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The **FREE** magazine of the Sheffield & District
Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale)

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We are pleased to announce the details of the 2010 Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, our 36th annual event!

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If you are a CAMRA member and would like to volunteer to work the festival please get in touch, otherwise watch out for all the details on our website and also in next months Beer Matters.



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Beer Capital Survey results revealed
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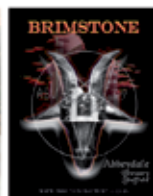
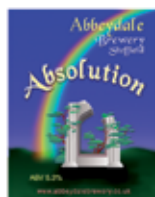
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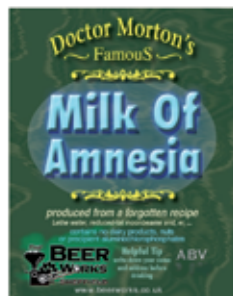


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Dates for your diary... Socials, Meetings etc.

Saturday 31st July 12:00 - National Young members task group meeting & social

The national committee charged with looking at how to recruit and involve younger CAMRA members (18-30) is meeting in Sheffield at the Rutland Arms, Brown Street, afterwards all CAMRA members of that age group are welcome to join a pub crawl around Sheffield.

Tuesday 10th August 20:00 - Branch meeting

Join us at the Greyhound in Attercliffe (bus route 69) to catch up on what the branch and the national campaign is doing, share pub, club and brewery news and vote for pub of the month, all over a pint!

Tuesday 17th August 20:00 - Beer Festival planning meeting

We continue to discuss arrangements for this years Steel City Beer Festival. The meeting is at the New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road (bus route 53)

Thursday 19th August 20:00 - Local guide production meeting

Work continues to pull together the new local pub and beer guide, this months meeting is at the Broomhill Tavern (bus routes 40/120)

Tuesday 24th August 20:00 - Beer Matters distribution & committee meeting

The September issue of Beer Matters will be available to collect from the Kelham Island Tavern to distribute to real ale outlets across our branch area, why not enjoy a pint with other distribution volunteers tonight? The monthly committee meeting takes place at the Fat Cat at 9pm.

Friday 27th August 20:00 - Walkabout on Ecclesall Road

On our walkabouts we take you on a pub crawl of real ale outlets you might not normally get to, this one is pubs and bars near our beer festival venue, starting at the Lescar then Porter Cottage, Porter Brook, Champs Sports Bar, Nursery Tavern and finally Sheaf Island. If you don't know the area we will be meeting at the Bessemer on Leopold Street in Sheffield City Centre beforehand at 19:30 before catching a bus to the Lescar.

Thursday 2nd September 20:00 - National Members Weekend planning meeting

We discuss arrangements for our hosting of the 2011 CAMRA Members Weekend & AGM. The meeting is at the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, Sheffield City Centre.

Tuesday 7th September 20:00 - Branch meeting

Join us at the Crown on London Road (buses 20/20A/75/76/97/98) to catch up on what the branch and the national campaign is doing, share pub, club and brewery news and vote for pub of the month, all over a pint!

**For more information and to book places on trips,
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The following pubs are currently nominated, why not pay them a visit and vote whether or not you think they deserve our next pub of the month award?!



Bridge Inn, Ford (bus 252)
Commercial, Chapeltown (bus 265)
Wharnccliffe Arms, Chapeltown (bus 77/78)
Three Stags Head, Wardlow Mires (bus 65)
Anglers Rest, Millers Dale (bus 65)
Fat Cat, Kelham Island (bus 47/48/53)
Closed Shop, Commonsides (bus 10/10A/95/123)
Hallamshire House, Commonsides (bus 10/10A/95/123)

You can vote using the form available at branch meetings or alternatively by email - see our website for details www.sheffieldcamra.org.uk

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Beer Capital Survey Report



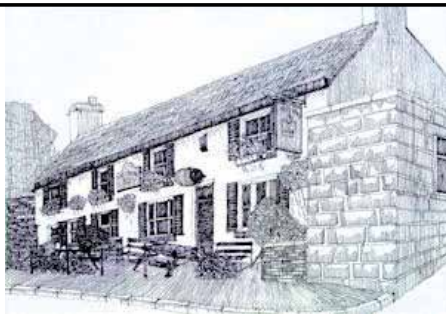
A number of Sheffield & District CAMRA members took part in a day of pub crawls, sorry surveys, on Saturday 3rd July, to discover how many different beers could be found on Sheffield's bars in one day. This is a survey we do every year to take the pulse of our real ale scene, the same type of survey is also done by members in Nottingham and Derby.

