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LOCALS BUY THEIR LOCAL

Only months after the villagers of Long Lane had seemed destined to lose their 18th century pub, the Three Horseshoes has re-opened as a free house. The pub, sold by Ind Coope a couple of years ago, was closed and boarded up suddenly when the last licensee could no longer stand the living conditions. It is said that he had taken to sleeping on the lounge floor because the residential quarters were damp and unheated.

Stunned locals, property developer Kevin Ellis and jeweller, Richard Stone feared that the pub and its half acre grounds would be sold for development and the heart would be torn from their village. They decided to save their local and embarked on a series of 'phone calls and talks to raise the money.

Others who have bought a £5,000 share in the Three Horseshoes Ltd, include management experts Pat and Dave Griffiths, retired architect John Carter, insurance and investment expert Paul Carr, business consultant Robin Hamilton, engineer Charles Fredericks and farmer John Hunt. Murdo McKenzie of Achadasdale, Gairloch has bought a share to enable him to drink in the Three Horseshoes for two weeks a year when visiting friends locally. The shortfall between purchase price and refurbishment cost and the £100,000 raised by selling twenty shares has come from finance sources.

The company's first priority was to refurbish the living quarters, install central heating and then appoint a manager. They have chosen Trevor and Rosemary Edwards; Derby



Local Shareholders: outside the Three Horseshoes while work was in progress are Richard Stone, Kevin Ellis and John Wright.

Photo courtesy of Derby Evening Telegraph

people whose last pub was just across the Derbyshire border.

The pub will not change much and the local's favourite features will be retained. "Keeping the bar and lounge separate and retaining the quarry tiles and real open fire are essential," said Kevin Ellis, "bar food will be available but we're not going to turn it into a pub-cum-restaurant."

Money needed to repay loans and fund future work such as new toilets and extending the lounge will come from providing accommodation. Two upstairs rooms have been converted to en-suite bedrooms for travellers and tourists.

Guest Beers

What will change, however, is that in addition to handpumped Marston's Pedigree and Tetley

Bitter there will be a weekly guest beer brought up from the cellar in jugs or straight from a cask on the bar.

So now we have a country free house with traditional beers in their traditional surroundings. A place where you can enjoy a pint or two around an open fire and even stop the night. Unusual enough these days but the fact that it is owned by the locals is almost unique. They have given a lead to all other small communities faced with the closure of their local.

We wish them luck!

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for Derby?**
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BAR FACTS

By Phil McCarryKeg

A Tale of Two Lodges

The **Bartlewood Lodge** in Ockbrook has been bought by Whitbread, who apparently plan to spend a considerable sum on the place. We understand it will be promoted as an eating house. Meanwhile, in Alveston, the former **Stanhope Lodge** has been extensively refurbished by Allied and renamed simply **The Lodge**.

Court Circular

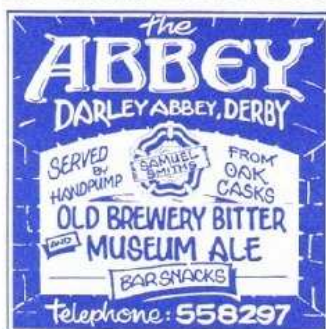
Mansfield Old Baily has been replaced by Pedigree at the **Lion Hotel**, Belper, and was not available at the **Seven Stars**, Openwoodgate, which had Pedigree only on my visit. However, it is an addition to the Bass at the **Vaults**, Wirksworth and stands alongside the Pedigree at the **Melbourne Hotel**, Melbourne. The former **Railway Tavern** in Belper has been renamed **The Tavern** and has not only Old Baily but also Riding Bitter.

Brew News

The **Horse & Jockey**, Belper, formerly a keg-only John Smith pub, is now selling Pedigree. The **Yew Tree** at South Wingfield has added Bateman's beers to its range. The **Junction Tavern**, Derby is selling Burton Best Bitter alongside the Pedigree.

Welcome . . .

