

BEER MATTERS

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Heritage pub wrecked

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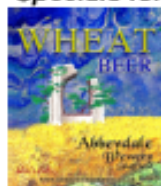
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Hearty Oak's cask ale proves popular



The Hearty Oak Pub & Kitchen at Dronfield Woodhouse opened on the 1st July. It is the former Hearts of Oak under new ownership and has been refurbished to a high standard with new decor and plush carpets. The pub is a free house having been sold off by the pub company that previously owned it, and the policy for both the food and the cask beer is locally sourced where possible at the moment, with the meat supplied by Border View Farm shop just down the road and beer supplied by various local breweries.

On the opening night two cask ales were available from Abbeydale Brewery, the range has fast expanded to include Sheffield Brewery and The Brew Company, and they are all selling very well.

The Hearty Oak can be found on Northern Common, has a large car park and bus 293 stops outside on request.

Coach & Horses award presentation

We'll be joining the staff and regulars at the Coach & Horses on Sheffield Road, Dronfield, on Saturday 22nd August to

celebrate the pub being voted District Pub of the Year by members of the Sheffield & District Campaign for Real Ale.



The manager of the Coach & Horses is New Zealander Catherine Mueller - Cat to her friends - and she will be receiving the award certificate from branch Chairman Andrew Cullen at the pub, then the party begins in style,

with a choice of beers from Thornbridge Brewery to enjoy and Cat will probably chuck a few Sausies on the Barbie!

If you didn't get to the Coach & Horses' beer festival on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, this will be an opportunity for you to christen the newly extended beer garden, weather permitting!

The presentation party kicks off about 3pm, and bus 43 will drop you at the stop right outside the pub.

Best value beer on West Street

The Varsity bar on West Street in Sheffield City Centre, a lively bar popular with students, continues to offer a choice of real ales at very reasonable prices. With the cricket season commencing, a suitable guest beer has

Attention pub landlords!

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

been available.

neglected pets.

Holmesfield round up

Our local correspondent Nick Wheat has reported on a wander round the pubs in the village. The Angel Inn continues to serve Sheffield Brewery Five Rivers along with Adnams Bitter, the Horns is serving a 'stunning' pint of Fullers London Pride and the George & Dragon has Timothy Taylors Landlord.

Drink to animal welfare!



Kelham Island is one of the most historic areas of Sheffield and has some of the best pubs.... so the RSPCA thought they'd combine the two with a Treasure Hunt where you'll be put into teams and will work your way through Kelham Island (with a pit stop at its best pubs along the way) answering clues as you go! Those who get the most clues are the winners... simple as that!!!

The event is on Tuesday 8th September and commences at the Milestone at 5:45pm, tickets are £7.50 including food and music at the Harlequin and the event is to raise money for their Sheffield Animal Centre, which cares for abandoned, unwanted and

Well, I'll go to the foot of the, erm, Moor

There's a new landlord down at the Moorfoot Tavern - the pub is now in the capable hands of Sue and Ian.

A karaoke contest kicked off on Friday 17th July, hosted by DJ Buffy. There will be 4 heats running over 4 weeks, leading to a semi final and a grand final at the end of August. There will be 4 judges who will give honest feedback to each singer about their technique and give some friendly ribbing in true X factor style. The audience will also get the chance to vote for their favourite singer. The winner gets £100.

The pub is still hosting live bands at weekends, regular karaoke on Weds night and there are lots of new drinks offers with the new management.

Its all going on at the Nags Head!

Lisa, James, Richard and Josie would like to thank all involved in the Race for Life charity day held at the Nags Head, Loxley on Sunday 14th June. Lisa and Josie took part in the race for life at Don Valley stadium. Afterwards, back at the pub, they continued raising money by having sponsored head shaves, face painting, raffle and lucky dips.

The pub is now open all day every day and is food is now also available Monday lunch 12 - 2.30pm.