The result was a record breaking 240 different real ales, of which the most commonly available was Abbeydale Moonshine.

We made some effort to record prices where we could easily do so and the cheapest beer noted was Ruddles County at £1.40 a pint and the most expensive was Thornbridge Lord Marples at £3.20 per pint.

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The Rising Sun at Nether Green celebrated its fourth annual beer festival this July with an incredible total of 109 different beers on sale. With such an extensive and diverse selection, it is not surprising that this year, Sunfest was bigger and better than ever before. The festival has been gaining momentum since its creation in 2007, and continues to be a much enjoyed event for customers and staff alike.



This year's supported charity "Rain Rescue" was a popular choice amongst many. As a dog friendly pub, supporting a charity dedicated to pet rescue was inevitably a huge success, and the funds raised are estimated to be well over £1000.

As well as a Fun Dog Show on Sunday afternoon, Abbeydale Brewery contributed a 10p donation from every pint sold of their 2010 charity brew, which was appropriately named "Waggin' T'ale" which was available both on the bar and in the beer tent.

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Abbeyle's own "Last Rites" sold out completely as well as many others, and Buxton's "Kinder Sunset" and Wild Walker's "Remergence" were popular favourites. Unusually flavoured beers were among the best sellers again, including those with flavours of ginger, fruit, vanilla and chocolate. Successful debuts from Raw and Wharfebank Brewery deserve a favourable mention, as do the good selection of Ciders and Perrys contributing to the excellent variety of drinks on offer.

As well as fantastic entertainment ranging from sword dancers to a silver band, Saturday's BBQ and hog roast were provided by Whirlow Hall Farm. All proceeds from the enormously popular, sell-out food have gone directly towards the Farm Trust in order to support the environmental and educational charity.

Overall, an excellent turnout, with fantastic beer, food, entertainment and weather throughout! Credit and thanks are due to customers, staff, volunteers, as well Rain Rescue and Whirlow Hall Farm for their valuable time and effort, all helping to make Sunfest 2010 a thoroughly enjoyable event!

Ellie Storey



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Local Pub & Club News

The Rutland Arms on Brown Street in Sheffield City Centre is having a special night on Friday 27th August. There will be a real cider bar out in the garden along with a BBQ from 5pm, then a DJ will be playing chilled out vibes in the garden from around 7pm.

The Crown at Totley now have their kitchen done and are serving food Tuesday to Sunday. The food is simple, good quality home cooking.

The Rutland Arms in Holmesfield is now looking smarter with new windows and external work done, including new signage.

The Peacock at Owl Bar is offering a 10% discount to CAMRA members on most food & drink, 3 real ales are available and the pub can be reached by bus 218.

The Pomona on Ecclesall Road will be closing for a couple of weeks for refurbishment and is expected to reopen for the bank holiday weekend.

The York at Broomhill is to reopen under new ownership following extensive building work, including an extension at the rear and redesign of the outdoor area. It is expected to be more of a cafe-bar style in its new guise and the upper floors are being converted into flats. The new look bar is part of the same chain as the Forum, Old House and Common Room on Division Street in Sheffield City Centre.

Abbeydale Sports Club now have guest ales from Thornbridge Brewery and Sheffield CAMRA chairman Andrew Cullen was invited down to partake in an excellent curry night to launch the guest ales, with Jaipur IPA proving a great choice of beer to accompany the meal!

The New Barrack Tavern on Penistone Road, Hillsborough, is the proud winner of the Pubs, Cafes and bars category of the Sheffield in Bloom Competition. They received the award at Sheffield Town Hall.

The Rose & Crown in Stannington (Minnies), which introduced real cask ale to the bar some months back, are now serving beers from Bradfield Brewery.

This year, **The Fat Cat** is celebrating its 29th birthday with a festival stretching from Thursday the 19th - Sunday 22nd of August. There will over 20 new beers on sale with some breweries brewing a one off special. When the regular food menu has finished at 8pm there will be a BBQ on both the Friday and the Saturday, also live music on the Saturday night

The Royal Standard on St Mary's Road in Sheffield City Centre is to replace their existing two handpumps with a new three set, enabling an increased choice of real ale. The new manager Tom Clay is also looking at putting on a beer festival later this year.

