

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Valley Beer & Cider Festival

(The Ripley Rail Ale Festival)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
to  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011

Midland Railway Butterley - Butterley Station,  
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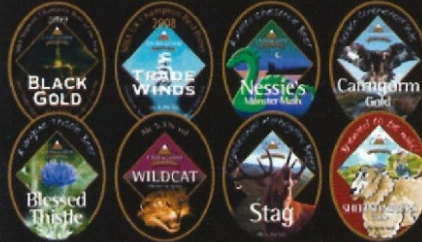
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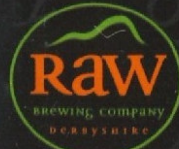
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# Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival here at the Midland Railway - Butterley.

For those new to the taste of Real Ale there are some marvellous delights on offer from light ales to award winning speciality beers.

From our resident cider expert, there is the wonderful locally-based 3 Cats Cider, part of a fantastic cider & perry list sourced from far & wide.

For those that attended our inaugural festival last year, you will notice an increase in the number of beers and ciders on offer and further food choices available. We have the return of fine Indian cuisine from the Maharaja of Belper, plus Pipers crisps, Merry Berry fine hand-crafted chocolates and on-site catering from our kind hosts the Midland Railway Trust Ltd. Whilst on site please check out the CAMRA membership stall and listen to all the superb benefits of being part of the country's largest voluntary organisation, such as free entry to beer festivals and Wetherspoons beer vouchers.

This entire festival would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of CAMRA members volunteering their time. I have much praise for the many volunteers who have given the chance for the Amber Valley region to shine. There are far too many to name but without them we would not be here today.

The Amber Valley Beer Festival thanks our main sponsor the Queens Head, Marlpool, recent winner of the coveted title of East Midlands Cider Pub of the year 2011, plus Amber Brewery for t-shirt sponsorship, the Hunters Arms at Kilburn (Amber Valley CAMRA's pub of the year) for the token sponsorship, Wade Printers of Giltbrook, for printing posters, flyers, banners and sponsorship of the stage, and James Shaw of R Shaw and Sons of Moorgreen for beer sponsorship. Thanks too to our superb hosts The Midland Railway Trust Ltd.

**Cheers!**

*Nathan Dilley, Beer Festival Chairman*

## Festival Entertainment

The festival has a stellar line-up of bands headed by the Rollin' Stoned on Saturday evening. This Rolling Stones' cover is widely regarded as the pick of the Stones' tribute bands as they replicate every facet of the Stones' stage act. The power, menace and sheer artistry of the music, allied to the flamboyant costumes so characteristic of the Stones, perfectly capture 1960s hedonism. The Rollin Stoned are supported by comedy skiffle band Kick'n'Rush from Mansfield.

Returning by popular demand to headline on Friday night, are All The Kings Men, who took the festival by storm last year with their classy repertoire of rock and pop covers, supported by folk rock band Jiggery Folkery.

Thursday evening entertainment in the marquee is from local ukulele duo The Re-Entrants, not to be missed!

## Trainspotting

The steam trains in use at the event will be:

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Train times at the weekend will see departures every 40 minutes from 0930 until 4.15pm on Saturday & Sunday.

# The Rise & Rise of the Beer Festival

**A**long the length and breadth of the country, the beer festival calendar is packed. Beer festivals range in scale from village halls to town halls with everything in between, and the pub fest phenomena goes from strength to strength. Some of the larger CAMRA festivals, such as Nottingham and Peterborough, offer many hundreds of ales, stouts, porters and ciders to satisfy the most demanding palate.

It wasn't always like this, however, and in the early 1970s the only beer festival that UK drinkers were aware of was the internationally renowned Munich Oktoberfest, the two week Bavarian extravaganza which dispenses an amazing ten million pints every September. Back in this country, Brewex was a trade only event and outdoor beer tents offered only dubious delights such as Double Diamond and Watney's Red Barrel; carbonated keg beers, which, mercifully, have slipped into history. It was therefore incumbent upon the newly formed Campaign for Real Ale to instigate its own festivities.