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Sunfest success

The Rising Sun's third annual beer festival 9th to 12th July was a resounding success. There was a little more sun and a little less rain and almost all of the beer sold out with punters late on Sunday being left with a choice of only 8 beers out of an initial 60 beers (65 including the Abbeydale regulars in the pub). The final count for the charity fund raising is not in yet but is looking to be well over £1000 to the Shepherd Wheel Restoration fund.

The festival was a huge success with visits from CAMRA groups from the Potteries, Scunthorpe (they have been to all three festivals), Manchester and even Portsmouth and individuals from as far away as Cardiff, Newcastle and Southampton!

Lots of people from afar made a combination of a trip to Sunfest and a trip to Derby beer festival and a number remarked favourably on the range of beers available at Sunfest! But once again the real success of Sunfest was in engaging the local community with lots of people from the area visiting, many more than once, and in getting lots of local people who had never been to a beer festival before, in to try the range of real ales and

experience a beer festival for the first time. Plans for next year's festival already afoot, the dates for the diary are 8th to the 11th July 2010.

Inn Brief

Nicole Wolstenholme and Marc Durnan are the new managers of the **Old Grindstone**, Crookes. Current beers are Taylor Landlord, Black Sheep Bitter and Ruddles Bitter. The pub has a snooker and two pool tables. There is a Sunday carvery and during the week bar meals are served lunchtime and early evening including home made specials.

Alan and Tracy have moved from the Grindstone up the road to the **Noah's Ark**, Black Sheep Bitter, Taylor Landlord and Everard's Tiger are the beers at the moment and for entertainment there is a 50 inch TV with Sky.

Just nearby, the **Mason's Arms** has Adnam's Bitter, Wychwood Hobgoblin and at only £2.00 a pint there is Black Sheep Bitter.

The **Crosspool Tavern**, Manchester Road is now selling real ale again after a few years without. Greene King IPA is £1.69 and Stones Bitter is £1.89 a pint. Both beers are dispensed through the new style handpumps where the glass is held above the bar and there is a clear notice on the full pint recommendations.

The **Gardcners Rest** at Neepsend is slowly progressing towards reopening. At the time of writing re-plastering had taken place and plans were being drawn up to finish the fitting out of the pub. Pat & Eddy hope to have the pub open late August, if all goes to plan this time.

The **Devonshire Cat** closed for a 2 week refurbishment just as Beer Matters was going to press. Work is believed to extend to the cellar, air conditioning and flooring. The pub should be about ready to reopen with its new look just before we distribute this issue!

A few days before the refurbishment work commenced, an IPA night was held, which incorporated a book reading and signing by Pete Brown, whose new book 'Hops and Glory' has recently been published, and the evening also featured a tasting of IPAs brewed by Acorn Brewery of Barnsley.

The **Cricket Inn** at Totley Bents is holding a beer and blues festival on the 29th and 30th August. On the Saturday Giles Hedley will play at 3pm, Tom Rodwell at 8:30pm. On Sunday it's Dale Storr in the 3pm slot, and Billy Martin Junior at 8:30pm. Details of the beers are yet to be confirmed.

The **Fat Cat** will be holding a beer festival featuring beers named after films. This has seen Diane and Duncan scouring the country in search of new beers with titles that can be included. Check their website for more info.

The Brew Company

The Brew Company is now brewing the house beer at The Devonshire Cat.

The new beer is totally different from the old best bitter and is called Devonshire Cat Brewers Gold. It also differs from The Brew Company's own beer of the same name. "We wanted to brew something special that you can't get in any other pub, so Devonshire Cat Brewers Gold contains a

mixture of pale and Munich malts and uses the fantastic hop which gives the beer its name. At 3.8% this is great session ale and we are proud to now supply the permanent house beer in a great city centre real ale pub"

The next beer styles night will take place at The Devonshire Cat on the 11th of August at 7.30pm and will focus on fruit beers and spiced beers. You'll get five beers for a tenner and a great night with Ben and Pete talking about the beers and the breweries that make them. Advance tickets are available from the pub.

