

## **Villagers raise a glass to CAMRA at the Anglers Rest in Bamford**

### ***Peak District's first community owned pub named Pub of the Month by Sheffield branch of the Campaign for Real Ale***

The Anglers Rest, Bamford's community owned pub, has been named Pub of the Month for April by members of the Sheffield branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). The pub of the month accolade is designed to highlight and support pubs and bars across Sheffield and the wider district that consistently serve good quality real ale in a friendly and comfortable environment. Pubs can be nominated by any members of the Sheffield branch of CAMRA and members vote for their preferred pub.

The Anglers Rest is developing a strong reputation for good quality real ales, having recently held its second beer festival since re-opening under community ownership. The pub has also recently gained accreditation as a LocAle pub – committing to always serving at least one local beer.

Richard Vale, Bamford resident and CAMRA member who nominated the Anglers said: "Local people saved the pub from a series of poor managers and eventual closure by raising money to buy the pub. Pub of the month is a fitting way to celebrate the hard work that has been put in by the local community to create what is now a brilliant real ale pub."

Amanda Taylor, general manager of the Anglers Rest said: "We pride ourselves in sourcing a variety of real ales from across the local area and beyond. With five hand pulls we can offer a great choice of beers, with something to please everyone."

Alan Gibbons, Chair of Sheffield CAMRA said: "The Anglers Rest story is an inspiration to other communities with pubs that are at risk. CAMRA has supported the residents of Bamford throughout their bid to buy the Anglers Rest and we are delighted to have helped protect a pub which serves good quality real ales. Pub of the month acknowledges the efforts of the local community in creating this great pub."

A presentation by members of Sheffield CAMRA will be held at the Anglers Rest, Main Road, Bamford, S33 0DY on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 5pm.

**Notes to Editors:** Bamford Community Society was formed in August 2012 after the last remaining pub in Bamford, the Anglers Rest, was placed at risk of closure. The Society raised funds from over 300 local people and, in October 2013, purchased the Anglers Rest. The site now hosts the Anglers Pub, The Rest Cafe and the village Post Office. The Anglers Rest site is open from 8am – 11pm and serves hot and cold food and drinks throughout the day. The Society also operates a monthly Farmers Market, as well as offering secure cycle parking, accessible toilets, wifi and disabled parking on site.

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