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AMBER VALLEY
BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL
(THE RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL)

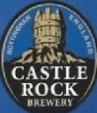


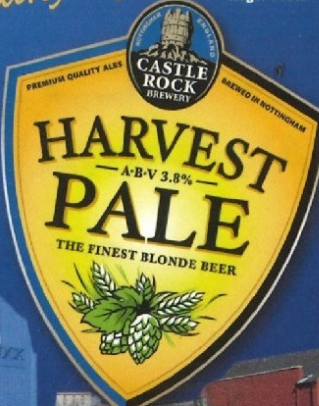
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Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural Amber Valley CAMRA beer festival. It's the culmination of six months meticulous planning and is organised and staffed by unpaid volunteers so please treat them gently.

I believe that we have assembled a stellar line-up of beer, cider and perry, and trust that there is something to suit your palate. It probably hasn't escaped your attention that there has been a revolution in craft brewing in recent years and this festival reflects this welcome development. Indeed, the brewery tap of Amber Ales is just up the road and proprietor, Peter Hounsell, is to be congratulated for his Chocolate Orange Stout winning Gold in the speciality section of the Beer of the Year awards at the recent Great British Beer Festival. Castle Rock, over the border in Nottingham, won the ultimate CAMRA accolade of Champion Beer of Britain for their delightfully hoppy Harvest Pale. Both of these beers are here for your delectation.

Belper's Maharaja restaurant has provided the fine Indian cuisine, and I must mention our main sponsor, that excellent free house, the Queens Head, Marlpool; thank you, Stefan. Also, our thanks go to our hosts, the Midland Railway Heritage Trust, Leadmill brewery for sponsoring the T-shirts, and Wade Printers. Finally, I'd like to thank my sidekick, Paul Gibson, and the band of dedicated volunteers who have made this first festival possible.

Nigel Heathcote, *Beer Festival Chairman*

Festival Entertainment

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| Friday Evening | Kick-n-Rush, comedy skiffle band, followed by local rock/pop covers band All the King's Men. |
| Saturday - Lunchtime | The Ripley Morris Men. |
| Saturday Evening | No Fixed Abode, Irish Folk duo & The Alma Boobies, All girl rock band. During the interval Burlesque dancer Roxzee Mayhem will entertain. |

Ripley

A PUB SCENE WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We hope that you've enjoyed the festival, though we thought you might like to take time out to explore Ripley, which has a number of notable watering holes.

Head up Butterley Hill towards the town centre, and turn right into Bridal Lane and then left into Moss Lane, where at the junction of Lowes Hill, you'll find the stuccoed George. Licensee, Carl, is a keen supporter of Amber Ales brewed just down the road and local musical talent features on most Saturdays. This CAMRA Good Beer Guide listed corner house also has guest beers from the craft brewing industry. Head up Lowes Hill and Amber Ales' flagship brewery tap hoves into view.

The Talbot Taphouse is a renovated ex-Shipstone's tavern, occupying a flat iron site, and will be appreciated by those who seek quiet conversation whilst choosing from a fine selection of beers and continental brews. Naturally, Amber Ales feature strongly, though a couple of changing guests augment them.

Across the road is The Nags Head; carpeted throughout, and with comfortable furnishings, the Nags can be relied upon to offer a good range of beers from independent breweries. Entertainment is the name of the game on Sundays and there is a big screen broadcasting the footie. Carry on up Butterley Hill, bear right, and opposite the imposing Victorian town hall you'll see The Red Lion, a J D Wetherspoon house. On the pleasant patio overlooking the Parish Church you can enjoy myriad beers from near and far, that should satisfy the most ardent of ale enthusiasts. On leaving the 1960s pub, cross the zebra crossing and head straight past the Market Place bus stops to Derby Road, where the redoubtable Pear Tree (pictured) awaits your patronage.

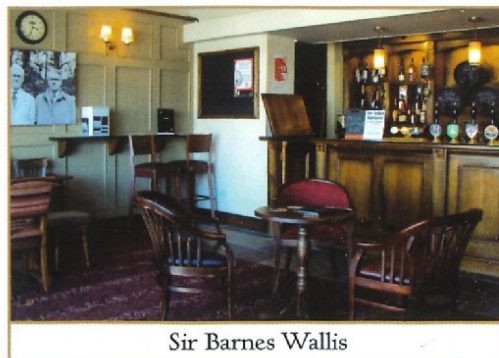


Pear Tree

The Pear Tree retains much of its Victorian charm and, although the two front bars have been knocked into one, the cosy snug to the rear is a peaceful haven away from the hustle and bustle of the busy main road. Few of the area's Greene King estate can boast of such a comprehensive choice of the Bury St Edmunds' beers. Indeed, there is the opportunity to sample the rare and excellent XX Mild, which was runner-up in the mild category at this year's Beer of the Year competition at the Great British Beer Festival.

