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Second Heritage Beer and Cider Festival is Just Days Away

Following last November's successful debut, the second Heritage Beer Festival showcases over 150 real ales from the best of Britain's breweries, alongside a selection of ciders, world beers and craft keg. The festival runs between Wednesday evening, 3rd September and Saturday evening, 6th September.

The festival will be held on the ground floor of the Museum of Making, with seating available in a marquee installed for the occasion. A range of food will be provided by the Museum's River Kitchen and there will be live music entertainment over the event.

Information for attendees

CAMRA members will receive a free pint with proof of membership. Free entry for CAMRA members on Wednesday night with proof of membership, drink and glass offer does not apply with free entry. There is a refundable charge of £3 for glass hire, this is included in the ticket cost. Advance tickets holders are advised to arrive promptly to the event. **The Derby Heritage Beer Festival promotes card payments.** Last orders will be at 4.30pm for daytime sessions and 10.30pm for evening sessions. All service dogs are welcome and water is available.

On-line booking is recommended to avoid the possibility of being unable to gain access owing to capacity having been reached

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The Derby Heritage Beer Festival is a collaboration between Derby CAMRA and Derby Museums.

CAMRA Branch Meetings

Derby: Thursday 11th September at the Greyhound, 75/76 Friar Gate, Derby – 8.00pm.

First floor meeting.

Amber Valley: Tuesday, 23rd September at the Black Boy, Heage – 8.00pm.

Please note this is on a **Tuesday**.

Ashbourne: Tuesday, 30th September, at The Red Lion, Hollington – 7.30pm.

Burnt Pig Makes Further Progress

There's no stopping the Ilkeston pub as it has now been declared CAMRA East Midlands Pub of the Year. We'll keep you updated if it makes more progress.

Erewash CAMRA Branch Meeting

Erewash Valley CAMRA has a Branch meeting at the Coach and Horses, Draycott at 730pm on **Wednesday 17th September**. If you live in the vicinity, please make an effort to attend as CAMRA needs local representation in all areas.

Derby Riverboat Trips

Derby Riverboat Trips will be available during the Heritage Beer Festival at the boarding point opposite the Museum of Making for those looking to add something extra to their day.

Trips will be available on the standard scheduled service on the Wednesday and Saturday at 1230, 1345 and 1500 hours. In addition, there will be a trip scheduled for 1700 hours on Friday 5th September.

Tickets can be booked at **Derby River Boat Trips | Derby Live**. The riverboat trips last for 45-50 minutes and cost £8 for adults. The boat can also be chartered for sailings outside of these times. For enquiries, please contact info@derbycanal.org.uk

CAMRA Derbyshire Branches Meeting

Saturday 6th September sees the Derbyshire Branches of CAMRA regional meeting being held at the Museum of Making integral to the Heritage Beer Festival, 12 to 3.00pm.

Beer Girls' Social at Branch's Birthplace

The next Derby beer girls' social is at the Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Road, Derby from 730pm on Wednesday 17th September. Limited car parking is to the side.

Derby Pride at Markeaton Park

The annual event on Markeaton Park will be held on Saturday, 13th September between noon and 6.00pm. 4 real ales.

38th October Beer Festival at the Brunswick Promises to be a Cracker

Yes, it's that time of the year again when the renowned Brunswick, Railway Terrace has its autumn beer festival. **We're meeting on the opening night**, Wednesday 1st October from 730pm to see what's on offer.

Stop Press – Great News for Duffield

We've just heard that Shiny brewery is taking on the Pattenmakers Arms, Crown Street, Duffield with a provisional opening date of 13th September.



Pattenmakers, Crown Street, Duffield

ABC Shows Derby Still Has a Huge Choice

The first Annual Beer Census in Derby since 2023 when 176 brews were recorded, realised 181 unique brews from 99 breweries. Once again, this shows what a great place Derby is to drink real ale in and we'd like to thank all participants especially James Williams who collated a mine of information. The ABC was conducted on 18th July and Belper's results will be published next month.

Steve Hill (1968 – 2025) RIP

We're sorry to hear of the passing of long-haired rock dude, Steve, who used to attend events such as the ABC, help out at Beer Festivals, and who was a long-standing Derby Drinker distributor. Steve, 57, was a regular Rowditch Inn drinker and he was the drummer in a local rock band called Droid Soup who have performed at our Beer Festival in the past. They rehearsed at Abbey Lane Studios on Mansfield Road and one of the rooms has been named after him which is a nice gesture.



Consequently, from October we need a distributor to cover Steve's DD pubs as follows: Swan, Milton;

Boot, Repton; Bulls Head, Repton; Mount Pleasant, Repton; Royal British Legion, Repton; Red Lion, Repton; Green Dragon, Willington; Green Man, Willington; Rising Sun, Willington; John Thompson, Ingleby; Cherry Tree, Toyota island (A 38). Please contact Gareth Stead derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk if you can help.

Merry Widows to Go?

