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BRANCH AGM

Firstly many thanks to our members who attended our AGM at the Lescar pub on 10 May. We enjoyed a good meeting and social helped by a CAMRA discount on their cask ales

We heard our Chairperson's annual report, passed a couple of motions aimed at improving our ability to change internal process and our Pub of the Month awards policy and received our branch accounts (which are in a good state). The existing committee were all re-elected with Paul Manning as Chair, Phil Ellett as Secretary and Paul Crofts as Treasurer along with all our other members. We welcomed Dan Rowe onto the committee as our new Pub of the Month Coordinator. My thanks go to all our committee who work hard all year to support the branch.

We had good input from Kevin Kearney, our Yorkshire regional director who also handed over two awards! The first was for our Pub Heritage Officer, Dave Pickersgill, who was a runner up in the national CAMRA Campaigner of the Year competition. Our website, maintained by our Editor, Andy Cullen, also won bronze in the CAMRA Branch Website of the Year. Both were very well deserved

Finally thank you again to all our members for your support this year. Please continue to join us at our branch socials and events, contribute to, and enjoy, our excellent BEER MATTERS magazine and, most importantly, support our fantastic local pubs and breweries.



Paul Manning CAMRA Sheffield & District



GLUTEN FREE ALE

It seems a growing number of people are getting diagnosed with health conditions that require them to cut gluten from their diet, although that may just be that myself and other people I know are getting older and more decrepit of course! Either way it had always been game over for the beer lover as most beer is brewed with malted barley which provides the sugar to turn to alcohol as well as influencing the colour and flavour of many beers.

That's not to say there wasn't any aluten free options available – a handful of some more traditional ale breweries had experimented with alternative ingredients but it is safe to say they weren't the same!

The good news is that now an increasing choice of beers are available thanks to the availability of a proline specific oligopeptidase enzyme

that brewers can add to the beer to reduce the gluten content to below the 20 ppm threshold required to label a product as gluten free and is tolerable to those sensitive to Gluten.

Locally all the beers produced by Abbeydale Brewery and Triple Point brewery are treated this way and can be considered gluten free so the many pubs in our area with Moonshine on cask now cater for drinkers with a gluten free requirement! Chantry Brewery's Full Moon pale ale is gluten free, some of Bradfield's bottled beers are too while Thornbridge's gluten free options are AM:PM session IPA, Lukas lager and Bayern pilsner.

A growing number of breweries across the UK are now joining the list that offer gluten free options and looking back at our Steel City Beer & Cider festival held at Kelham Island museum last October we offered a range of 19 cask ales and 13 keg beers that were gluten free and this is choice many beer festivals now seek to offer.

Some pubs also make the effort to keep their coeliac regulars interested too, for example at the Kelham Island Tavern one of the regularly changing guest ale lines is dedicated to gluten free beer while the Dog & Partridge has a handpump that usually has the current Abbeydale seasonal special on it which of course is gluten free. It also of course goes without saying that Abbeydale's own pub, the Rising Sun in Nether Green along with the bar at Triple Point Brewing are a good destination for drinking gluten free beer!

There are some pubs that don't have a dedicated gluten free line but do regularly stock something suitable, examples here include the Head of Steam in Sheffield City Centre and the Beekeeper in Hillsborough. It is also worth noting that some local music venues such as the Leadmill have beer from Triple Point or Abbeydale either on keg or in can.

So if you have gluten free dietary requirements and enjoy good beer, do seek out the beers and support the brewers and pubs that are making the effort!

Andy Cullen

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SHEFFIELD BEER **CENSUS**

SAT 31 MAY

On Saturday 31 May we are asking all our members that are visiting pubs in Sheffield that day to record the choice of cask ales available and where possible the price of a pint.

This data is an incredibly useful snapshot of the state of the real ale scene in the city - as well as continuina to prove that Sheffield is the beer capital of Britain (in terms of how many different beers are available to choose from).

We can track year-on-year variations in beer choice, prices and commonly available brands.

JOIN US!

We have organised a number of survey pub crawls on the day to make more of a social occasion of it, meet the leader in the first pub.

In most cases buying an all day travel pass such as the CityWide ticket may prove worthwhile - see sytravelmaster.com or the TravelMaster app for details.



Hillsborough

- Kevin Thompson
- □ Park @ 12:00
- ☐ Yellow route tram to the Leppings Lane stop, or bus 18, 31 or 57



Walkley, Crookes, Commonside

- Paul Crofts
- □ Walkley Cottage @ 12:00
- **⊞** Bus 52 or 95



Fulwood, Broomhill

- John Beardshaw and Phil Ellett
- ☐ Rising Sun @ 12:00
- **■** Bus 83 or 120



Bradway, Totley, Millhouses, Nether Edge

- Andy Cullen
- □ Castle Inn @ 12:25
- **⊞** Bus M17



Hillsborough, Bradfield, Stannington, Malin Bridge

- Dave Pickersgill
- Rawson Spring @ 11:30 or
- 61 bus to High Bradfield @ 11:55



Kelham Island, Neepsend

- 💂 Dan Rowe
- □ Gardeners Rest @ 12:00
- Bus 7 or 8



City Centre

□ Red Deer @ 19:00



Woodseats, Heeley

- Malcolm Dixon
- Guzzle Micropub @ 12:30
- **■** Bus 24, 25, 42, 43, 44, 75, 76. M76 or X17





Beighton, Woodhouse Mill, Handsworth

Paul Manning

Scarsdale Hundred (Wetherspoons) @ 11:00

Bus 7 or 26, or Blue route tram

LOG YOUR DATA

Visit any Sheffield pub on the day and log what you see via our online survey tool:



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Best rail station bar in Europe

The European Beer Consumers Union (EBCU) has recently revealed the results of its European Travel Beer Survey, celebrating the best places to eniov a quality beer while in transit: Sheffield secured the best rail station title.

Across Europe, Sheffield has the best rail station for beer - thanks to the Sheffield Tap, a beautifully restored Edwardian pub on platform 1B. With both an on-site brewery and an impressive range of both local and international beers (including ten cask beers), it's a must-visit.