Turn right out of The Pear Tree, and turn right into Ivy Grove. At the top turn right again and, immediately left, and then proceed along Firs Avenue past the hospital. This runs into Sandham Lane, turn left into Maple Avenue and you'll find the Sir Barnes Wallis, named after the Bouncing Bomb designer who lived on Butterley Hill in the town.

Built in 1974 for Hardy and Hanson, the now defunct Kimberley brewery, this pleasant, spacious pub is jointly run by Everard's and Amber Ales. The front bar (pictured), serving nine real ales, has patio doors leading to a well-designed patio, and a separate lounge has a feature fireplace and a bowed beamed ceiling.



Sir Barnes Wallis

Retrace your steps to the Market Place, where a bus back to the festival can be caught.

Beer List

1. Abbeydale Absolution <i>Fruity pale ale. Sweetish.</i>	5.3%	16. Buxton Buxton Blonde <i>Classic blonde beer with continental hops</i>	4.6%
2. Abbeydale Black Mass <i>Black Porter</i>	6.7%	17. Buxton Kinder Downfall <i>Dry hopped golden ale</i>	4.3%
3. Abbeydale Deception <i>Pale ale with full hop aroma</i>	4.1%	18. Castle Rock Black Gold <i>Full bodied balanced dark mild</i>	3.8%
4. Abbeydale Last Rites <i>Pale strong barley wine</i>	11.0%	19. Castle Rock Elsie Mo <i>Smooth pale gold hoppy bitter</i>	4.7%
5. Amber Brewery Black Cherry Stout <i>Dark stout with black cherries</i>	4.8%	20. Castle Rock Harvest Pale <i>Award winning pale session bitter</i>	3.8%
6. Amber Brewery Chocolate Orange Stout <i>Award winning stout</i>	4.0%	21. Castle Rock Screech Owl <i>Strong well hopped IPA</i>	5.5%
7. Amber Brewery Imperial IPA <i>Traditional IPA, malty with big hop profile</i>	6.5%	22. Cropton Black Out <i>Smooth rich porter 1930s recipe</i>	5.0%
8. Amber Brewery Scary Dark <i>Dark mild</i>	3.6%	23. Dunham Massey Chocolate Cherry Mild <i>Smooth dark mild with a dry hint of cherry</i>	3.8%
9. Blue Monkey 100 Red Baboons <i>Dark, fruity, winter ale</i>	4.9%	24. Dunham Massey Porter <i>Creamy, full bodied, classic old style English porter</i>	5.2%
10. Blue Monkey Revolution <i>Golden pale ale, fruity with citrus aroma</i>	5.2%	25. Enville Saaz <i>Golden lager style beer</i>	4.2%
11. Bottlebrook Slum Dog <i>Strong IPA</i>	5.9%	26. Enville White <i>Yellow, malt, hop, & fruit aroma. Hoppy sweet finish</i>	4.2%
12. Brampton Best <i>Malty, fruity best bitter, bitter fruit finish</i>	4.2%	27. Full Mash Séance <i>Aromatic crisp blond ale</i>	4.0%
13. Brass Monkey Golden Monkey <i>Pale hoppy bitter, antipodian hops</i>	4.1%	28. Funfair Tea Cups <i>Trad style ginger beer with fresh root ginger & lemons.</i>	4.0%
14. Brew Dog Punk IPA <i>Classic pale ale</i>	6.0%	29. Funfair Tunnel of Love <i>Fragrant amber coloured beer with new world hops</i>	5.0%
15. Brew Dog Trashy Blonde <i>Pale bitter</i>	4.1%	30. Holland Chocolate Clog Mild <i>Dark flavoursome mild</i>	3.8%