The Sheffield Tap now have an outdoor drinking area during good weather, with a fenced pavement drinking area at the front of the pub where smoking is also permitted.

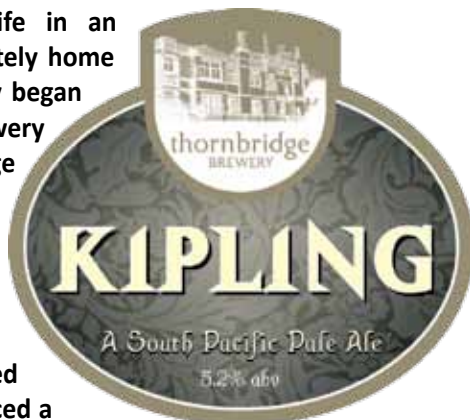
John Haywood has returned to the **Bull's Head, Fulwood Road** after 12 years. He has been in and around Sheffield mainly in food oriented pubs, most recently The Peacock, Owl Bar. He has shown his interest for real ale by having Taylor Landlord and Tetley Bitter and two guest beers, recently one from Bradfield Brewery and one from Old Mill. The bar staff who he describes as a "Cracking team" were friendly and most welcoming on our correspondents last visit.

Shaw Lane Sports Club (Barnsley) is holding a Summer Beer Festival from 12-10:30 on Friday 27th - Sunday 29th August in their Pavilion Bar. Entry costs £2. There will be 30 firkins of ale, including milds and stouts, plus cider, perry and imported lager. There will be live entertainment outside on Friday and Saturday nights from 8pm and the Sports Club are planning to fire up the BBQ.



A true Breakfast beer?

Thornbridge Hall Brewery began its life in an outbuilding in the grounds of a small stately home in Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire. They began brewing in October 2004 in their small brewery was known as The Baby Brewery. Thornbridge have since become award winners and have "grown up"! Now they are in larger, shinier, purpose built premises by the side of the river in Bakewell, expanding to cope with increased sales and demand. They try to use interesting, locally sourced ingredients in their beers and have produced a range of popular and successful beers. The beers have become firm favourites with drinkers at beer festivals and in pubs and are the recipients of many awards.



Look out for their beers at pubs nationwide. I am lucky because I live near to quite a few regular outlets and also get the chance to go and taste the beers at their source in the brewery bar. Among their regular and occasional brews you may find Jaipur IPA (a strong golden ale at 5.9% ABV) and St. Petersburg Imperial Stout (dark and strong at 7.7% ABV). Their core range of several interesting beers is complimented by specials and seasonals.

According to the people I spoke to at the brewery, there is a really good reason that they decided to name the beer Kipling. They like to try and keep some sort of connection between the Hall, the people there, the local area and the beers they brew. The story has been passed on that, when the Hall was a college, one of the buildings had a window in it that had originally come from Rudyard Kipling's house. The building was commonly known as The Kipling Hut.

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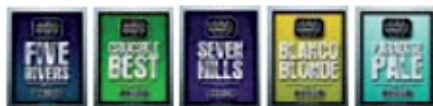
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Kipling weighs in at 5.2% ABV and is marketed as a Pacific Pale Ale, which is a pale beer brewed in the American way and using hops from the Pacific Northwest. American versions of the Pale Ale style tend to be hoppier and cleaner than the British versions, which are usually more balanced and malty.

It is a clear, pale golden coloured beer with a medium sized slightly off-white head, which lasts reasonably well and laces the side of the glass nicely. Aroma is pretty fruity initially, with much of the scent coming from the head rather than the body of the beer. The fruits I could identify were grapefruit, passion fruit and a hint of kiwi fruit; this is due to the citrus hops that are used. As the head dies away slightly, so does some of the aroma - what is left is more subtle but still noticeably fruity. Texture is light and fresh with a good amount of carbonation - I found it to be medium bodied and slightly syrupy. Kipling is a well crafted beer that uses hops to produce a variety of complex fruit flavours. The predominant flavour is grapefruit, balanced by soft biscuity malt. It gets increasingly bitter as you drink, leading to a crisp and dry finish. Aftertaste is quite long lasting and is dry and bitter with a hint of malt.