An article in the Derby Telegraph of the 14th August reported that the City Council is seeking funding for the demolition and replacement of the terrace that faces the railway station. The accompanying illustration showed the Merry Widows replaced but the Victoria Inn remaining. Nigel Barker, the popular, former Derby licensee oversaw the running of the Widows in the early 1990s.

Brassington Pub Reopens

Good news comes from north of Ashbourne where the Miners Arms, Brassington has reopened. The last licensee left after being hit by an unimaginably large fuel bill.

Derby Drinker is Seeking New Contributors

Henceforth, Derby Drinker will have 24 pages and be published 5 times a year. Please contact Derby Drinker editor, Gareth Stead derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk if you'd like to write an article as more copy will be required.

Beer Festivals

3rd to 6th September: Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival, Museum of Making, Silk Mill, Derby.

4th to 6th September: Tamworth Assembly Rooms.

27th September: Octoberfest night, 189, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby.

1st to 4th October: Brunswick Inn, 1 Railway Terrace, Derby. 40+ cask ales plus 20 real ciders and perry c/w barbecue.

4th October: 10th Wirksworth beer festival at the Maltings.

8th to 11th October: Robin Hood Beer Festival, Trent Bridge, Nottingham. 500+ beers, 100+ciders and perries. Wednesday 4.00pm to 10.00pm trade and CAMRA members only.

11th to 13th October: Royal Oak, Ockbrook c/w food and live music.

Elaine Morton RIP

Derby CAMRA is saddened to hear of Elaine's passing and raised a glass in her memory at the Flowerpot Branch meeting. Elaine was the widow of Derby CAMRA legend Terry Morton and would sometimes accompany Terry on his many social activities. Terry was Derby CAMRA's first social secretary and Elaine would make sandwiches for Derby City Charter Beer Festival volunteers. Elaine will be missed by all who knew her and the funeral will be on Thursday 18th September at 2.30 pm, Markeaton Crematorium, thence The Royal Oak, Ockbrook afterwards. CAMRA members are welcome.

Inn Brief

Pentrich brewery, Asher Lane, Hammersmith, Ripley is seeking an extension to its licensing hours. The **Red Cow**, Allestree is expanding its horizons with some interesting looking events including tribute acts.

2014 City Charter Festival Glass Required

Derby CAMRA is endeavouring to present a complete set of City Charter Beer Festival glasses to the Museum of Making, and we need the 2014 glass to complete the set. If you can oblige, please contact Russell Gilbert BeerFest@derby.camra.org.uk Old glasses are always welcome as they can be washed and used again at the Heritage Beer Festival.

Financial Report 6th June to 7th August 2025

Opening cash in bank: £3,424.53. Closing cash in bank: £4,718.22.

Income £1,818.00. DD adverts: £1,272.00 (inc VAT). GBG 2025 £536.00. Merchandise £10.00.

Expenses £524.31. M&B: £135.60 (inc VAT). Bank charges £10.00. Campaigning £168.00. VAT £210.71.

Champion Beer of Britain Winners in 2025

Overall, Champion: Penzance, Mild.

Barley wine and strong old ales class: Sarah Hughes, Snowflake.

Brown ales, red ales, old ales and strong milds: Tintagel, Caliburn.

IPAs: Elusive, Oregon Trail.

Mild class: Penzance, Mild.

Premium bitter class: Cairngorm, Wild Cat.

Premium pale, blond and golden ales: Church End, Fallen Angel.

Session bitter: Butcombe, Butcombe Original.

Session pale, blond and golden ales: Track, Sonoma.

Session stouts and porters: Cairngorm, Black Gold.

Specialty, differently produced: Allendale, Adder Lager.

Specialty, different flavour: Siren, Broken Dream Breakfast Stout.

Strong stouts and porters: Grain, Slate.

New Pin for Chellaston

After several years of abandonment, the Corner Pin is having a £540,000 refurbishment courtesy of Heineken owned Star Inns. The newly named New Pin should open late October.

Watts Russell is Summer Pub of the Season

The Watts Russell Arms, Hopedale, Alstonfield is winner of the Ashbourne CAMRA Summer Pub of the Season award.

Young Members' Representative Required

We're looking to fill this important role by appointing an individual who will represent younger people's views. Please contact Secretary, Nic Scott secretary@derby.camra.org.uk

Don't Forget to Sign the Petition

CAMRA is endeavouring to protect cask ale by having it conferred with protected status by UNESCO. Please take a couple of minutes to sign CAMRA's on-line petition to enable parliamentary attention.

<https://petition.parliament.uk>

Fancy Being on Derby CAMRA's Tasting Panel?

Derby CAMRA Tasting Panel Chair, Les Williams, is looking for members to partake of tasting sessions in breweries etc. If you'd like to join in the fun, please contact lescamra39@yahoo.co.uk

39th National Breweriana Auction

150 interesting auction lots will be up for grabs at the annual event at Burton on Trent Town Hall on Saturday 25th October. Viewing starts at 1030 am and bidding starts at noon with completion around 3.00pm. Afterwards, why not try some of the many fine pubs close-by?