The old First Class Refreshment Room was originally built by the Midland Railway as part of their 1905 station extension and adorned inside with Minton tiled walls and fine ornamented bar-fittings. The rooms were disused in the 1960s and became a waiting room in the 1970s before closure in 1975. The listed interior was left to decay until 2008 when restoration began. The Tap opened in

2009, with the on-site, Tapped Brewery, following in 2013. The pub is of outstanding historic importance, it is rated at Three Stars on CAMRA's National Inventory of important historic pub interiors.

Honourable ECBU mentions included York for its nearby pubs and beer-friendly atmosphere. Brussels Central and Munich Hauptbahnhof were both praised for their easy access to excellent beer venues just outside the station. The best airport for beer was Copenhagen, with the Mikkeller Bar frequently mentioned. Also praised were Munich Airport, home to Airbräu, Europe's first airport-based brewery. London Heathrow was also appreciated for its decent pub-style venues.

Respondents also described disappointing experiences like being served warm, bland lager at major transit hubs or finding themselves in terminals with no beer at all.

On a more positive note, the survey also unearthed some hidden gems, including praise for the nearby Stalybridge Buffet Bar and many smaller bars tucked just outside major train stations in multiple cities.

"We launched this survey to shine a light on how beer culture can thrive even in places of transit." said EBCU chairman André Brunnsberg, "Copenhagen and Sheffield show what's possible when quality and locality are put first. These aren't just places to wait for your flight or train: they're places worth arrivina early for."

The European Beer Consumers Union (EBCU) represents beer drinkers in over a dozen countries, promoting consumer rights, access to quality beer. and the preservation of local beer traditions. They hope these results will inspire more airports and railway stations across Europe to raise the bar for beer drinking travellers.

Dave Pickersgill

INN **BRIEF**



The Old Nag's Head in Edale held its inaugural beer festival over the weekend of 25-27 April, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Pennine Way being mapped. The festival was held behind the pub next to the beer garden. featuring a real ale and cider bar, BBQ stall, and live entertainment. Around 30 ales were on offer, sourced from breweries along the Pennine Way. Pictured above is the festival bar hosted by Jo Doyle who had personally collected many of the beers.

Over the Easter and May Day bank holiday weekends, the **Old Hall Hotel** in Hope once again hosted its regular Hope Valley Beer & Cider Festival. Held in a marquee in the car park, the festival featured a dedicated bar. food stalls, live music, and DJs. Most beers came from Derbyshire, though Easter saw a guest appearance from Fyne Ales of Scotland. Activity typically runs from midday to 9pm, with the festivities continuing inside the pub as the evening cools down.

Also at the Old Hall, landlord Rick Ellison (of Atlantik Inns. who run other Peak District pubs) marked 15 years at the helm on 26 April with a live rock covers band. A guiz night is held every Tuesday.

Ladybower Inn, at Yorkshire Bridge near Bamford, also appears to be thriving under its current management. It is owned by Batemans Brewery of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire.



The Anglers Rest in Bamford, under new management (Tom and Claire), continues to evolve based on experience and customer feedback. The pub is now open daily from midday to 11pm (closed Mondays, except bank holidays). A new food menu has launched, while the tea room serves cooked breakfasts until midday. then lunch and light bites until 4pm. The bar features up to six real ales, usually including four locals (from Eyam and Intrepid), Theakston Old Peculier, and a well-known guest such as Timothy Taylor's Landlord. A guiz night now runs every Wednesday at 8:30pm, with more events planned for the summer.

Old Evre Arms in Hassop has reopened under new ownership, with Alistair Myers (of the Rafters Restaurant group) now at the helm. The kitchen is headed by Charlie Curran, previously of Sheffield's Peppercorn and the Samuel Fox Country Inn in Bradwell. The menu focuses on traditional British food, served across three dining areas. A separate tap room welcomes drinkers — ideal for a pint and a game of dominoes

At the Three Stags' Heads in Wardlow Mires, now under Andy & Cath since 2019, little has changed — and that's a good thing. The historic building still boasts open fires, eccentric regulars, dogs, good ale, and a famously nononsense attitude (including the sign warning against ordering lager!). Long-time house ale Abbeydale Lurcher remains on the bar, joined by local offerings from Eyam Brewery. Subtle updates include a wider spirits selection and, perhaps surprisingly, Baby Guinness shots.

Wisewood Inn, home to Loxley Brewery, has announced dates for its 2025 beer festival: 20-22 June. Expect beer, cider, food, music, and a brewery merchandise stall.



Another favourite thriving under new management is the **Red Lion** in Litton. Previously a District Pub of the Year and featured in the Good Beer Guide, the cosy country pub still serves home-cooked food, well-kept real ales, and offers accommodation. New managers Kristing and Tomas have maintained high standards while adding their own touches and it continues to be a local favourite.

Coach House Café in Hillsborough Park has submitted a planning application for an outdoor bar in its courtvard, to be built from a wood-clad shipping container in keeping with the surroundings.



George & Dragon in Holmesfield is now operated by Boston Brewery (the Derbyshire one), which has taken over the taps. Six handpumps and two keg taps now serve a rotating range of their beers. A refurbishment and new food menu are in the works.

Fagan's, on the edge of Sheffield City Centre, has updated its opening hours. The pub is now open from 4pm to midnight Monday to Thursday, midday to 2:30am on Fridays and Saturdays, and midday to midnight on Sundays. Two quiz nights are held each week - on Thursday and Sunday – with live music taking place regularly on other days.

The Dog & Partridge in Sheffield City Centre hosted Dog Fest 3 on the May Day bank holiday Saturday with live music from 3:30pm. The pub also recently won Best Traditional Pub at the Exposed Magazine Awards.

In Dronfield, good weather over the same weekend saw the Manor House Hotel bar move its Friday DJ night outdoors, and the Green Dragon hosted a weekend of DJs and live music.

Abbeydale Live returned on Easter Saturday with a strong turnout. Venues along Abbeydale Road — including **Two Thirds Beer Co.** and the **Broadfield** — were particularly busy with live music throughout the day.

Tramlines Festival returns to Hillsborough Park from 25–27 July, and as always, fringe events featuring live music and DJs will take place across City Centre venues — many of which serve real ale — with free entry to most.