Some people may not like Kipling because of the strong grapefruit flavour. I really like it and find the fruitiness really refreshing, but could see that anyone who doesn't like grapefruit wouldn't appreciate it as much. A few people have also mentioned that they find the flavour a little overpowering. I can see what they mean, but I don't find it overpowering at all. That said, the taste does subside quicker than you would expect, so you can move on to other drinks after! A word of warning however - it really tastes a lot lighter than 5.2%, so remember that before going for the fourth pint! I would also say that Kipling would maybe appeal to those who normally don't go for a Real Ale too. It is a clean tasting, refreshing beer with a light colour and good carbonation. This makes it a good choice for those who don't like the darker, maltier beers on the market. There's lots of flavour too, for the drinker who appreciates a well crafted beer - how you can get something so fruity without adding any fruit is a real testament to the art of the brewer!

So, remember....grapefruit isn't just for Breakfast!
Andrea Waterhouse

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12 - 11pm: Monday - Saturday.

7 - 10.30pm: Sunday.



Beer Matters hits 400!

This month sees Sheffield & District CAMRA's newsletter reach the milestone of the 400th issue, and you will have noticed we have a colour cover to celebrate! This isn't however the 400th issue of Beer Matters though, as the Beer Matters name was only adopted when the booklet format was first used, previously the newsletter was a few typed up sheets of A4 paper and was called "Parish Pump".



The first Parish Pump was issued on the 9th July, 1975, edited by Tony Scholes and Colin Walker, and reports campaigning activity to protest against the removal of real ale from the Robin Hood at Holmesfield by its owners, John Smiths and there was a march to save Barnsley Bitter which saw a turn out of CAMRA members and MPs in the rain to make their views known.

The first local guide had been published, called "Real Ale in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire" and was reported to be proving popular, with the George at Castleton alone selling 100 copies.

The last issue of Parish Pump was number 32 and thus the first issue of Beer Matters was number 33. John Beardshaw had an idea to change it from leaflet to booklet format. Issue No. 29 of Parish Pump was cut and pasted in the traditional way and then John asked Jenny Lighthowler, CAMRA Branch Secretary to re-type it, change the name, and so in September 1978 Beer Matters was born. The two sheets were stapled together and then folded by CAMRA members for a number of years, before a printer was found who delivered them ready stapled.

Beer Matters hit issue 100 in May 1984 and to celebrate a special double issue was published containing a whopping 16 pages. Not only was this a 100 issue celebration though, as the branch had also reached it's 10th anniversary. In this issue it was noted the Norfolk Arms on Dixon Lane had reopened, Bar Rio had been turned into the Yorkshire Grey, The Old Heavygate at Walkley now had cask Trophy on handpump, the Three Merry Lads was having extensive alterations and there were new tenants in the Saddle on West Street.

The then branch Chairman, Mike Hensman, wrote a piece entitled "CAMRA - The future" noting that the number of pubs serving real ale in the area had increased since the branch was formed in 1974, but still less than half of pubs in Sheffield had real ale and noted there was still cask beer deserts in the area such as Rawmarsh, Swinton and Wath. There was also a concern about beer becoming increasingly bland, although thankfully not so much in South Yorkshire thanks to Stones and Wards maintaining their local character and appeal.

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Pub of the month was the Railway Hotel on Holywell Road. The May walkabout was a pub crawl of the Wicker starting at the Hole in the Wall on Savile Street followed by the Station, Viaduct, Brown Cow and New White Lion.

Issue 250 was November 1996, edited by David Staves, and the talk was about the new Abbeydale Brewery winning Sheffield Beer Festival with its first commercial brew, a beer called "Moonshine", with runner up being Dark Ruby Mild from the Sarah Hughes brewery in the West Midlands. Both beers are still popular today. There was also a report of the Derwent at Bamford celebrating 10 years in the Good Beer Guide and the pub of the month was the Sheaf on Fraser Road.

The local guide update page also reveals that this was around the time of the opening of the first Wetherspools, the Bankers Draft, and the appearance of "It's a scream" student pubs (including the gutting of the Globe on Howard Street) and the Wacky Warehouse family fun pubs.

Issue 300 in July 2001 was edited by Paul Goddard and the social secretary was Myk Eccles. Pub of the month was the Cheshire Cheese in Hope, Wetherspools was reported to have applied for planning permission to convert a supermarket at Woodseats into the Woodseats Palace pub and the Hillsborough Hotel won a category in the pub design awards.