. . . the new licensees at the **Great Northern**, Junction Street, the **Kingfisher**, Chaddesden, the **Rowditch**, Uttoxeter New Road, the **Sitwell Tavern**, Sitwell Street, the **Sun Inn**, Middleton Street, the **Victoria Inn**, Midland Place and the **White Horse**, Morledge, all in Derby.





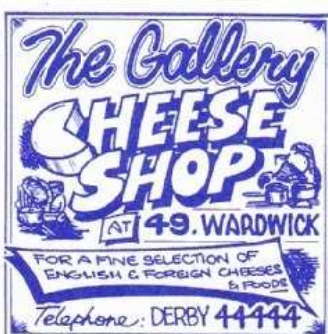
The Advent of the Glorious 12th

It is to be welcomed that, this year, as well as all the old hands, we have numerous new members getting involved in the festival.

Chairperson this year is Julie France, and the festival will run from the 12th to the 15th July. The beers this year will be from two very different areas, which are: London and the Home Counties (McMullen's, Young's, Fuller's and Pitfield among others), and the North West and West Yorkshire (Taylor's, Burtonwood and Holt's to name but a few).

The planning of entertainments is in formative stages, but it is known that we will be captivated by an oompah band on Saturday evening. We have taken the adventurous step of hiring the Darwin Suite on the Friday night only, giving us an extra capacity of around 400 for this session. More details in our next issue, a festival special, out mid-June.

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New Brewery for Derbyshire?

A Derby pub has applied for planning permission to build a brew-house extension to existing premises. Should it be granted, Derbyshire is likely to have its second "real ale" brewery by October.

Trevor Harris is hoping to revive the home-brew tradition at the Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby, which was once a home-brew pub. If planning permission is granted the Brunswick's own beers

will be sold alongside the already amazing range of real ales.

One of the pioneers of the new brewery revolution in the late 1970s has come out of retirement to assist in this ambitious scheme. Peter Austin founded the Ringwood Brewery at Ringwood in Hampshire, which now has two tied houses and eighty free trade outlets. He has also helped to set up over forty new breweries at home and abroad. More details next issue!

Watson's Diary

Our roving reporter Bea Sharpe, pint in hand, has been checking out the new-found health in the local music scene. The Brunswick has No Right Turn appearing on alternate Sundays — sometimes supporting acts such as Dave Swarbrick and sometimes headlining themselves.

ZZ Birmingham (see picture) play the Crompton once a month on a Wednesday.

Groups with names like "The Curate's Egg" and "The Swinging Monkeys" have been spotted at the Lord Nelson. Other venues are: Duke of York, Greyhound (Village Street), Dial, Abbey Street Social Club. We would appreciate comments/information — Phone Dave George on Derby 701554 with your details.



Local blues band, ZZ Birmingham, left to right: JJ Kemp, Roly Quesnel, ZZ Birmingham (what a silly name —Ed!), and Paul Hailes.

A Matter of Gravity

CAMRA has been saying for years how expensive lager is for its strength. The response from the brewers hasn't been what we hoped; instead of dropping the price, they've upped the gravity — with potentially disastrous effects on the health of the consumer.

We're talking about a relatively new breed of high-gravity lagers — "lethal lagers" as the newspaper *Today* described them. These beers, with an alcoholic content of around eight per cent, are more than twice the strength of a typical draught beer. They're also being advertised in a new way, using words like "bite" to indicate that they are strong.

CAMRA has joined forces with alcohol abuse campaigners, politicians and the police in a bid to get this kind of advertising, and

indeed alcohol advertising in general, banned entirely from our cinema and TV screens.

The problem of excessive drinking among the young — the so-called "lager lout" phenomenon — will not be solved solely by banning media advertising. What is also needed is better information about beer strengths in terms the drinker can easily understand — for example, a system of labelling based on points rather than percentages.

Further, it can do no harm to spell out just what damage excessive drinking can do. Once you're actually suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, brain damage, high blood pressure, muscle disease or hepatitis, it's probably too late to wish you'd stuck to ordinary bitter instead. You may remember the horrifying pictures of cancerous lungs from the early days of the anti-smoking campaigns; a cirrhotic liver is an equally gruesome sight.

