk)) or at a branch meeting.

If you’ve never been to one or more of the pubs on the nomination list, why not take a trip there and give them a whirl, see what you think and then vote and have your say!

**Three Merry Lads**, Lodge Moor  
**Nottingham House**, Broomhill  
**Rawson Spring**, Hillsborough  
**Lord Nelson**, Arundel Street, City Centre  
**Nags Head**, Loxley

Ballot papers have been sent out to the 1050 CAMRA members in Sheffield & District branch, which takes in all of the city of Sheffield along with parts of Derbyshire including Dronfield and the Hope Valley, to decide the winners of the branch Pub of the Year competition.

Two winners are declared, one in the South Yorkshire part of the branch which then gets submitted into the Yorkshire County competition for judging and one in the Derbyshire part of the branch which then gets submitted into the Derbyshire County competition for judging. The county competitions are the early rounds of the national Pub of the Year competition, which was last year won by the Kelham Island Tavern in Sheffield.

The votes are now in and have been counted, and we are pleased to announce the results.



The 2009 Sheffield winner is once again the Kelham Island Tavern. This pub has proved a continuing favourite amongst city real ale drinkers, having won several years in a row now!

When landlord Trevor Wraith bought this pub, it was closed down, boarded up and pretty much written off by its previous



owners. Trevor's magic formula of high standards, good staff, excellent beer range, value for money and a lovely tropical beer garden has proved popular. It wasn't long before an extension needed to be built to cope, and that is now filled with drinkers at busy times!

Runners up:

2nd Fat Cat, Alma Street; 3rd New Barrack Tavern, Penistone Road; 4th Bath Hotel, City Centre; 5th Sheaf View, Heeley; 6th Devonshire Cat, City Centre; 7th Rising Sun, Nether Green; 8th Harlequin, Nursery Street; 9th University Arms, Brook Hill; 10th Hillsborough Hotel, Langsett Road; 11th Wellington, Shalesmoor; 12th Commercial, Chapelton.

The District winner was the Coach & Horses in Dronfield, with the runner up being the Anglers Rest at Millers Dale.

Award presentation party is on the 20th June.



## Thriving Yorkshire club wins CAMRA national accolade

Guiseley Factory Workers Club, a working men's club renowned for its outstanding beer quality and choice, has been announced as CAMRA's National Club of the Year for 2009.

Situated in the town of Guiseley, West Yorkshire, the club previously won the CAMRA Leeds Pub of the Year in 2006, and is a regular in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. CAMRA judges noted how the club has consistently maintained a large range of quality real ales thanks to a dedicated beer selection panel on the club's managing committee.

The traditional three-roomed layout of the club consists of a lounge, snooker room and concert room, and has become a meeting place for community clubs and societies. The club holds an annual beer festival in April, and maintains a strong relationship with local brewers; this consideration for the local economy being another reason why judges were so impressed by the club.

Since 2003, when the club began serving real ale, the management has dealt with over 142 different breweries, subsequently serving a staggering 627 different real ales from their 4 guest ale handpumps!

On hearing the news of the club's success, Paul Kennedy, Guiseley Factory Workers Club Secretary, said:

*'We are surprised to win, but it's a tremendous reward for the efforts of the*

*people involved in the club, with our very own beer committee selecting a successful range of beer that appeals to our drinkers. Our stewards are fantastically devoted cellar men- good beer is simple to serve if you do the right things, and we at the club are all dedicated to maintaining high standards.'*

There are currently around 30,000 clubs in the UK. For the search to find CAMRA's National Club of the Year, submissions were put forward by CAMRA's 200-plus local branches, with the criteria based around the club's commitment to real ale. In 2009, the Yorkshire-based working men's club reigned supreme over the three other National finalists, which were-

- **United Services Club, Egham, Surrey**
- **Leyton Orient Supporters Club, London (Also, joint National winner, 2008)**
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John Holland, Chair of CAMRA's Clubs Committee, said:

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## Community pubs 'vital social role'

MPs have been presented with a new report which highlights the importance of pubs to society and calls for urgent action to avert the closure of 40 pubs a week. The report was produced by leading think tank, ippr, Institute for Public Policy Research, with the support of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

The ippr report includes a pioneering new method of calculating the social and economic benefit generated by well-run community pubs and finds that pubs are:

- the most popular place where people can mix socially with others from different backgrounds
- a great supporter of charity, with over £3,000 raised per pub every year
- outside of the home the most popular place for people to meet their neighbours
- a place for people to make new friends-more than one in five pub goers has made a new friend in a pub in the past six months.

Rick Muir, Senior Research Fellow, ippr said: *'Government must stop using a one size fits all approach to licensed premises which is killing off our community pubs. Well-run community pubs should be encouraged and supported rather than penalised along with the small number of badly run pubs. Community pubs are not just places to drink but also places where people meet their neighbours; make new friends; and where local clubs hold meetings and events.'*

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive

*'At a time of unprecedented pub closures, this report will help Local Councils and National Government recognise the importance of well-run pubs to strong communities and thriving local economies.'*

*'Well-run community pubs not only provide a safe and relaxed environment for people to enjoy a drink but they also form the bedrock of community life and people's social networks. Virtual networking sites such as Facebook and My Space will never be able to replace the experience of socialising in person in the Great British Pub.'*

## Budget response - beer tax rise means more misery

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive, said "It is disappointing that the Chancellor has ignored widespread public concern about the plight of Britain's pubs and decided to press ahead with an increase which will result in yet more valued community pubs closing down. Well-run community pubs are already struggling as a result of last year's 18% increase in beer duty and the recession. This further beer duty increase will push more valued pubs over the edge resulting in job losses, reduced Government tax revenue and many more deprived of their favourite local pub."