Robin Hood in Millhouses continues to run its Cask Club promotion every Thursday, offering discounts on real ale. The pub is part of the Ember Inns chain

In Norton Lees, the Mount Pleasant is hosting MountFest on Sunday 13 July, featuring live entertainment from midday. Tickets are £10 for adults and include entry for up to two children.

Three Tuns in Sheffield City Centre, under new management, is introducing a programme of events including DJ sets, supper clubs, and quiz nights.

Raven in Walkley welcomed back the Snack Shack over the May Day bank holiday weekend. Open at weekends, the beer garden shack serves pizzas, burgers, and fries.

Real Ale in Woodhouse: the Angel Inn is currently serving Marston's Wainwright Gold, while the **Royal Hotel** has Adnams *Ghost Ship* on the bar.



George Inn in Tideswell has reopened and is now another Peak District pub operated by Atlantik Inns. The reopening was well-timed for the village's food festival on 3 May. The new publican is Sarah.

British Oak in Mosborough, run by True North Brewery,

hosted a family fun day on 26 May. But the headline event is their annual Oakstock Festival, happening this year on 4 and 5 July, featuring live music, an outside bar, street food, and children's entertainment.

Also from True North, the Punchbowl in Crookes is currently offering a 10% discount on cask ale to CAMRA members - just show your membership card when ordering.

Castle Inn at Bradway has launched a new food menu and is now opening earlier, from 9am daily to serve breakfast.

Maynard Hotel in Grindleford is hosting live music in the garden on Sunday afternoons, weather permitting.

The former **Royal Standard** pub in Sheffield City Centre has been converted into a Harlem House fast food diner. As far as we're aware, no planning permission has been sought for change of use from a pub. We've contacted Sheffield City Council to investigate this.

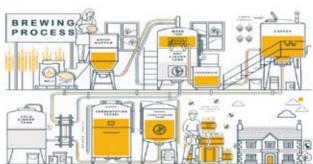
Bal Fashions, the bar and music venue on Exchange Street, has rebranded as Panke Bar. It's now an electronic music venue operated by the same team behind Berlin Calling in Crookes. While there's no real ale, the keg lines do include local beers from Abbeydale and Triple Point.



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THE NOMINEES

- Anchor, Tideswell (bus 65 or 173)
- Banner Cross, Ecclesall (bus 65. 81.88 or 272)
- Bath Hotel, City Centre (bus 51, 52, 52a, 95, 120, 257 or tram to University of Sheffield)
- Forest, Neepsend (bus 7 or 8)
- Ranmoor Inn. Ranmoor (get there on bus 120)

HOW TO VOTE

Scan the code or go to sheffield.camra.org.uk/potm and fill in the form using your CAMRA login, or vote in person at our monthly branch meetings. See the diary for details of the next one.



PUB OF THE YEAR 2025



NORTH SHEFFIELD



The winner of this year's North Shefield Pub of the Year is the Commercial in Chapeltown.

The pub dates back to 1890. built during a time when the area was emerging as a desirable Sheffield suburb. Originally constructed by Strouts Brewery of Neepsend, a long-standing local name. The Commercial has retained its historic character while evolving into a muchloved modern venue.

Now owned by Paul Menzies and his wife Kate, the pub is managed by Paul Harrison, with support from Karen Leyton. Affectionately known as the "The Commie." it attracts visitors from across the region - including Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster and Leeds – keen to enjoy its distinctive atmosphere.

The bar features six to seven cask ales, changing regularly thanks to the pub's popularity. Ales are sourced from both local and national breweries. In addition, there's a solid range of keg beers and an impressive selection of whiskies. The pub is also home to Sheffield Distillery, which produces gin and vodka on site.

Inside, the Commercial boasts three rooms: a spacious main area for drinking and dining, a cosy snug ideal for meetings or quiet conversations, and a games room with a pool table and sports TV. As a true community pub, it hosts regular live folk sessions and seasonal beer festivals



Food is provided by Sarah Fretwell, whose menu includes the legendary "Chip Butty Nights" — with a variety of creative toppings to choose from.

Kevin Thompson

Buses 2 and 2a pass the pubs front door or the 83 and 86 serve Chapeltown centre (followed by a short walk up Station Rd). There is also a regular train service at Chapeltown station, between Sheffield and Barnsley, with a path through from the north end of the platforms towards the pub.

JOIN US...

...on Tue 3 Jun when we be presenting the award at 9pm following our 8pm branch meeting.











CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR 2025

OLD SHOE Orchard Square

The Old Shoe, the brainchild of Mike Pomranz (Cider Hole) and Matt Beety (The Bear) opened in 2023. Specialising in ciders and unusual cask/keg beers it nestles in an old shoe shop in Orchard Sauare. No stranger to awards, they have won Sheffield CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year

for 2025

As well as always stocking a range of premium quality ciders on tap and in bottle, they organise tasting events led by well regarded cider makers and even make their own cider on site once a year (the 2024/25 batch was available to try on the award presentation day).

The bar stocks locally roasted coffee, as well as non-alcholic drinks. A retro touch is the vinvl record collection that plays in the background. A monthly comedy night rounds up the entertainment roster. Excitingly, the same management are hoping to expand into the upstairs, so keep an eye out for news.

SOUTH SHEFFIELD



BROTHERS APMS

Heeley

Tue 13 May saw a number of CAMRA members ioin the requlars at the Brothers Arms for the presentation of our South Sheffield Pub of the Year award. It was a very nice sunny evenina so the outdoor drinking area a hillside terrace with a fantastic view over the city – was packed with many taking part in the usual pub auiz night, which also features complimentary cheese and nibbles, with the pub having a lovely atmosphere.

The certificate was presented by Paul Crofts, our beer festival organiser and branch treasurer to the management and team.

Of course, as you'd expect there was a great range of well kept ales on the bar too, with your editor enjoying several pints of the Pictish on the night!

Congratulations to all at the Brothers on your award and thanks for your hospitality!

Photos by Phil Ellett and John **Beardshaw**

WEST SHEFFIELD



RISING SUN Nether Green

The Rising Sun is owned by an employee trust which includes Abbevdale Brewery and has been a community pub for almost 20 years.