Of course, real ales as strong or stronger than these newly-hyped lagers have been around for far longer, and it must be said that they're often abused in just the same way. But because they're generally less widely available and rarely receive the multi-million pound advertising budgets reserved for lager, the problem with them is nothing like as serious.

DRINKER! Comment

GOOD LUCK (1)

The horseshoe has long been a symbol of good luck, so here's hoping that three of them will provide enough for the villagers of Long Lane who have put their money where their mouths are in order to save their local from closure.

All too often the heart of a small community is torn out by the closure of its church or post office or pub. All too often the voices of protest die when the inevitable happens. When the inevitable is averted by hard cash it's a big enough story for the national press and television.

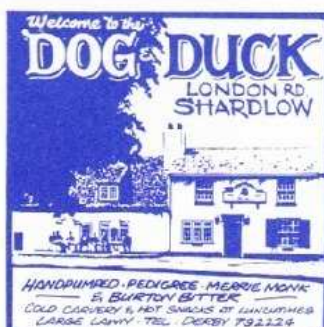
Our sincere good wishes go out to all concerned, along with the plea for drinkers everywhere to support this bold venture, in the hope that more threatened pubs can be saved by locals who are given the confidence to follow Long Lane's example.

GOOD LUCK (2)

Trevor Harris has the confidence and boldness to make his own luck. His success has confounded the sceptics, but there will be many who will scorn his plans for a brew-house at the Brunswick as pie-in-the-sky dreamings. But there once was a building in what is now a yard, and there is no reason why an extension in keeping with the "architectural style" of Railway Terrace should not enhance the area.

It's all down to the planners and the city councillors, but if successful will reinforce Derby's claim to the title of Real Ale Capital of the Midlands.

Good luck, Trevor!



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Beer up almost 10%

Our annual prices survey should have you reaching for a stiff drink to settle your nerves — if you can afford one. Beer prices reported by our surveyors over the last few months reveal a staggering increase of 9.5% overall compared with this time last year.

Biggest culprits are Allied, with a 12% increase on both Burton Ale and their standard strength biters (Ansells, Ind Coope, Tetley). Not far behind are two of the

Nottingham brewers, with Bass and Marston's coming out somewhat better, about in line with the current rate of inflation.

The notable exception is Hardys & Hansons, who have imposed a very modest increase for the second year running. Can it be a coincidence that this is the only one of the three Nottingham brewers to remain independent?

For figures fans², here they are, with last year's in brackets:

Beer	High	Low	Average	% increase
Draught Bass	100 (94)	92 (83)	95 (88)	8
Allied Bitter	100 (84)	88 (84)	94 (84)	12
Burton Ale	110 (97)	100 (88)	103 (92)	12
Marston Pedigree	102 (93)	91 (86)	96 (89)	8
Home Bitter	94 (82)	82 (78)	89 (80)	11
Kimberley Bitter	85 (82)	82 (78)	83 (80)	3.5
Shipstone Bitter	88 (78)	86 (78)	87 (78)	11.5

CAMRA'S NEW IMAGE

So you think CAMRA is full of beergutted, bearded old hippies wearing sandals? You don't? Good! But just what is being a member of CAMRA all about?

Well, this year there are two women serving on the Derby Branch Committee, one of whom is Beer Festival Chair person, Julie France. I know two women to five men isn't very good, but it's a start.

What about the smoke-filled rooms, I hear you ask. The branch AGM recommended that smoking be prohibited on the lower deck on coach trips and an amendment insisting on double-decker minibuses (proposed by your editor) was thrown out. This led to a committee member dressed as a gorilla climbing onto the roof of a minibus demanding a cigarette! Admittedly this was on red-nose day and stranger things do happen — like the other female committee member persuading a chap to strip

to the waist (downwards) in an Ashbourne hostelry to raise £15 for Comic Relief.

We have our serious side too — like the loadsamoney yuppies who pushed through a motion that beer quality survey forms be made available in "personal organisers" (Filofax to you) format. So next time you see someone get out their little leather thing in a pub, likely as not he — or she — is noting the quality of the beer!