Now, August 2010 and issue 400 and our 36th annual Steel City Beer Festival is fast approaching, raise a glass, toast our little landmark and read on...

Andy Cullen, Beer Matters Editor

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest and amusement Derby CAMRA's comments regarding "the beer capital of England" in issue 399 of Beer Matters. In 2009, Nottingham CAMRA totalled 180 different beers on one night. There's still some way to go to match Sheffield, but we'll keep trying. From a branch that still has the remnants of 3-4 dominant breweries in the area, and the subsequent sale of 2 to national giants and the pub estate of 2 of the others, we've always struggled in beer diversity compared to other branches.

Not so for the Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival this year (14-17 October) where we hope to beat the **698 different beers** that were sold in 2009. I always look forward to working at both Derby and Sheffield festivals too, but Nottingham is something else.

The range in Derby's Wetherspoons outlets is always impressive, so much so we awarded the Babington Arms with an award for our Mild Trail last year. With regular visits to the 3 cities, all of our branches should be rightfully proud of their achievements in both censuses and festivals, and let the friendly rivalry continue.

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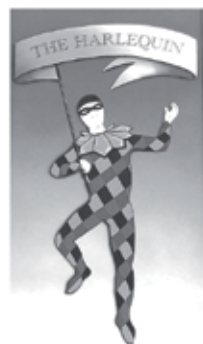
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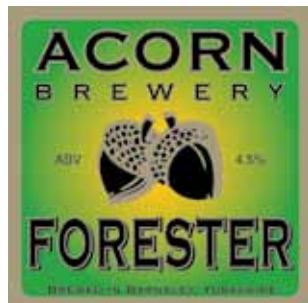
Local Brewery News

Abbeydale Brewery - The new brewery is now really taking shape with the 5 x 20 barrel fermenters now relocated to Unit 13, clearing space in Unit 8 to allow the movement of the other fermenters and eventually the extension of the cold store. Sales continue to be buoyant with both Leviticus and Waggin' t'Ale well received in the trade. For August there will be a wheat beer released under the Dr Morton's name called Milk of Amnesia. It will probably be fined because of the problems landlords and their customers have with cloudy wheat beers but some casks will be available unfinned for those who prefer a more traditional style. The beer will be made using a special culture of wheat beer yeast so the flavours should be full on and fruity.

Acorn Brewery - 2 more varieties of New Zealand hops have been sourced which means that Acorn can fill this years IPA range, Pacific Jade and Southern Cross.

Seasonal beer for August is a 4.5% golden bitter called Forester, which is brewed with American Mount Hood hops.

2 new 20 barrel conditioning tanks were due to arrive at the brewery from Germany on the 27th July, this will take the capacity up to 140 barrels.



The brewery team have welcomed a new member of staff to the brewery in August who is actually an old member of staff. Aston Martin is returning to assist with the brewing and deliveries.

Kelham Island Brewery - A couple of special beers have been brewed this month. Little Red Corvette is a 4% red ale brewed with maris otter and dark crystal malt. A very sweet malty brew with a pleasant fruit aroma provided by specially selected continental hops. The other special is called American Stars and Bars 4.5%, which is a full flavoured American pale ale brewed with a trio of American hops to give a full fresh resinous citrus and honey aroma.



A special 4.2% blue coloured beer was created for the recent charity event, "The Big Blue Party", a fundraising event where everyone was invited to dress in blue. The party took place on Thursday 15th July at Crystal Bar in Sheffield with all proceeds going to the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, who offer care and support to children with life limiting conditions.

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Dave Wickett's son, Ed, spent some time at Sharp's brewery at Rock in Cornwall as a trainee brewer. Stuart Howe, Sharp's Head Brewer, didn't realise that Dave had become ill this year, so he resolved to make a beer in Dave's honour and donate the money from the sale of the beer to a charity of his choice.

Dave was asked to select the hops to be used, and it was suggested that he chose some of the US hops that he had helped make so much a part of modern UK cask ale brewing. He went for Willamette, Amarillo and Cascade and he even assisted with the brewing. The beer will be a bottle conditioned, strong golden ale, which will be bottled into a limited run of 1,000 champagne bottles. More details can be found at <http://brewingreality.blogspot.com>

Facebook - Join Kelham Island Brewery on Facebook for up to the minute details of what the brewery is doing and what special beers they are producing. To find the page, search for Kelham Island Brewery Ltd and look for the Kelham logo.