Pete has been surprised at the popularity of his new beer 'Ginger Daze'. It is made with fresh root ginger and the pale zesty nature makes it a great beer to drink in the hot sun"

The Brew Co's Harlequin special beers continue to gain a loyal following. Pete has just returned from the Oregon Brewers beer festival in Portland and the new Harlequin special was inspired by the trip. The beer is called Conquest USPA and is a tri-hopped beer with all three hops and the yeast being American.

Pete is brewing a special beer for his friends' wedding this month. It will contain oranges and other citrus fruits and coriander. This should be a great beer for a summer's day. The remainder of the brew will go on sale in early September in local pubs.

Abbeyle Brewery

The current special Alchemy, made with Amarillo hops, is selling very well and should be available until mid-August. It will be replaced probably by a return of the Smoked Porter.

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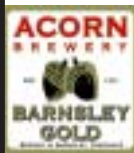
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In the meantime Abbeydale are doing two new beers for August - A Wheat Beer at 4.5%, which will be cloudy and made with an appropriate yeast. The pumpclip has been seen before but not for some considerable time and the beer will be a completely new formulation.

This month's Beerworks beer will be a 4.2% Ginger Beer under the Dr Morton's label. It will be made with fresh root ginger and there has been some interesting and tasty testing going on. Ivan Bradley, pumpclip designer extraordinaire, instructed that the beer must be called Ginger Beer, followed his verbal instructions to the letter and came up with Djinn Jar Beer!

Kelham Island Brewery

Following their small expansion, Kelham Island Brewery still keep selling out of beer and so over the Bank Holiday weekend in August a complete new brewing kit will be installed in the existing brewery further increasing the capacity.

They will have 2 summer July specials. As always Golden Eagle, a 4.2% ABV Pale Ale makes a welcome summer return. The pumpclip has been given a new look but the beer



remains its award winning best! This refreshing golden ale is crisp and fruity with plenty of body. Brewed using lager malt and fuggle hops- This is the perfect summer pint.

The other July special is a cloudy dark wheat beer called 'Life's a Beach' and the pumpclip will feature a Pete Mckee painting. This brew will also be available with spicy berries and be called Purple Haze.

Crown Brewery

As part of his book launch, Hops & Glory, the Crown Brewery had the pleasure of author Pete Brown's company. Pete and Stuart the Crown Brewer were inspired to brew an India Pale Ale the way it was brewed in Burton during the 19th century and for it to mature in a way that would replicate the conditions the beer went through on its journey to India.

In the book Pete talks about Madeira wine, which like IPA, matured on its journey to India and how the Madeira produced today uses heated cellars, sometimes hanging the barrels from ropes and giving them a push to replicate the movement of the ship during its voyage. Stuart decided once the beer had fermented to rack it bright (clear with no yeast) as they would have done for the voyage to reduce spoilage and adding hops to the barrels then leaving the beer in the garage of the Hillsborough Hotel where the temperature stays between 20°C and 30°C through the summer months.

In October it will be reseeded (adding fresh yeast) and will be available in bottles late November.

Two new brews to look out for this month

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are Billy Cobham 4.1% and Nathaniel 'King' Cole 3.8% using Tettnang a traditional German Lager aroma hop, both new entries to the Jazz series.

Thornbridge Brewery



Craven Silk (4% ABV) is a golden summer ale made with a selection of American and Slovenian hops, Maris Otter Pale Ale and Crystal malts and infused with freshly picked (by the brewers) Derbyshire elderflowers.

An initial aroma of elderflower and a clean and zesty flavour. Fresh and grassy hop characters and a light, refreshing bitter finish make this beer the ideal warm weather pint. The elderflower character lingers long after swallowing.

Craven Silk was previously brewed in 2005 and was one of the first experimental beers to come out of Thornbridge Brewery.

July saw the release of Seaforth, a beer developed in the style of a classic English IPA. Seaforth (5.9%) is light copper in colour with a nose of fruit and berries, a gentle maltiness in the mouth and a wonderful citrus, lemon-pith bitterness.