It's fun — honest — come and join us.

Drinker Comment

The Committee of the Derby CAMRA wish to make it clear that the opinions expressed in the "Drinker Comment" column of Derby Drinker issue 28 are purely those of the editors. The content of this column does not reflect the policy of the Committee or of the Campaign for Real Ale. Nigel Barker — Chairman



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GREAT BUDGET!

We go to press before Nigel Lawson's budget so we've no idea how much more we'll be paying for our favourite pint by the time this is printed. So, just to amuse, we've concocted the CAMRA budget:

- On the grounds that it's better for the environment (of your stomach, that is) we will treble the duty on lager and halve the duty on traditional beer;
- As an incentive to the entrepreneurial spirit we will zero-rate small independent breweries for VAT, thus making their products even more acceptable to the pocket;
- The YTS scheme will be extended to include training in drinking so that young people can know the difference between freezing cold pop and taste;
- Pork scratchings will be denounced by Edwina Currie;
- A tax on juke box plays indexed to the age of the artiste, so that the younger they are the more you pay. (Bye, bye, Kylie!);
- Import duty on all foreign-sounding lagers — even if they are brewed in Wrexham;
- Rate relief on all food-free rooms in pubs;
- Tax relief on the cost of drinking whilst on CAMRA duty (e.g. meetings, surveying, getting drunk, etc.).

If you can think of any more ideas for next year's budget, please let us know.

On-Wards

Vaux Group beers continue to gain ground locally. Latest recruits are the Dog at Pentrich, which has Ward's Bitter and Darley's Mild, and the Crown at Marston Montgomery, which has Darley's Bitter and Vaux Samson.

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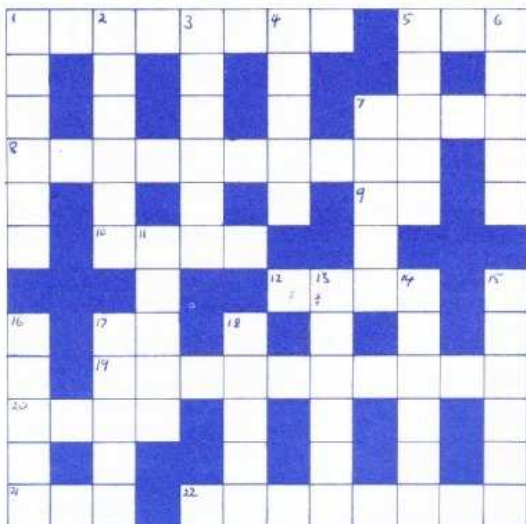
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ACROSS

1. Applied to beer and editors (8)
5. Tree juice (3)
7. Group of breweries sounds like front half of car (4)
8. Ideal CAMRA member (10)
9. Topless bird (2)
10. Offensive, whether a weapon or beer container (4)
12. Beer, potatoes and tea have this in common (4)
17. Bottomless top (2)
19. (see 17 down)
20. Tasty dish found in Bakewell (4)
21. Regrettable French street name (3)
22. Beer for domesticated drinkers? (8)

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DOWN

1. These disprove the rule that what goes up must come down (6)
2. What small breweries should be from VAT (6)
3. Let the train take it (6)
4. The free kind of eggs (5)
5. In the beginning, there was a retarded rodent inside a short saint (5)
6. Brownie points for getting this cartoon mouse (5)
7. Famous dance requires seven (5)
11. Twelve inches, as a rule (5)
13. Confused South African ruse shows promise (6)
14. Rugby-playing relation of 20 across? (6)
15. This nut sounds expensive — and usually is (6)
16. Mr. Austin, roving brewer (5)
17. (and 19 across) Home of lucky locals (5, 10)
18. Luton players find space on their turf (5)

We got entries this time from as far afield as Wolverhampton — not in our Branch area, surely? The winner though lives a bit closer to home: he's Mr. S. P. Brown of Shirland, who picked up his Drinker in the Olde Spa, and to whom a freshly-printed fiver is even now on its way.