Belper Historic Sunday Pub Walks

These tours (£7.50) are on the following dates: 5th October and 21st December.
www.belpernorthmill.org.uk

National Newspaper Majors on Pubs

The 66-page supplement to the Daily Telegraph of 23rd August was devoted entirely to pubs, and made for very interesting reading. The Smithfield, Derby; Holly Bush, Makeney and Barley Mow, Bonsall were featured, and pubs in general need all the support they can muster in these difficult times.

Handpump Hi-Jack Campaign Update

Please sign the **Handpump Hijack** petition, to deter unscrupulous breweries from serving brewery conditioned (keg) beer through handpumps.
<https://petition.parliament.uk> 32,000 have signed thus far, and we need more signatories.

Opportunity Knocks for a BLO in Derby

We currently have a vacancy for a Brewery Liaison Officer for the Brunswick brewery. Steve Mellor is the new BLO for Shiny (Little Eaton). If you find the prospect appealing of regular bi-monthly contact with the Brunswick brewing plant, then please contact Gillian Hough gillian.hough@camra.org.uk

Social Media Officer is Required

Derby CAMRA is looking for an individual who's conversant with facebook, TikTok, Instagram. Please contact James Williams socials@derby.camra.org.uk

Minutes of the Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch Meeting at the Watts Russell Arms, Hopedale on Tuesday 29th July 2025

Present:

Graham Burke (Chair), Mark Grist, Alison Terry, Colin Terry, Martin Sales, Paul Jesson, Alan Shenton, Rob & Mandy Hodson-Walker, Kevin Woolley.

Apologies:

Diane Grist, John Chamberlin, Phil Lee, Dave O'Dell, Mike Burrows, Stephen Asbury, Hannah Barton, Konrad Machej.

Declarations of Interest:

Alan Shenton/Paul Jesson – RBL, Mark Grist – Smith's Tavern, Kevin Woolley – Red Lion, Kniveton and Kniveton Cider, Rob & Mandy Hodson-Walker – House of Beer.

Minutes of the last Branch Meeting:

Accepted as correct.

Chair:

Activities since last meeting including Wincle Beer Festival, Mayfield Village Beer Festival (manned a membership stand with permission of organisers), attended Uttoxeter branch meeting – suggestion to arrange joint socials, attended Derby branch meeting. Reminded members that GBBF is on next week, will be attending. Confirmed to members that annual subscriptions are going up, but additional benefits will include free entry to all CAMRA festivals. Also, confirmation that HQ has now moved to Luton.

Secretary:

Membership: 78, as of 1st July – up 2. 2 nominations received for Summer Pub of the Season. Vote taken amongst those present, Watts Russell Arms

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was declared winner. Graham will arrange certificate and presentation. Nominations now open for Autumn award.

Cider News:

Kevin reported that he and Hannah would also be attending GBBF, where their Kniveton Cider was to be available for the first time. Their own July festival had gone very well.

Pub News:

The Miners Arms at Brassington has re-opened. House of Beer is hosting a tap takeover by Shiny Brewery from 21st-23rd August, also with White Peak Distillery coming along.

Any other business:

Parfest Beer Festival is at Parwich RBL Friday 15th – Sunday 17th August.

Aldwark Brewery's annual beer festival takes place on 23rd-24th August.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday 30th Sep - The Red Lion at Hollington 7.30pm.
 Tuesday 28th Oct - The Royal Oak, Mayfield 8.00pm.
 Tuesday 25th Nov - The Bowling Green, Ashbourne 8.00pm.
 Tuesday 23rd Dec - Xmas Social crawl – start at Smiths Tavern 7.30pm. **Meeting closed 8.30pm**

Derby Branch Diary

SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd to Sat 6th – Heritage Beer Festival, see page 1.
 Thu 11th – BRANCH MEETING – Greyhound, 75/76 Friar Gate, Derby at 8.00pm. First floor reached by stairs.
 Sat 13th – Derby Pride, Markeaton Park - noon to 6.00pm. 4 ales.
 Wed 17th – Derby Beer Girls' Social – Alexandra, Siddals Road, Derby from 7.30pm.
 Fri 26th - Lunchtime social – meet in the Furnace Inn, Duke Street from noon.

OCTOBER

Wed 1st – Festival social at the Brunswick from 7.30pm.
 Mon 6th – Committee meeting – Spirit Vaults, Melbourne at 8.00pm.

Amber Valley Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 23rd – BRANCH MEETING at the Black Boy, Heage – 8.00pm. Please note this is on a Tuesday.
 Sat 27th – Sheffield Pub Walk – 1.00pm.

Amber Valley Contact

Chairman: Chris Rogers 01332 880041

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SEPTEMBER

Tues 30th – BRANCH MEETING at The Red Lion, Hollington - 7.30pm.

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