The production of the IPA is timely as our friend Pete Brown has just launched his fantastic new book "Hops and Glory: One Man's Search for the Beer That Built the British Empire". The book is a great read – funny and informative and so when we began to think of a name for the beer who better to turn to than Pete. He explained to us:

The Seaforth was an East Indiaman, one of the giant, beautiful ships that took bullion, people and provisions to India when it was ruled by the English East India Company. One of her main cargoes was beer – brewing was impossible in the harsh Indian climate, and thirsty troops and civilians needed something refreshing that was safer to drink than water, which was polluted, and arak, a fierce local brew that often proved fatal.

The earliest beer known as India Pale Ale was brewed in London, and while it survived the journey and built up a fanatical following, the brewer got greedy and started to apply extortionate terms. The East India Company came north, to Burton on Trent, to try to find a competitor to enter the market.

Samuel Allsopp of Burton on Trent brewed an India Pale Ale in 1822, and transported it

to the docks in Liverpool. There, his cargo was laded onto two ships, the Bencoolen and, just behind her, the Seaforth. They arrived in Calcutta in April 1822.

Sheffield Brewery Co



The Princess Royal in Crookes has recently started ordering Five Rivers and Seven Hills through the SIBA direct delivery scheme. Landlady Jane says: “the locals really enjoy a pint brewed from The Sheffield Brewery Co. These are great tasting ales which my customers really enjoy and I’ll definitely be ordering more.” The Princess Royal offer a very warm welcome to everyone and on August Bank Holiday Jane is holding a family fun weekend with lots of great events organised- so why not pop in and support another great local community pub!

Seven Hills, another of The Sheffield Brewery Co. core ales, as featured with Tim Stillman and his award, was successful in claiming another prize winning honour at the Rotherham Oakwood Beer Festival.

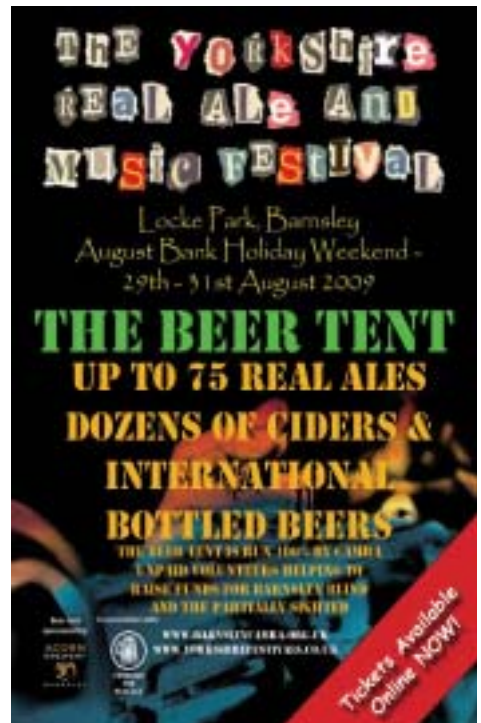
We can’t reveal details quite yet but lookout for our new logo which will be launched in August. Eddy Munnelly landlord of the Gardeners Rest and director of The Sheffield

Brewery Co. says, “we’re really excited by the prospect of revealing our new logo. It’s based on our established strapline “the hallmark of a perfect pint.” and is a true reflection of the fine quality cask ales that the brewery is producing.”

Pub of the month

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. The pubs listed below are the current nominations, members are invited to vote yes or no for each one.

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During June, I visited Czech Republic and Poland, in between which I made regular visits to the usual suspects in the Valley of Beer (and Huddersfield, but that's another story...). While I spend more time in Poland, I find Czecho by far the better for beer, so at the end of June I made a long-overdue return to Praha (Prague to the uninitiated). For reference, at the time of my visit roughly 30Kc = £1 (a far cry from the 48Kc the £ bought on my first visit – Gordon Brown has a lot to answer for!)