The first CAMRA beer festival was held at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge in 1974, and the East Midlands' first large scale event was held in Sneinton's Victoria Leisure Centre, Nottingham in that famously hot summer of 1976. The following year the ale started flowing at the Great British Beer Festival at the Alexandra Palace in London. The Ally Pally, as it was affectionately known, was of course where the BBC broadcast its early transmissions. Not to be outdone, Derby CAMRA staged its inaugural festival in 1978 at the Art Deco Kings Hall. The then Mayor of Derby, Jeffrey Tillet, felt it was an appropriate

way in which to celebrate Derby's newfound city status, and thus it's known as the City Charter festival. The long queues that formed outside the hall made a mockery of claims by certain elements of the brewing industry that there was no demand for traditional beer. Indeed, it was gratifying to see breweries such as Mansfield abandon their keg only strategy and reintroduce cask-conditioned ale to satisfy a more discerning public. The commemorative glasses commissioned for the 1970s festivals are much sought after by collectors.

Those early pioneering events encountered some resistance from NALHM (National Association of Licensed House Managers) and the LVA (Licensed Victuallers Association) who feared their members' trade could suffer in the festivals' vicinity. Gradually, however, licensees realised that goodwill and patronage could be engendered from hosting their own festivals, and one of the first was held at The Wheel, Holbrook, in 1982.

Nowadays, festivals have evolved to offer more than just a splendid selection of beers and ciders. An Asian community centre plays host to Leicester's multi-cultural festival with all the attendant delights of that continent's cuisine, and elsewhere, local and national bands covering a wide range of musical tastes are often showcased. Morris Men also known to add to the air of conviviality. Locally reared meat and locally sourced cheese and vegetables can be enjoyed at certain festivals, and family facilities are sometimes available. Local CAMRA newsletters carry details of the numerous festivals around and about.

# Beer List

<b>ABBEYDALE</b> Sheffield			
<b>1 Absolution</b>	5.3%	<b>17 Farmers Brown Cow</b>	4.2%
Fruity pale ale. Sweetish.		Rich deep chestnut coloured ale	
<b>2 Deception</b>	4.1%	<b>BRAMPTON</b> Chesterfield, Derbys	
Pale beer, made with Nelson Sauvin hops		<b>18 Golden Bud</b>	3.8%
<b>3 Galaxy 55</b>	5.5%	Light, golden, hoppy bitter	
Strong, golden IPA-style beer with Galaxy hops		<b>19 Best</b>	4.2%
<b>4 Black Mass</b>	6.7%	Malty, fruity best bitter, bitter fruit finish	
Very dark ruby ale, full bodied. Bitter finish		<b>BREW DOG</b> Fraserburgh	
<b>AMBER BREWERY</b> Ripley, Derbys		<b>20 Trashy Blonde</b>	4.1%
<b>5 Black Cherry Stout</b>	4.8%	Pale bitter	
Dark stout with black cherries		<b>BUXTON</b> Buxton, Derbys	
<b>6 Chocolate Orange Stout</b>	4.0%	<b>21 Wild Boar</b>	5.7%
Award winning stout		Pale straw with spicy aroma, dry bitter finish	
<b>7 Imperial IPA</b>	6.5%	<b>22 Axe Edge</b>	6.8%
Traditional IPA, malty with big hop profile		Strong India Pale Ale hopped with Amarillo, Citra and Nelson Sauvin	
<b>8 Chilli 6</b>	4.0%	<b>CAIRNGORM</b> Aviemore	
Pale ale infused with chilli		<b>23 Trade Winds</b>	4.3%
<b>ARRAN</b> Isle of Arran		Pale with wheat, Perle hops & elderflower	
<b>9 Arran Blonde</b>	5.0%	<b>24 Black Gold</b>	4.4%
Pale golden beer, floral hop aroma.		Dark, smooth full bodied stout	
<b>10 Arran Dark</b>	4.3%	<b>CASTLE ROCK</b> Nottingham	
Scottish Heavy. Full malt, deep bitter finish		<b>25 Black Gold</b>	3.8%
<b>BAYS</b> Paignton, Devon		Full bodied balanced dark mild	
<b>11 Gold</b>	4.3%	<b>26 Elsie Mo</b>	4.7%
Light golden ale, lemon citrus overtones		Smooth pale gold hoppy bitter	
<b>12 Devon Dumpling</b>	5.1%	<b>27 Harvest Pale</b>	3.8%
Strong & golden, with fresh hop character		Award winning pale session bitter	
<b>BLACK IRIS</b> Derby		<b>28 Screech Owl</b>	5.5%
<b>13 Black Iris Bitter</b>	4.3%	Strong well hopped IPA	
Hoppy best bitter, crisp & refreshing		<b>COASTAL</b> Cornwall	
<b>BLUE MONKEY</b> Giltbrook, Nottm		<b>29 St Piran Porter</b>	6.0%
<b>14 BG Sips</b>	4.0%	Full bodied black porter	
Pale and hoppy beer, tropical fruit aromas		<b>COPPICE SIDE</b> Heanor, Derbys	
<b>15 Evolution</b>	4.3%	<b>30 Derbyshire Blonde</b>	4.0%
Premium pale ale, golden in colour		Smooth blonde beer	
<b>16 Guerrilla</b>	4.9%		
Gold medal winning, revolutionary stout			