"Well-run pubs provide an enjoyable and affordable night out in a safe and supervised environment and this duty increase will simply fuel irresponsible drinking of cheap discount alcohol in people's homes, public parks and on the streets."

## News Inn Brief

## June RambAle

The **Bowshaw Inn** (Toby Carvery) has a banner advertising cask ales; The **Hearts of Oak** at Dronfield Woodhouse has the decorators in and is to reopen as the 'Hearty Oak pub & kitchen'; The **Crown** at Totley has extended it's outdoor seating area; The **Bradway** is having a gourmet night on Saturday 30th May; The **Shakespeare** on Gibraltar Street is continuing with it's programme of live music, good ale and interesting selection of spirits despite Punch Taverns announcing they are to sell the pub; The **Bridge Inn** at Ford is planning an American car show and a bike show on Mondays in June - see pub website; The **Shiny Sheff** on Crimicar Lane is under new management and has an upgraded kitchen. Entertainment features Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Our programme of RambAle's, which is a new thing this year, is growing in popularity. It is a nice walk in the countryside interspersed with visits to pubs serving real ale.

The June walk sees us get the number 11 bus from town at 11:23 to Stannington to meet in the Peacock. We will then get the SCT Rural Link 62 bus at 12:25 to the Plough at Low Bradfield, from whence a 5 mile ramble down the Loxley Valley commences, calling in at the Nags Head and Robin Hood at Loxley along the way, finishing at the Anvil at Stannington.

The pubs should offer a good variety of beer with both local brews and national brands.



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Anthony is reported in the Dronfield Eye magazine as saying 'Cask Ales are too much trouble for many premises these days but here we pride ourselves on maintaining our standards at the highest level'.

## Beer Festivals

Pub beer festivals were due to take place over the Whitsun bank holiday just after going to press at the Coach & Horses, Commercial, Hillsborough Hotel and Three Merry Lads. There will be a mini festival at the Harlequin starting on the 28th May.

Coming up next month is Derby beer festival, always a good event and only a half hour train ride from Sheffield, then in August it's down to London for the Great British Beer Festival.

Looking back to the end of April, the inaugural Beer & Balls festival took place at the Moorview driving range in Bradway, to raise funds for Greenhill Scout group. The site layout consisted of a fenced area with a beer & cider tent, a food tent, and seating areas, both under cover and an open patio.

The bar carried a selection of around 20 real



ales, 2 ciders and a perry. There was a CAMRA membership stand in the bar tent, staffed by the branch chairman who was able to advise drinkers what beers to choose. Outside in the early evening entertainment was laid on - a DJ on Friday night and a band on Saturday night. During Saturday daytime there was a golfing challenge.

On the food side there was a BBQ plus jacket potatoes and ploughmans lunches.

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**Tuesday 2nd June 8pm - Branch meeting  
Devonshire Arms, Dore**

The usual monthly meeting to discuss pub, club & brewery news, campaigning issues and more over a pint. Bus 30.

**Friday 5th June 7:30pm - New members social  
Sheffield Brewery Company**

A great chance for those who have recently joined CAMRA to get to know each other whilst enjoying beer! We're at Sheffield Brewery Company in Neepsend for a brewery tour. Any spare places will be open to all members.

**Saturday 6th June 12pm - East Midlands Regional Meeting  
Nottingham (venue tbc)**

A meeting with the Regional Director attended by all the branches in the East Midlands to share news and experience, and get briefed on developments in the campaign nationally. The host branch normally then takes us on a pub crawl of the area following the meeting.

**Saturday 13th June 11:45am - RambAle: Loxley, Bradfield & Stannington**

We meet at the Peacock in Stannington, from where we catch the 62 bus (12:25pm) up to the Plough at Low Bradfield for a leisurely 5 mile stroll down the valley via the Nags Head and Robin Hood at Loxley, finishing at the Anvil in Stannington. Bus 11 runs Sheffield-Stannington.

**Saturday 20th June 4pm - Sheffield Pub of the Year presentation  
Kelham Island Tavern**

We present the certificate and participate in the celebrations, including a beer festival at the pub. See the article elsewhere in this issue for more about this award.

**Tuesday 23rd June 8pm - Beer Matters distribution & Committee meeting  
Kelham Island Tavern**

The July issue of Beer Matters will be available to collect and take to pubs and other real ale outlets. If your local doesn't get any, why not take them some? The branch committee will also be here for their monthly meeting.

**Tuesday 30th June 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting  
New Barrack Tavern, Hillsborough**

Work continues to arrange our 2009 Steel City Beer Festival. Buses 53/78 stop outside the pub.

**Looking ahead:**

Sat 18th July - Bradfield Bus Crawl

Sat 25th July - Beer Census

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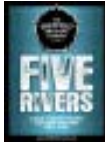


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