Upon landing at Praha airport, I made the usual bus (119) + subway journey to central Praha, at a comparatively extortionate 26Kc – it was a mere 12Kc when I first visited in 2003 – then again, that still works out around 90p so can't grumble too much! I then headed to Pivovar Klub at Krizikova 17 (near Florenc metro station), hoping to find one of their own on-site brewed beers. No such luck, however they did still have six draught beers, alongside one of the best bottle ranges in Czecho. Due to lack of time, I didn't even start on the bottles, and draught wise was restricted to **Svijany Svijanska Knezna Tmave 13°** and **Grizzly Polotmave 18°** from **Berounsky Medved**.

(At this point, a very quick lesson in Czech language and alcohol measurements: Svetle = light; Tmave = dark; Polotmave = 'half' dark'. Most draught Czech beers only quote strength in Balling notation, based on fermentable content of the unfermented beer. 10° is roughly 4% abv, and 12° is roughly 5%. So if your mates tell you they drank a gallon of 10% beer in Praha, they're probably wrong!)

The following night was dedicated to the more touristy destinations, with a quick visit

to **U Fleku** – supposedly the world's oldest brewpub – for their single brew. At 49Kc for 0.4l (and waiters who all but force feed you Becherovka – not complimentary in either sense!) it's just as well this is a classic dark beer, but even with the quality of the brew I was not tempted to stay at those prices. I followed this up with a return to **Pivovar Dum** on Jecna, where the latest seasonal was **Koprivove** (nettle), to complement their standard range including **Kavove** (coffee), **Visnove** (cherry), **Bananove** (can you guess?), alongside more conventional offerings as **Psenichne** (wheat) and **Svetle** and **Tmave**, both excellent examples of their respective types.

For my third night, I started off by catching a train to Praha Vrsovice (5 mins from the main station), and walked from there to the **Basta** brewpub at Taborska 49. Only two beers were on, **Svetle Special 15°** and **Polotmave 12°**, so after a swift one of each, I adjourned to Zly Casy at Cestmirova 5. Here I found half a dozen draught beers, and another superb range of bottles. From the draught range, I sampled **Dacicky 10°**, a fairly standard Czech pale lager, before going to the opposite end of the scale with **Opat Tresea Tmave**, a chewy, slightly sweet, dark beer. I then tried something slightly different, **Svet Piva Am Weisse Experimental**, a take on an American wheat beer from a local picobrewery. I finished my session with **Matuska TM 14°**, a strong dark beer, and took away bottles of **Nova Paka Podkrkonosky Special Tmave**, **Janacek Comenius Special Svetle 14°**, and **Zatec Svetle**.

I then caught a train back to the centre (well, I was using a first class rail rover ticket – Sitove Klasik Tydenni – a bargain at

1,490Kc for 7 days first class travel in the whole Czech Republic), and headed to Hotel Viktor, a rare outlet for **Chyne** beers. I tried **Svetle 10°** and **Tmave Special 14°**, both at a comparatively expensive 30Kc for 0.3l

Finally, I found myself at U Radnica, where among the more common offerings (8 taps in total) I tried **Kvasar Tmave 13°**, **U Richarda Visnovy 12°**, a pleasantly refreshing cherry beer from near Brno, and **Berounsky Medved Tmavy 13°**, brewed in a brewpub surrounded by a scrapyard and industrial units!

Back in (mostly) sunny Sheffield, a festival in the Kelham Island Tavern brought forth yet more new beers (and not the rain, for once). Among the 30+ beers were some hoppy delights such as **Mallinsons Quenched** (3.8%) and **Sheffield Sunshine** (4.6%), **Alehouse Halcyon Atlas** (3.9%) and **Simcoe Summer** (4.2%), along with **White Park White Gold** (3.8%), which became my 1,000th new beer in the Kelham, only the second pub to reach this personal milestone. Meanwhile, even without a festival, the ever excellent Harlequin top-scored for the month with 42 new beers, including **Olicana Gold** (3.9%) and **Thorne Best** (3.9%), the first ales from brand new breweries **Ilkley** and **Thorne** respectively.