Beer List

31. Holland Mad Jack Stout Smooth dark stout named after the brewery cat	4.5%	45. Oakham Bishop's Farewell Hoppy golden ale, dry hoppy aftertaste	4.6%
32. Iceni Fine Soft Day Golden Ale with honey	4.0%	46. Oakham Citra Pale session bitter with Citra hops	3.8%
33. Kinver Cave Girl Light Bitter	4.0%	47. Oldershaw Regal Blonde Straw coloured lager style beer.	4.4%
34. Leather Britches Hairy Helmet Pale bitter, well hopped, sweet finish	4.7%	48. Orkney Dark Island Award winning dark old ale	4.6%
35. Mallard Duck & Disorderly Pale hoppy beer with Pioneer, Cascade, & Mount Hood hops	5.0%	49. Ossett Silver King Lager style beer, crisp dry flavour, citrus aroma.	4.3%
36. Mallard Feather Light Pale lager style bitter. Light & hoppy	4.1%	50. Pennine Sunshine Hoppy, bitter, golden beer, dry spicy finish	5.3%
37. Marble Dobber Strong Pale Ale	6.5%	51. Purity Pure Gold Award winning golden bitter	3.8%
38. Marble Pint Pale, dry, very hoppy beer	3.9%	52. Rowton Meteorite Full flavoured premium ale	4.7%
39. Marble Summer Stout like ale	5.5%	53. Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Dark ruby strong ale. Hop & malt finish	6.0%
40. Marlpool Scratty Ratty Lightly hopped pale ale, bitter, dry finish	4.4%	54. Spire Sgt Pepper Stout Stout with liquorice & pepper flavours	5.5%
41. Marlpool Straw's Gold Pale bitter beer dry hopped with local wild hops - limited edition	4.2%	55. Thornbridge Jaipur IPA Complex, well-balanced IPA	5.9%
42. Nutbrook Banter Light golden yellow beer, with New World hops	4.5%	56. Thornbridge Kipling Golden, pale bitter, intense fruit flavours, bitter finish	5.2%
43. Oakham Arkanarton Golden hoppy fruity ale, dry hoppy finish	4.9%	57. Thornbridge St Petersburg Stout Russian style imperial stout, coffee, liquorice & roast malt	7.7%
44. Oakham Attila Strong dark vintage beer	7.5%	58. Wentworth Bumble Bee Pale golden honey beer	4.3%

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59. **Whim**
Arbour light 3.6%
Sharp, clean, hoppy light bitter
60. **Whim**
Flower Power 5.3%
Light golden beer with flowery hop aroma
61. **Whim**
Hartington Bitter 4.0%
Light gold well hopped session beer. Dry finish, spicy, floral aroma
62. **Whim**
Hartington IPA 4.5%
Pale, smooth IPA
63. **Whim**
Snow White (Cloudy Wheat Beer) 4.5%
Cloudy wheat beer

Note! All beers subject to availability

1st Amber Valley Festival Cider & Perry Bar

It is a pleasure to be writing an introduction to the cider and perry bar for a brand new festival; let's hope that it is the first of many. Clearly a small festival cannot boast a huge cider bar; nevertheless I hope that amongst the 7 ciders and 3 perries on sale you will find more than few to your liking. All the ciders and perries sold here are 'real' in the sense that they consist of nothing else but fermented apple and fermented pear juice respectively. Furthermore they are not served chilled, nor are they artificially carbonated or served under gas pressure. You will find that most real ciders and perries lie in the range 6% to 8% A.B.V. simply because that is what a natural fermentation produces; this is a lot stronger than many commercial ciders, so beware!

The tub labels should tell most of what you need to know when ordering. Green labels are cider and yellow labels are perry. All the ciders and perries have been tasted by volunteers prior to the festival and they have been categorized as Very Dry, Dry, Medium Dry, Medium, Medium Sweet, Sweet or Very Sweet, again this is on the label. I know that it is all a bit subjective, but it should be a useful starting point. Many real ciders are naturally hazy or even cloudy; they will be labelled as such. Any special flavours detected in tasting will be noted on the label, otherwise it is all up to you, so go ahead and enjoy them!

Ciders

- Burrow Hill** Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset
6.0% Medium
A mid-brown, fruity cider. Burrow Hill are well known for their cider brandy.
- Carey Organic** Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire
7.0% Med Dry
A clean tasting, crisp, organic cider from a rapidly expanding cider maker.
- Gwatkins Stoke Red** Abbey Dore, Herefordshire
7.5% Sweet
A single apple variety cider, light brown in colour and very sweet.
- Hecks Kingston Black** Street, Somerset
7.0% Medium
A classic single apple variety cider, mid brown and with great depth of flavour.
- Rich** Watchfield, Somerset
6.0% Sweet
A clear, easy drinking cider from one of Somerset's major producers.
- Three Cats** Morley, Derbyshire
7.8% Med Sweet
Made from Herefordshire apples this is darker and stronger than the normal three cats.
- Westcroft Janet's Jungle Juice** Brent Knoll, Somerset
6.0% Medium
A highly popular cider. Pale brown and full flavoured, very moreish.
- Broadoak** Clutton, Somerset
7.5% Sweet
An ever popular smooth, sweet and highly quaffable perry.
- Newton Court** Leominster, Herefordshire
6.0% Med Sweet
A slightly hazy, flavoursome perry. Made from locally grown organic fruit.
- Olivers** Ocle Pychard, Herefordshire
6.0% Med Dry
A crisp, clean, perry with plenty of flavour and some bite.

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