The original Risina Sun was opened around 1860, the current establishment was built in 1904, in exchange for the demolition of the old pub to enable the widening of Fulwood Road

The pub has two large comfortably furnished rooms with a loa burning fire separating them. The large beer garden incorporates patio heaters. The pub is also child and dog friendly. Best of all, the pub has up to 13 cask ales with Abbeydale and guest rotations, including on presentation evening. Abbevdale Holv Water (6%), last seen over ten years ago.

Photos: Garry Raynes (General Manager) seen receiving the award from Sheffield CAMRA Pub Heritage Officer, Dave Pickersgill.









KELHAM PRIDE

Following its successful debut last year, Kelham Pride returns on Saturday 21 June. The event features a lively parade and outdoor stage with live entertainment, followed by celebrations across various venues in the area.

Local breweries Blue Bee. Little Critters, and Toolmakers have joined forces to create a special cask ale for the occasion. In a nod to community spirit, social media followers were invited to help name the brew - the winning choice: LGBTQIPA+

Official festival partner venues serving real ale include Alder, Neepsend Social Club & Canteen. and Grafters Bar. Fringe venues participating in the celebrations include Three Tuns, Harlequin, and Riverside Kelham.

For more information, visit kelhampride.com.

ABBEYDALE BREWERY

First up this month we have *Linden*, a 4.1% pale ale single hopped with Most, our first time using this hop. Most are a new variety grown due to a collaboration between our hop suppliers Charles Faram here in the UK, and growers based in the Czech Republic – the word "most" is Czech for bridge, so the name represents this union. Expect an aromatic beer with notes of tropical and berry fruits, and a clean, sweet finish.

Next in our Mythical Creatures inspired series we have the mighty minotaur! **Asterion** (4.0%) is a fruit forward and floral pale ale with the delicious combination of Amarillo, Nelson Sauvin and Galaxy hops. And It's all systems go with the Dr's latest stellar sup! **Dr Morton's Rocket Surgery** (4.1%) is crafted with UK grown Olicana and Bullion hops to straighten tail fins and reorient your nose cone, all without any disruption to your flight path or launch window.

From our collaboration range with artwork inspired by vintage travel posters, look out for **Heading into Harrogate** (4.6%). We're honoured to be hosting fellow UK beer pioneers Roosters Brewery to create a West Coast style pale ale, piney and resinous with Centennial and Citra hops.

And from the Brewers Emporium we're excited to be releasing our first ever **Kölsch**! Top fermented like an ale but cold fermented like a lager, this hybrid beer (4.8%) is clean and crisp with a light hop character and a soft crackerbread sweetness. Plus, it's a welcome return for *Tranquility*, a 3.8% soft and pillowy New England style Session IPA, and finally a sweet treat in the form of a *Coconut Macaroon Stout* (5.4%), a new addition to our dessert inspired Indulgence series.

Laura Rangeley

Abbeydale Brewery

WHEN IT COMES TO FINE ALES ...













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BREWERY BITS

When Thornbridge first commissioned the Burton Union set they salvaged after Carlsberg ceased using it at the Marston's brewery, the first beer they put through was a special batch of Jaipur IPA, their flagship brand. Since then, a series of one-off specials have been brewed. offering a fascinating insight into how this traditional fermentation method can influence flavour and aroma across different beer styles. The big news is that a second batch of Jaipur Union has now been brewed - so if you missed it the first time, here's another chance to taste the difference!



Neepsend Brewery recently celebrated their 10th anniversary — and have just hit another milestone with their 1.100th beer brewed! They're also toasting a win in the Champion Beer competition at the Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival.

Ilklev Brewery has been saved from administration by local businessman Graham Smith, who is also a director of Rooster's Brewery.



Intrepid Brewery in Brough (near Bradwell) hosted their first open day of the year on Saturday 24 May, coinciding with the nearby Old Hall Hotel's bank holiday beer festival in Hope. Their open days include a brewery bar. outdoor seating and Sunshine Pizza tradina on site. Buses 173 (Bakewell-Castleton) and some 272 (Sheffield-Castleton) services stop nearby.



Evam Brewery in Great Hucklow will also be running a series of open days again this year, following the success of last year's events. The first is on Saturday 28 June, featuring a pop-up bar serving their beers, indoor and outdoor

seating, and Sunshine Pizza. Buses 65 (Sheffield-Buxton) and 173 stop in the village. just a short walk from the brewery.

Fuggle Bunny Brew House continues its weekly Fuggle Friday tap sessions yearround, and is now adding monthly Saturday events on the last Saturday of each month for summer. The 31 May event includes live music from James Scanlan (5pm) and food from Nico's Pizza. Bar open 3pm-9pm. The brewery is a 10-minute walk from Halfway tram terminus (Blue route), with other buses (e.g. 120k) passing nearby.

Fugale Bunny has also released a new beer - a 6% ABV Pineapple IPA — which featured at the Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival.

Bradfield Brewery is marking its 20th anniversary with two celebratory beers:

Farmers XX Best 4.6% A traditional best bitter brewed with Maris Otter, amber and chocolate malts

Farmers Celebration Pale 4.2% A straw-coloured oat pale ale brewed with New World hops



Little Mesters Brewing has relocated from Meadowhead to Attercliffe. The former Meadowhead site (next to Mitchells Wine Merchants) will become a cigar shop and tasting room. The brewing kit in use at Attercliffe was previously used by Lost Industry Brewery. The Little Mesters Tap Bar remains open in Woodseats

Loxley Brewery beer is now available to take home from all their pubs. Bottles can be purchased at The Rayen. and No. 3 Sharrow is offering take-away cask ale containers. Loxlev will also have a merchandise stand at the Wisewood Inn Beer Festival (20-22 June).



Ashover Brewery of Clay Cross (Chesterfield) is back in business under new ownership and rebranded as Ashover Brew Co.

They're currently running a crowdfunder to support improvements including the installation of a canning line.