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<b>DANCING DUCK</b> Derby		<b>44 W221</b>	3.9%
<b>31 Ay Up</b>	3.9%	Pale, dry, very hoppy beer	
<i>Pale session ale, citrus hop, dry finish</i>			
<b>DARK STAR</b> Horsham W. Sussex		<b>45 Summer</b>	4.5%
<b>32 Espresso</b>	4.2%	Pale Beer with Centennial & Simcoe hops	
<i>Black beer, Challenger hops &amp; Arabica coffee</i>			
<b>DERBY</b> Derby		<b>MARLPOOL</b> Marlpool, Derbys	
<b>33 Triple Hop</b>	4.1%	<b>46 Otters Pocket</b>	3.4%
<i>Classic pale smooth easy drinking beer</i>			
<b>DERVENTIO</b> Trusley, Derbys		<b>47 Scraty Ratty</b>	4.4%
<b>34 Cleopatra</b>	5.0%	Lightly hopped pale ale, bitter, dry finish	
<i>A complex beer with a hint of apricot</i>			
<b>DUNHAM MASSEY</b> Dunham, Massey		<b>48 Straws Gold</b>	4.2%
<b>35 Chocolate Cherry Mild</b>	3.8%	Pale bitter beer dry hopped with local wild hops	
<i>Smooth dark mild with a dry hint of cherry</i>			
<b>ENVILLE</b> Enville, W. Midlands		<b>MIDDLE EARTH</b> Derby	
<b>36 Ginger</b>	4.6%	<b>49 Prancing Pony</b>	3.9%
<i>Refreshing ginger beer</i>			
<b>37 White</b>	4.2%	Pale well hopped bitter beer	
<i>Pale straw beer with 20% wheat</i>			
<b>HOLLAND</b> Kimberley, Notts		<b>50 Dragon's Gold</b>	4.1%
<b>38 Chocolate Clog Mild</b>	3.8%	Pale Ale with cascade hops	
<i>Dark flavoursome mild</i>			
<b>39 Mad Jack Stout</b>	4.5%	<b>MR. GRUNDY'S</b> Derby	
<i>Smooth dark stout named after the brewery cat</i>			
<b>KINVER</b> Kinver, Staffs		<b>51 Passchendale</b>	4.1%
<b>40 Cave Girl</b>	4.0%	Pale straw, sharp bitter beer with citrus overtones.	
<i>A light bitter</i>			
<b>LEATHER BRITCHES</b> Ashbourne, Derbys		<b>MUIRHOUSE</b> Ilkeston, Derbys	
<b>41 Hairy Helmet</b>	4.7%	<b>52 Shunters Pole</b>	3.8%
<i>Pale bitter, well hopped, sweet finish</i>			
<b>MARBLE</b> Manchester		<b>53 Ruby Jewel</b>	3.9%
<b>42 Utility 5</b>	5.5%	Beautifully rich ruby beer	
<i>Pale ale with Galaxy hops</i>			
<b>43 Dobber</b>	5.9%	<b>NAKED BREWER</b> Westwood, Notts	
<i>Strong Pale Ale</i>			
		<b>54 Kiss Me</b>	3.8%
		Pale lager malt based beer with bitter finish	
		<b>55 Blush</b>	4.5%
		Dark Ruby beer with caramel undertones.	
		<b>56 Scary's Mild</b>	3.6%
		Full flavoured mild with delicate sweetness	
		<b>OAKHAM</b> Peterborough	
		<b>57 Attila</b>	7.5%
		Strong dark vintage beer	
		<b>58 Bishop's Farewell</b>	4.6%
		Hoppy golden ale, dry hoppy aftertaste	