As always, you should send your entry for this one to **Derby Drinker, 40 Weston Park Gardens, Shelton Lock, Derby DE2 9EU**, making sure it gets there by Friday, 5th May. Don't forget to tell us your name and address — otherwise no prize — and the name of the pub where you acquired your **Derby Drinker**.

If you find some of the clues a bit confusing, remember that the editors work them out over a couple of pints in the pub of a Sunday lunchtime; maybe the same approach will work for you. Also, it helps if you actually read the issue first, as many clues can be found in the text. A hand-painted Lady Godiva to the first correct solution out of the hat.

No Blight on Famous Fives

No indeed — another bumper bundle from our super surveyors, to wit:

DEVONSHIRE ARMS (Alfreton) — Shipstone Mild and Bitter; **MINERS STANDARD** (Bolehill) — Draught Bass; **NAG'S HEAD** (Borrowash) — Marston Pedigree; **OLDE GATE** (Brassington) — Marston Pedigree; **BRUNSWICK INN** (Derby) — Bateman Mild, Bridge Bitter, Ward Bitter, etc.; **CROMPTON TAVERN** (Derby) — Ward Bitter, Darley Bitter; **DOLPHIN** (Derby) — Draught Bass, M & B Mild; **DUKE OF YORK** (Derby) — Ind Coope Burton Ale; **GREAT NORTHERN** (Derby) — Ind Coope Burton Ale; **MAYPOLE** (Derby) — Home Bitter; **OLDE SPA** (Derby) — Ind Coope Burton Ale; **SITWELL TAVERN** (Derby) — Shipstone Bitter; **WHITE HORSE** (Derby) — Ind Coope Burton Ale; **TRAVELLERS REST** (Draycott) — Marston Pedigree; **BOOT** (Repton) — Draught Bass; **SEVEN STARS** (Riddings) — Ward Bitter; **WHITE SWAN** (Ripley) — Draught Bass; **CANAL TAVERN** (Shardlow) — Hoskins Bitter, Premium, Penn's

Ale; **DOG & DUCK** (Shardlow) — Marston Mercian Mild, Pedigree; **WHITE SWAN** (Spondon) — M & B Mild.

Should you fancy testing your tastebuds, please don't attempt to cover all this lot in one go. Remember — you've got two months before the next batch.

Sellers in the Cellar

The **Olde Spa Inne** finally made the top spot in the Ind Coope Burton Ale top 50 sales chart as published in Spring 1989 issue of *The Cellarman*.

Other local licensees have also made gains: Mr. Goodwin at the **Masons Arms**, Mickleover is up four places to 13th; Mr. Hackett of the **White Hart**, Stanley climbs from 48th to 35th, and Mr. Graves at the **Broadway**, Derby is close behind, up to 36th from 44th.

Congratulations also to new Master Cellarman Lawrence Poole of the **Cavendish Arms**, Doveridge and Andrew Chaplin at the **Bridge Inn**, Mansfield Road, Derby.

DERBY CAMRA DIARY

Everyone is welcome at Derby CAMRA socials and meetings. For more information about these events phone Social Secretary, Rob Griffiths on Leabrooks (0773) 603892.

Tuesday Socials - 9.15 pm

18th April — Woodlark, Bridge Street, Derby (Bass); **25th April** — Railway, Shottle (Ind Coope); **2nd May** — Joint Social with the Nottingham Branch at the Rays Arms, Heanor (Hoskins); **9th May** — The Lodge, Grange Road, Alvaston (Ind Coope); **16th May** — Sun Inn, St. Giles Road/Middleton Street, Derby (Hardys & Hansons); **23rd May** — White Hart, Ashbourne (Marstons); **30th May** — Norman Arms, Village Street, Derby (Home); **6th June** — Oak and Acorn, Oakwood (Bass); **13th June** — Seven Stars, King Street, Derby (Scottish and Newcastle); **20th June** — Vine Inn, Mickleover (Ind Coope).

Branch Meetings - 8 pm

Wednesday, 10th May — Patternmakers Arms, Duffield (Bass); **Thursday, 8th June** — Bowling Green, Ashbourne (Bass plus guest beer).



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