The official relaunch takes place at the Tupton Tap on 4 July, featuring the full range of beers, an outside bar, food truck and live music

Their relaunch beer line-up includes:

Font 3.8% Chinook-hopped session pale

Poets' Tipple 4% Best bitter

Littlemoor Citra 4.1% Citra-hopped pale ale

Rainbow's End 4.5% American-hopped pale ale

Coffin Lane Stout 5%, Brewed with chocolate malt

Zoo 5.5% Mosaic and Citra-hopped pale ale

Butts Pale Ale 5.5%. American-hopped



CAMPAIGN NEWS

CASK MARQUE COLLABORATION

Two leading non-profit beer groups have teamed up to help consumers find top-quality pints of beer across the UK.

CAMRA and Cask Marque are collaborating to give CAMRA website users data on which pubs have the highest Beer Quality and Cellar Hygiene ratings from Cask Marque.

Users can now filter searches to find pubs with top Cask Marque ratings, helping people find top quality pints of cask – which requires great care and passion not just in the brewing process, but when pubs serve to customers too.

Ash Corbett-Collins, CAMRA Chairman, said:

"There's nothing better than a pint of topauglity cask beer in a pub. That's why we want to make the CAMRA website the go-to place to find your next pint.

"We're really pleased to partner with Cask Marque so that consumers can now search for pubs with high Beer Quality and Cellar Hygiene ratings, as well as mark favourite pubs, create and share interactive trips with friends and even tag your must-try beers to plan your perfect pub visit. After all, a great quality pub pint starts with great cellar management."

Paul Nunny, Executive Director of Cask Marque, said:

"Great beer starts with great cellar practices. The Beer and Cellar Hygiene Rating helps pubgoers find establishments that prioritise quality, just like a food hygiene rating does for your dining out. CAMRA's addition of the Beer and Cellar Hygiene Rating to their new website gives consumers more choice, helping beer lovers easily find pubs committed to quality cellar practices and the perfect pint."

CARLSBERG HIJACK

CAMRA has renewed calls for the brewing giant to stop selling imitation cask beer brands, one year on from the 'Fresh Ale' launch.

Beer lovers at CAMRA have accused global drinks producer Carlsberg of damaging the reputation of cask beer by hijacking traditional handpulls to sell their imitation range of 'Fresh Ale'.

The 'Fresh Ale' concept sees keaged beer served through handpulls at the bar, masquerading as cask beer.

Recent reports claim that 'Fresh Ale' sales have been 'growing steadily'. CAMRA strongly disagrees this will 'reinvigorate the popularity of cask' but will instead mislead consumers and actually remove cask beer from bars in favour of 'Fresh Ale' to be sold

CAMRA has complained to Trading Standards about the range, maintaining that it qualifies as misleading dispense, and says that the reputation of cask beer is being damaged by Carlsberg's attempts to hijack handpulls.

The consumer organisation which represents 145,000 pubgoers and beer drinkers is calling on the Government to step in – and is urging Trading Standards departments across the country to prevent pubgoers from being duped into buving 'Fresh Ale'.

Ash Corbett-Collins, CAMRA Chairman, said:

"Enjoying a pint of cracking cask beer from your local pub is one of life's great pleasures. Cask beer is the real deal – a fresh, live product crafted with great care by the UK's best brewers

"Our tradition of enjoying great cask beer is under threat from Carlsberg's plan to keep rolling out their 'Fresh Ale' - which we believe is an inferior substitute for proper cask beer

"Instead of being open and honest about the new kegged beers they are selling, Carlsberg are undermining centuries of British tradition and misleading punters into thinking they are ordering cask beer from a traditional handpull at the bar, It also elbows out opportunities for independent breweries to serve their cask beer at the bar if pumps are taken up with this 'Fresh Ale' instead."

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As impromptu socials go, you can't beat a beer festival in the sunshine

I arrived to join others around 17:00, to an already packed terrace with no seats to be had. The band was warming up, the food was cooking and the beer flowing.

There was a change from last year, and to be honest, not for the better. The cider tent was placed in a small corner, unlike the double-fronted location of last year. This caused a very congested stand this time around. Fortunately the ciders made up for it and they were proving popular. looking like they were in danger of selling-out the next day!



To begin, I started with a Thornbridge not sampled before, Black & Gold. A nice hoppy pale of a blonde/golden character. Lots of flavour in its 3.4% though, and an easy starter.

I joined Paul M, Bev, Dan, and Bev's sister Teri and husband, Steve for a chat all things ale and beyond. Andy Morton of 50k+ beers fame joined the gathering, but wasn't stopping too long. It wasn't long before my friend Bleddyn made it there with his pint of Brew York's Maris the Otter, a 3.9% bitter from this excellent brewery renowned for its stouts

We were a bit jaded, so decided to get a seat, where we were joined my another friend Gordon. We soon felt peckish after the beer, so a currywurst was purchased, and it was very tasty with fries, sauerkraut and mini-gherkins at £6.90.

Paul, Bev. Dan and Co bade their farewells, as they were continuing on more beer trails.

Being a sucker for a flavoured stout, my eyes were drawn to the Neepsend Jasmin's Jamaican Rum Cake Stout. Quite thin and only 4.8%, but the flavour didn't disappoint.

Now the problem is, sitting opposite the TV advertising beers. You're always going to see one you have to sample. In this case it was an old favourite Thornbridge Baize, the legendary mint chocolate stout, 5.5% like an After Eight in a glass. not cheap but worth it.

Time for departure, and a walk through town and the West Street Strip to catch my last bus, after a swift last one in the Bankers Draft. We'll be back next year, possibly attending the Friday evening, and the Saturday, football fixtures allowing?

Kevin Thompson





PUBLIC TRANSPORT

As we head into summer, it is a great time to be heading out into the countryside to visit some of the wonderful country pubs on our patch! In Sheffield & District we are lucky to have the Peak District National Park offering a rural landscape that is breathtakingly beautiful and some useful bus and train links to get you around. For this month's PUBlic Transport column I thought I'd highlight a few of the routes to try.

A Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket offers unlimited travel all day on any local bus or train in Derbyshire (except the Peak Sightseer tour) plus direct services between Sheffield City Centre and Derbyshire. The bus only ticket costs £9 whilst the bus and train option costs £17. Note you can't use trains on weekdays before 9am. Alternatively at the moment there is a government funded bus deal where the maximum single fare is capped at just £3.