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<b>59 Citra</b> Pale session bitter with Citra hops	3.8%	<b>SARAH HUGHES</b> Dudley, W. Mids <b>72 Dark Ruby</b> Dark ruby strong ale. Hop & malt finish	6.0%
<b>OLDERSHAW</b> Grantham, Lincs <b>60 Regal Blonde</b> Straw coloured lager style beer.	4.4%	<b>SPIRE</b> Chesterfield, Derbys <b>73 Sargent Pepper Stout</b> Stout with liquorice & pepper flavours	5.5%
<b>ORKNEY</b> Isle of Orkney <b>61 Dark Island</b> Award winning dark old ale	4.6%	<b>TEMPEST</b> Kelso <b>74 Elemental Porter</b> Smooth black beer hint of coffee & chocolate	5.1%
<b>OSSETT</b> Osset, W. Yorks <b>62 Green Hop</b> Pale beer with fresh green hops	4.2%	<b>75 Emanation Pale Ale</b> Copper beer, caramel sweetness, rich hop	4.5%
<b>63 Silver King</b> Lager style beer, crisp dry flavour, citrus aroma.	4.3%	<b>THORNBRIDGE</b> Bakewell, Derbys <b>76 Jaipur IPA</b> Complex, well-balanced IPA	5.9%
<b>PENNINE</b> Lancs <b>64 Sunshine</b> Hoppy, bitter, gold beer, dry spicy finish	5.3%	<b>77 Kipling</b> Golden, pale bitter, intense fruit flavours, bitter finish	5.2%
<b>PURITY</b> Warwickshire <b>65 Pure Gold</b> Award winning golden bitter	3.8%	<b>78 Wild Swan</b> White gold with light bitter lemon aromas	3.5%
<b>RAW</b> Chilwell, Nottm <b>66 Pacific Ghost</b> Pale / golden ale. Perle & Cascade hops	5.9%	<b>WENTWORTH</b> Wentworth, S. Yorks <b>79 Bumble Bee</b> Pale golden honey beer	4.3%
<b>67 Blonde</b> Pale / golden ale. Perle & Cascade hops	3.9%	<b>WHIM</b> Hartington, Derbys <b>80 Arbour light</b> Sharp, clean, hoppy light bitter	3.6%
<b>REALITY</b> Chilwell, Nottm <b>68 Narrow Escape</b> Pale / golden ale. Perle & Cascade hops	4.2%	<b>81 Flower Power</b> Light golden beer with flowery hop aroma	5.3%
<b>SALTAIRE</b> Shipley, W. Yorks <b>69 Bulldog Brown Ale</b> Strong Brown Ale	4.7%	<b>82 Hartington Bitter</b> Light gold well hopped session beer. Dry finish, spicy, floral aroma	4.0%
<b>70 Cascadian Black</b> A black IPA, roast malt flavours & the bitterness & pine aroma of Cascade hop	4.8%	<b>83 Snow White (Wheat Beer)</b> Wheat beer	4.5%
<b>71 Raspberry Blonde</b> Refreshing blonde ale delicately infused with raspberry flavours	4.0%	<b>WIRKSWORTH</b> Wirksworth, Derbys <b>84 Stardisc</b> Amber beer with well hopped crisp finish	4.5%
		<b>85 Snowfield</b> Light Golden Bitter with dryish finish	5.0%

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