The Cask & Welly continued the pale & hoppy theme with their own **Little Ale Cart** range, as usual named after kettles (or 'steam locomotives' as some call them). Once again, June's offerings tended towards the fruity hops, with generous quantities of Nelson Sauvin dominating the flavour in most cases. **Crown** brewery at the Hillsborough Hotel continued their jazz 'musicians' series with **Cab Calloway**

(4.9%) and **Charlie Christian** (4.3%). Meanwhile, at the Devonshire Cat, **Brew Company** brewer Pete gave a talk on IPA, accompanied by a tasting of American pale ales, alongside his own **Hop Ripper IPA** (4.3%), dry-hopped for the occasion with Chinook, giving the beer a much more pronounced grapefruit aroma and flavour.

Pub	June score	'09 score
Harlequin	42	279
Kelham Island Tavern	38	120
Wellington	20	112
Hillsborough Hotel	8	53
Devonshire Cat	4	9
Bankers Draft	2	17
University Arms	1	6
Bath Hotel	1	5
Riverside	1	4
Outside Sheffield	28	339
Totals	145	944

The Harlequin reached 279 for the year by the end of June, nearly reaching my personal best for one pub in one year, set at 282 by the Harlequin last year. On 7th July the record was broken, with 177 days in hand...

The June awards, once again decided on the democratic process of one man, one vote - and I am that man.

My Beer Of The Month: **Dum Tmave**. A dark ruby, almost black, with a light brown head. Aroma of coffee, roasted barley, chocolate. Roast, coffee and toffee flavour with a hint of liquorice.

My Pub Of The Month: **Zly Casy**, Praha. Atmospheric cellar bar, with half a dozen micro-brewed beers and a huge range of Czech and other European bottles, friendly staff, decent prices, set away from the tourist trail.

Na zdravi
Dave Unpronounceable

Saturday 1st August 12pm - RambAle

Our regular monthly walk in the Peak District not only featuring a nice bit of exercise and scenic views, but stops at real ale pubs along the way. This month we start at the Fox House Inn at midday and walk back to the Porter Brook on Ecclesall Road via Ringinglow and the Porter Valley. Suggested bus from Sheffield is TM Travel bus 65 departing Sheffield Interchange at 11:27. Its approx 5 miles.

Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th August - Great British Beer Festival

It's CAMRA's big national showcase of real ale, real Cider & Perry and world beers down at Earls Court in London, and a number of Sheffield members will be amongst the large band of volunteers working down there! More information at www.camra.org.uk/gbbf.

Tuesday 11th August 8pm - Branch meeting

The monthly formal meeting that all branch members are invited to. Here we share pub, club and brewery news, raise any campaigning or consumer issues, vote for the pub of the month award and get updated by the committee on what's happening. All over a few pints of course. This month we are up in Stanington at the Crown & Cushion.

Tuesday 18th August 8:30pm - Beer Festival planning meeting

The 2009 Steel City Beer Festival is taking place in Cemetery Park from 1st to 3rd October, and will this year be bigger and better! This is the organising committee's monthly meeting to discuss arrangements for the festival, if you would like to get involved please feel free to come along and join in this meeting, at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road. (Bus 53 and 78 stops outside)

Saturday 22nd August 3pm - District Pub of the Year

Join us for the party at the Coach & Horses on Sheffield Road in Dronfield as we present the branch District Pub of the Year award, as voted for by our members. More details on page 3.

Tuesday 25th August 8pm - Beer Matters distribution social & committee meeting

The September issue of Beer Matters will be delivered to the Kelham Island Tavern this afternoon for volunteers to distribute to their local pubs. Come down and have a beer with us when you collect them! The monthly committee meeting also takes place here.

Saturday 29th August - RambAle

Our regular monthly walk in the Peak District not only featuring a nice bit of exercise and scenic views, but stops at real ale pubs along the way. This is the final walk for 2009, and a longer one of about 10 miles. We catch the 218 bus from Sheffield Interchange to Ashford in the Water at 10:28 and walk from Ashford to Grindleford via Little Longston, Great Longstone, Hassop and Calver.

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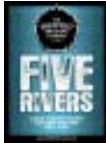


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