THE HOPE VALLEY LINE (along with buses 257 and 272)

Northern run an hourly local train service between Sheffield and Manchester that calls at Grindleford, Hathersage, Hope and Edgle, Running parallel to the railway is bus route 272 Sheffield-Castleton which serves Fox House, Hathersage, Brough, Bradwell, Hope and Castleton. Both also serve Bamford railway station, however the village itself is a mile up the hill from there, which is served by bus 257 from Sheffield.



There are four pubs in Hathersage that serve real ale. The more down to earth venue in the centre of the village is the Little John Hotel where the tap room features a pool table and table football. A bit of a walk down the road past the railway station to Leadmill Bridge brings you to the Plough Inn with a fantastic choice of outdoor drinking areas. Elsewhere in the village is the George and the Scotsman's Pack. Alternatively up in the hills with a spectacular view over the valley is the Millstone.



Bamford has just the one pub – the Anglers Rest. offering up to six cask ales including some from local breweries, however further up the road is the Yorkshire Bridge Inn and Ladybower Inn, located near the famous Derwent Dam and enjoy a wonderful setting by the reservoirs.

In Bradwell there are two pubs, including the White Hart, which is run by Bradfield Brewery. The bus also passes through Brough, home of Intrepid Brewery.



Hope is where you will find the Old Hall Hotel which hosts a beer & cider festival on most bank holiday

weekends whilst across the road is the Woodroffe Arms, a tradional local, whilst down the lane towards Edgle is the Cheshire Cheese Inn where you can enjoy cosy dining inside or al fresco drinking in their beer garden.



Castleton has enough pubs in the village for a full days pub crawl as well as a really good specialist off licence, whilst Edale has a couple of pubs including the Old Naa's Head, which sits at the start of the Pennine Way footpath.

BUS 173 – BAKEWELL TO CASTLETON

If you are travelling from Sheffield, you can connect onto this rural minibus service by using the 218 to Bakewell or at the other end of the route you can connect at Hope from the train or bus 272. Alternatively bus 65 from Sheffield serves Litton and Tideswell. The single vehicle on route 173 shuttles up and down providing a departure once every 2 hours linking a number of villages and offering a scenic ride. Note this bus doesn't run evenings or Sundays. Check the timetable carefully for the two trips a day that divert via Cressbrookdale



In Great Longstone you'll find a couple of pubs and in Little Longstone is the Packhorse Inn, a cosy little pub offering Thornbridge beer and home cooked food. Up the hill from here on the main road junction is Monsal Head with a view over the valley including the former railway viaduct below. You can take in the sights sat outside the Stables Bar behind the Monsal Head Hotel, which is also serves Thornbridge beer.



At Wardlow Mires is the legendary Three Stags' Heads, a historical, no nonsense small two room pub listed in CAMRA's National Inventory. A choice of local ales is available.

In Litton is the **Red Lion**, a cosy cottage style pub with real ales and food



Next along the route is Tideswell, there are three pubs here – the George Inn. Star and Horse & Jockey, A short distance outside the village and also on the bus route is the Anchor, which had its moment of fame as a result of providing tractor spaces in the car park catering for local farmers popping in for lunch!

BUS 65 - SHEFFIELD TO BUXTON

This bus service runs about once every 2 hours during the daytime, 7 days a week. There is no evening service. It serves a number of villages along the way including Grindleford, Calver, Eyam, Foolow, Great Hucklow, Tideswell, Litton and Millers Dale.



At Calver you'll find the Calver Arms, Eyam the Miners Arms and in Foolow the Bulls Head. Great Hucklow is home to Eyam Brewery along with the Queen Anne pub. Hidden away from the main road at Millers Dale by the river is the Angler's Rest.

BUS 257 - SHEFFIELD TO BAKEWELL (the long way round)

This bus provides an hourly service out of Sheffield via Yorkshire Bridge to Bamford seven days a week (no evening service) with buses continuing to Bakewell Monday to Saturday. There are some route variations at certain times of day to cater for rural school travel, however the core route runs via Hathersage, Grindleford, Calver, Stoney Middleton, Eyam and Baslow. If you are travelling from Sheffield to Baslow or Bakewell then bus 218 is more direct. The only village on this route not previously mentioned for buses 65, 173 or 272 is Stoney Middleton, here you will find the Moon Inn.

BUS X17 – BARNSLEY TO WIRKSWORTH

This bus links Sheffield, Chesterfield, Matlock, Matlock Bath, Cromford and Wirksworth.

PEAK SIGHTSEER - OPEN TOP BUS TOURS



Covering some of the above areas, two routes operate from 24 May until 25 October, with a daily service up to 21 Sep. The Red Route is a circular tour from Chatsworth House to Bakewell whilst the Blue route is a linear tour from Chatsworth House to Castleton via Baslow, Calver, Grindleford, Hathersage and Hope. Buses run daytime only on an hourly frequency and a couple of feeder trips run from Meadowhead, Woodseats, Millhouses and Totley. Tickets are £12 and you can hop on and off as much as you like so can visit a pub or two along the way as well as enjoy the scenery!

BUS 61/62 – H'BOROUGH TO BRADFIELD

These buses run a circular route from Hillsborough Interchange (you can connect with trams and other buses there) taking in Loxley, Bradfield, Dungworth and Stannington and run all day every day except Sunday. Pubs along the way include the Wisewood Inn (home of Loxley Brewery), Nags Head Inn (Bradfield Brewery's original tap), Old Horns Inn (offering a fantastic view over the valley) and Bradfield Plough.

NFWS

First bus are no longer using X (formerly Twitter).

Rail replacement works take place on Supertram 24 to 30 May (between Cathedral and Middlewood/Malin Bridge), 28 July to 15 August (between Sheffield Station and Gleadless) and 16 to 29 August (between Hillsborough and Middlewood). Replacement buses will operate on the closed sections of route. Additionally Tram Train is not serving Rotherham on Saturday evenings until 25 October to allow a new station at Magna to be built – hopefully it will be open in time for Great British Beer Festival Winter next February!