Bradfield Brewery

Unlike the England Football team, our special (the Farmers World Cup) turned out to be a huge success, perhaps Fabio Capelo should consider dropping the roar of the 3 lions to the mooing of 3 cows on your jersey. You never know it may change them into a winning team!

China and Charlie the brewery dray horses have been busy too. They were asked to lead the parade at the nearby Stannington Carnival. It's the first time in nearly 2 years that the pair have been to a large public event, but like true professionals, they took it all in their stride, even with the Stannington brass band playing behind them!

Thornbridge Brewery

In November 2009 Brian Turner, TV's award winning Chef, launched his Amber Ale, the first of four cask ales he planned to develop with the brewers from Thornbridge. With Summer in mind, Brian has now launched his new beer - Golden Ale (4%) which he describes as a great refreshing summer beer with aromas of apricot and grapefruit with a medium body. Brian is delighted with the beer "The brewers have really produced a fantastic beer that meets what I was looking for - something that people will find easy to drink but also full of summer fruit flavours. With its citrus flavours the beer is a real match for fish dishes and I'm delighted with the positive feedback we have had on it".



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The UK Brewer of the Year accolade was announced recently at the annual All Party Parliamentary Beer Dinner. Thonbridge's very own Head Brewer, Stefano Cossi was named Brewer of the Year 2010 as recommended by the Institute of Brewing and Distilling.

Stefano, who hails from North East Italy, has been with Thornbridge Brewery since it began brewing in 2004 and heads up a diverse team of international brewers. He has gained a worldwide reputation for his use of novel ingredients and processes and exacting approach to brewing with regard to quality control and ingredients.



Toad Brewery - It seems Sheffield has another new brewery, albeit temporarily... Toad Brewery is a new brewery based in Doncaster, with the naming theme running through the beer range, for example their light session beer is called Tadpole. However after just a month of trading they have suffered a serious setback with a fire at their brewery and to enable production to continue, they are now brewing at Little Ale Cart Brewery in Sheffield, which is located next to the Wellington pub at Shalesmoor and also hosts a couple of other 'cuckoo' breweries - White Rose and Steel City Brewing.

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What... No beer in Norwich?

After bagging a couple of Advance Single tickets to Norwich (£9 each way from Chesterfield and Sheffield) from the East Midland Trains website www.eastmidlandtrains.co.uk I began to worry when I mentioned our trip to one of my beer drinking mates... He quickly commented that I would be lucky to find owt interesting in that area, as all I'd find would be those Adnams and Woodforde beers... How wrong could one person be..?

Using my trusty 2010 Good Beer Guide iPhone app, we visited 5 of the 16+ listed pubs, and between them there was an astonishing choice of beers from 39 different breweries and a mouth watering selection of 60 different real ales.

An excellent few days were had in Norwich, including visits to pubs in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, but there were a couple of things that surprised us... There was no sign of any Thornbridge beers whatsoever – strange for a brewery that seems to have achieved global domination in such a short amount of time - and we were also disappointed not to find any beers that usually hit the spot with us... i.e. dark, strong and chewy... but there were definitely a few highlights.

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As you can see from the image, there were 12 beers available on hand pump and another 14 available on gravity. We weren't aware of a beer festival taking place, and according to the GBG, this is a normal occurrence! So you can see why this pub has won the CAMRA National Pub of the Year award, twice (1998 and 2004) as well as Beer Pub of the Year three times (1998, 2003 and 2008) for the Good Pub Guide (but we don't talk about that, do we).

Other pubs visited were **The Ribs of Beer** (overlooking the river with excellent lunchtime food), **The Kings Head** (keg free, with a good range of Belgian bottles), **The Kings Arms** (South of the station and up a bloody steep hill) and **The Trafford Arms** (themed food nights).

Norwich could definitely be a runner up for the accolade of "Beer Capital of Britain", but Sheffield (not Derby or Nottingham) comes out on top for sheer number of pubs with quality real ales!



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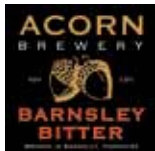
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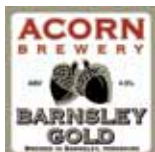
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