ONE VALLEY

One Valley Festival sees a number of different pubs, a club and a brewery tap all host events on the same day so you can explore Dronfield town and surrounding countryside experiencing a variety of beer. music and food. The town centre venues are all walkable from Dronfield railway station whilst all venues are on a bus route (one of 15, 16, 43 or 44). The date this year is Sat 7 Jun.



The rural pub that takes part is the Miners Arms in Hundall. This sees a stage appear in the beer garden with live music through the afternoon and the outside bar open with an extended range of ales and cider plus a burger stall. Hundall is

a hillside location with the pub offering a view over the valley as well as the neighbouring cricket pitch! Bus 15 (Dronfield-Chesterfield) stops outside the pub until about 6pm.



Down in the valley at Unstone is Drone Valley Brewery who have a tap staffed by volunteers (most of the profits go to local good causes) and they rather push the boat out for One Valley day. Various tents appear in the yard to supplement the bar in the brewery with seating areas, music stage, cocktail bar and food vendor (Gow's Kitchen). Buses 43 and 44 (Sheffield-Chesterfield) stop on the main road at the end of their drive.



In the suburb of Dronfield Woodhouse are two pubs, the Jolly Farmer (on bus route 43) and Miners Arms (on bus route 16). At the Jolly Farmer festivities take place around the outdoor drinking area with outside bar, BBQ and live entertainment. They also serve breakfasts in the morning (booking recommended) Meanwhile up the road at the Miners live entertainment is planned in the evening with an acoustic set by Ethan Massingham. During the afternoon vou can chill out with a beer in their garden and maybe grab a bite to eat!

Dronfield town centre is split into two areas – the High

Street and Dronny Bottom, each with a cluster of venues. The Civic Centre is the bus terminus for rural bus routes 15 and 16 whilst bus 43 stops outside Sainsbury's, these are all close to the High Street. Meanwhile Dronny Bottom is where the railway station is, with bus routes 15 and 44 passing through too.

There are three venues along High Street and Church Street - Blue Stoops, Manor House Hotel and Green Dragon whilst at Dronny Bottom you will find the Beer Stop, Dronfield Arms, Underdog Bar and White Swan. Also not far from the High Street, across the road from Sainbury's, is the Victoria - a typical street corner boozer with dart board. pool table and football on the telly. For festival day they will have a DJ on playing tunes from 3pm until about 10pm.



At the Manor House, their cafe bar opens serving breakfast in the morning with their bar opening from 10am. However festivities are outside from midday with the rear drinks terrace extended into part of the car park where they will have two outside bars (one serving cask ale from Abbevdale Brewery with the other bar serving lager, spirits etc)

and a food trailer from Pellizco (Mexican street food). Live music will be provided outside by the Britpop rockers at 4pm and 6pm then from 7:30pm onwards DJ Brad Gee will be keeping the party going.



The Green Dragon also extends their outside drinking area into a closed off car park on festival day. An outside bar serves cask ale, shorts and bottles supplementing the normal pub bar inside and a fish & chip van will be serving food there. It all opens at midday with DJ Higgz providing a soundtrack throughout the event until late except when live acts are on stage – We are Little Rock at 3pm, Andy Gates at 5pm and Cabronitas band at 8pm.



The Dronfield Arms closes their car park off too in order to add extra features to the usual pub bar, terrace and Pizza Pi kiosk. On festival day there is an outside bar, Cow Boys Burgers

stall and music stage. Live music kicks off at 1pm with Josh Feely followed by Magenta Apricots at 2pm, Factor 50 at 3pm, Kickback at 4pm and Leo Millobarrow at 5pm. From 6pm until midnight DJ Phill will be providing party tunes outside for their popular One Valley sunset disco surrounded by trees, river, railway bridge and buildings!

Next door the Underdog bar also adds an outside bar round the back with a range of ciders and craft beer plus hot sandwiches whilst across the road the White Swan make use of their patio area.

The Beer Stop is just the other side of the railway bridge. this is a small specialist craft beer shop that also has a few taps of craft beer that can be enioved on the vard outside. They also have a street food trader pop up outside on some event days.

Finally a short walk from Dronny Bottom (alternatively a ride on bus 15 or 44) is the Pioneer Club This is a classic social club building with two rooms – lounge (with pool table and TV) and concert room. It also has a huge grass outdoor area, smoking terrace and car park. The Pioneer run a family friendly event for One Valley outside with bouncy castle, goody bags & games for the kids plus a BBQ stall whilst for the adults there will be a reasonably priced bar and a DJ on all day inbetween live acts – Marie Wells and Ken Lambert Drag.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS



FESTIVALS

Local beer and cider festivals we're aware of. Email the Editor if you know of any more!



EVENTS

Branch meetings, socials, heritage talks, RambAles and other activities. Email our Social Secretary for more info and bookings.

MΔY



Area Pub of the Year (City Centre)

8pm Thu 29 May

We present the winners certificate. All welcome to join us at the Bath Hotel for a drink or two



SHEFFIELD BEER CENSUS

12pm Sat 31 May

"A pub crawl with a purpose" - our mission is to survey as many Sheffield pubs serving cask ale as possible, capturing a snapshot of the local beer scene. By recording the range of beers on offer, we track trends and reinforce Sheffield's status as the beer capital of England! Details on how to get involved on page 6.



Barley, Thorpe Hesley

Wed 28 May - Sun 1 Jun

The **Barley** pub in Thorpe Hesley (between Chapeltown and Rotherham) host their inaugural beer festival featuring around 30 ales and ciders along with music and food. The pub also has a great beer garden to enjoy it all in if the weather is good! Bus M35 passes the pub or bus 135 is a short walk away.

JUNE



Branch meeting and Area Pub of the Year (North Sheffield) 8pm Tue 3 Jun



All members welcome to join us at the Commercial, Chapeltown. We'll also be presenting their Area Pub of the Year award while we're there. Get there on bus 2 or it is a short walk from Chapeltown railway station.



RambAle and brewery social

11:30am Fri 6 Jun

This one starts from the Scarsdale **Hundred** Wetherspoons in Beighton and heads through Rother Valley Country Park to Killamarsh for a stop at the Guzzle Micropub before continuing down the road to Fuggle Bunny Brew House for their regular Friday tap session. Get there on the Blue route tram departing Castle Sauare at 11:45 with a short walk from the Beighton Drake House stop to the pub. Regular buses and trams return back to Sheffield Centre from Halfway terminus.



One Valley (Dronfield)

Sat 7 Jun

A whole list of pubs along with a club and a brewery tap put on a day of beer, cider, food and music. Many of the venues are in the town centre and walkable from the railway station and a few are a short bus ride away.



Area Pub of the Year (East Sheffield)

8pm Tue 10 Jun

We present the winners certificate. All welcome at the Oxbow for a drink!



Festival planning meeting

7:30pm Tue 17 Jun

Our monthly festival planning meeting upstairs at the Gardeners Rest.



Stockport (CAMRA)

Thu 19 - Sat 21 Jun

Back at their new venue, the Guild Hall, the festival features over 250 beers, ciders and perries. More details at stockportfestival.org.uk.



Loxiev

Fri 20 - Sun 22 Jun

The annual beer and cider festival at the Wisewood Inn, which is home to Loxley Brewery. The event also features music and food with free entry. Buses 52a, 61 and 62 go there.



Sheaf View

Sat 21 Jun

Their birthday beer festival. These events usually involve a popup bar in the back room and an outside kiosk bar featuring interesting beers.



Worksop social

Sat 21 Jun

We catch the 11:37 Northern train from Sheffield to Worksop and visit a number of pubs in the town centre, including the Mallard at the station. There is also the option of stopping off at a few places along the way back, such as Ticking Clock Brew Co. tap room at Shireoaks and the Kiveton Tap near Kiveton Bridge station. An off peak return ticket to Worksop (£7.30 from Sheffield) will cover this.



Committee meeting & BEER MATTERS distribution

8pm Wed 25 Jun

Monthly business meeting at the Dog & Partridge on Trippet Lane.





Leicester (CAMRA)

Thu 26 - Sat 28 Jun

A marguee filled with over 50 beers from independent brewers plus around a dozen ciders. The venue is Abbey Pumping Station, Regular trains run direct from Sheffield to Leicester.



Swinton

Thu 26 - Sat 28 Jun A fundraiser for St Margaret's

Church where the festival is held in Swinton, near Rotherham.



Eckington

Sat 28 Jun

A number of venues in or near Eckington team up to provide a day of beer, food and music. A minibus shuttles regularly between venues. You can get to Eckington on Stagecoach bus 50/50a or TM Travel bus 252 whilst the Miners Arms in Hundall is served by Stagecoach bus 15.





Branch meeting

8pm Tue 1 Jul

All members welcome to join us at the Wisewood Inn, Loxley. Buses 52a and 61/62 go there.



Merchant Adventurers (York)

Fri 4 - Sat 5 Jul

Charity fundraiser featuring over 30 breweries showcasing over 90 ales, beers and lagers.



Sheffield Pub of the Year

8pm Tue 8 Jul

We present the winners certificate. All are welcome to join at the Kelham Island Tavern for a drink or two!



RambAle

11:30am Sat 12 Jul

This month we follow in the footsteps of Kes - the number 2 bus from Sheffield (11:36 from Moor Market) drops us at Stead Lane in Holvland Common, featuring artwork depicting Billy Caspar and Kes with a blue plague on the house where Barry Hines lived. We visit the Tap & Brew for a choice of six beers then onto the **Saville Sauare** pub. We do a bit of walking towards Tankersley and Thorncliffe, with the Miners Arms providing an optional stop on the way to the **Commercial** in Chapeltown where buses and trains are available back to Sheffield



Festival planning meeting

7:30pm Tue 15 Jul

Our monthly festival planning meeting upstairs at the Gardeners Rest.



Wortley Mens Club

Fri 18 - Sun 20 Jul

This rural former working men's club and institute, which still runs a membership scheme but is open to all, hosts its annual beer festival featuring a tent packed full of ale and cider along with live entertainment and more.



Peak District bus crawl social

10am Sat 19 Jul

We visit a number of country pubs along the route of bus 173.



Committee meeting & BEER MATTERS distribution

8:30pm Tue 22 Jul

Monthly business meeting at the **Dog** & Partridge on Trippet Lane.



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Thu 31 Jul - Sun 3 Aug

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Wed 15 - Sat 18 Oct

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New this year you will be able to use card payment (including Apple/Google contactless) to pay for drinks at the bars as you go. Alternatively we will still be doing bar tokens which you can buy using cash or card.









As usual we'll have a range of street food traders to satisfy your hunger plus the old skool pub games in the marquee and the tombola upstairs to keep you amused (and there are prizes to be won!).

On the Wednesday we'll be judging the champion beer of Sheffield & District with all the local brewers based in the City and our part of the Peak District invited to enter a cask ale, we'll announce the winner early on in the evening. On Thursday evening our friends from Bradfield Brewery will be hosting a tutored tasting event (advance booking required) whilst for those interested in local history our pub heritage officer Dave Pickersaill and local historian John Stocks will be hosting some talks and tours themed on the "Little Chicago" booklet on Thursday and Friday, Again advance booking is required.

From Thursday onwards we have a programme of live music planned – Thursday evening is The Retrobates starring Kitty Noir, Friday evening is Soul Battalion then Saturday afternoon we have Loxley Silver Band, Kelham Island Rapper (dancers) and Blyth Power.









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Thu: £5 (£2 for CAMRA members)

Fri and Sat: £7 (£3 for CAMRA members) You'll also need to get a festival glass for £3. You can keep this as a souvenir or return it for a refund when you leave. There will be a printed programme available containing the beer and cider lists for £1 or you can find all the details online at sheffield.camra.org.uk/sc.



The charity collection this year will be for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity, You can chuck cash donations and unspent bar tokens in the buckets to help this worthy cause.

The festival opening hours are Wednesday 5pm to 10:30pm, Thursday/Friday 11:30am to 10:30pm and Saturday 11am to 9pm. Nearest tram stop is Shalesmoor or there are bus stops on Nursery Street and Gibraltar Street. It is also walkable from the City Centre and the Kelham Island district has some fantastic pubs forming a buzzing unofficial festival fringe!







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