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22nd Derby Beer Festival
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FALSTAFF SET TO BREW

As we go to press City Planners are expected to approve plans for the **Falstaff**, Silverhill Road, Derby (pictured below) to expand into a neighbouring house and a former tailoring workshop. The house is set to be part of the extended pub whilst the workshop will be converted to a micro-brewery. The Derby Branch of CAMRA, the *Campaign for Real Ale*, has fully supported the planning application by Parkes (Derby) Ltd. owned by Peter and Adrian Parkes who took over the Victorian pub three years ago.

In a letter to the City Council's planning committee Pub Preservation Officer Julian Tubbs wrote "From the consumer's point of view each new micro brewery

producing beer of good quality is hugely welcome, without representing a serious threat to the viability of other micro brewers".

"The Falstaff has justified its place in CAMRA's 1999 Good Beer Guide as a retailer of excellent quality in a part of Derby where real ale has been difficult to find. It is already a house which the discerning drinker seeks out and the local community is catered for hospitably. We believe that the extra facilities provided by the extension will be of mutual benefit to the local community and outside visitors alike."

Adrian Parkes hopes that Derby's third brewery - the Brunswick and the Flamingo and Firkin are the other two - will be brewing a different beer every day of the week by September. The beers are expected to be in line with the Falstaff's guest beer policy - nothing weaker than 4.5% ABV - and with the first brew will come the realisation of a dream for the Parkes' father and son team.

"It's always been an ambition and I'm sure we can do it well and attract more people. It's a little bit about preserving our heritage" enthused Adrian.

We'll drink to that - see you in September.



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We told you so...

As predicted in the last issue of *Derby Drinker* **Bass** have increased their wholesale prices by 2.9 per cent and **Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery** - new owners of **Marstons** - have pushed up the price of beers in their managed house by 5 pence per pint.

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NEWS

Hobgoblin replaces Heroes

First Leisure have scrapped plans to turn the Mechanic's Institute in the Wardwick, Derby into a **Heroes Sports and Diner**. Instead the Wychwood Brewery, based in Witney, Oxfordshire, have stepped in - and signed a deal to transform the building into one of its **Hobgoblin** chain of pubs with a planned opening before Christmas. Some features of the original building, including the high ceiling, will be restored.

Bass to sell former Post Office

Burton brewer **Bass** have abandoned plans to turn the former Post Office in Victoria Street into one of their **Edwards** chain of pubs. The Grade II listed building will now be put back on the market.

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Dead Poets Inn is Pub of the Year

Just a year after its transformation and re-opening the **Dead Poets Inn** at Holbrook (formerly the Cross Keys) has been named as Derby CAMRA's *Pub of the Year*.

It now goes forward to the regional stage of the national competition to find Britain's Pub of the Year.

Owner Dave Brown (pictured left) spent £30,000 on transforming the pub by exposing old beams, stone walls and fireplace and laying a flagstone floor. Seven real ales are on sale including Dead Poets Ale and If - brewed for the pub by the Brunswick brewery. There's no juke box, pool table or fruit

machines but there is entertainment in the form of poetry readings and live folk music - sometimes in the form of impromptu, local-led, sing-alongs. The pub recently celebrated its first anniversary by holding a beer festival.

The award is not just for the quality of the beer - the warm welcome, good service, pleasant surroundings and lively, friendly atmosphere of this community pub were all taken into account when Derby CAMRA members cast their votes recently.

The East Midlands Pub of the Year and then the British Pub of the Year will now be judged and announcements made later in the year.

New Derby Pub Guide nears completion

The 1999 edition of **Real Ale in Derby** is due to be published in July and should be available at the Derby Beer Festival.

It will list 11 "real ale gains" although there have been 14 losses since the last edition was published in 1997.

Amongst the gains are the **Blue Peter**, Alvaston (Draught Bass); **George Cross** (Buxton Street); **Harvesters**, Pride Park (Fullers London Pride and Bass); **Royal Crown**, Chaddesden (Pedigree plus guest beer) and **Tonics**, Friar

Gate (three real ales). On the down side the **Old Barley Mow**, Osmaston Road, **Bedford Arms**, Bedford Street, **George Hotel**, Midland Road, **Kensington**, Talbot Street, **Lyndhurst**, Normanton Road, **Norman Arms**, Village Street, **Sherwood Foresters**, St. Thomas Road, Vine, **Whittaker Street** and **Wilmot Arms**, Normanton Road no longer sell real ale.

Since the **Kingsway** at Mackworth stopped selling Bass the suburb has become a real ale desert with no real ale to be had anywhere.

The **Crown**, Curzon Street also lacks real ale but there is hope - Deborah Turner, ex-licensee of the **Woodlark**, plans to take over in September.

Cask Home Mild is no longer available in the area since the **Pear Tree Inn**, St. Thomas Road changed to the keg version last month.

Shipstones death sentence

Carlsberg Tetley, who sold their **Burton Brewery** to Bass in 1997 and entered into a three-year deal for Bass to brew their beers have started pulling the plug on some famous names of brewing.

From 20th August **ABC Bitter**, **Shipstones Bitter** and **Shipstones Mild** will no longer be supplied.

Bridge Street building site

The **Ram** and the **Woodlark**, Bridge Street, Derby will both see major building work this summer. The **Ram** is due to double in size whilst the **Woodlark** will lose its cosy bar when it is knocked through into the lounge.

They owe us - suppliers beware

The Sitwell Tavern, Derby and **Bow Contract Furniture**, Duke Street owe CAMRA money for adverts taken last year!

NEWS

Bonnie Prince Opens

Kimberley brewer Hardys and Hansons have opened their new £2 million pub on Swarkestone Road, Chellaston - the **Bonnie Prince** - about a mile from the place where the Stuart claimant to the throne gave up his advance towards London and fled to Scotland. The brewery have collaborated with the Derby Heritage Centre and the Charles Edward Stuart Society to ensure the historical accuracy of the pub's theme.

A shame Allied Domecq weren't so thoughtful when they vandalised the **George**.

Wolves eye Fat Cat neighbours

Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery have applied for outline planning permission to turn a building next to the **Fat Cat** in Friar Gate, Derby into a student-based **Varsity** pub. But a final decision on whether to proceed may not be taken for some time.

Pheonix sale

Pheonix Inns is selling 222 pubs across the country including six in Derbyshire. Four are in the far North of the county but more locally are the **Market Inn**, Ilkeston going for £180,000 and the **Queen's Head** in Heanor at £125,000.

Hot award for Gate

Ye Olde Gate Inne at Brassington has won the **Homefire Real Pub of the Year** award for having exceptional character and the most attractive real fires.

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SATURDAY	11.30am to 4.00pm	£2.00	6.30pm to 11.00pm	£4.00
SUNDAY	12.00pm to 2.30pm	FREE	(lunchtime only)	-

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Derby Beer Festival aims high

Can it get better? The Derby CAMRA Beer Festival is not only the fourth largest in Britain but has a growing reputation as being one of the best - for quality, atmosphere, entertainment and presentation. Derby CAMRA members have been working behind the scenes to ensure that the 22nd Derby Beer Festival at Derby's Assembly Rooms from July 7th to 11th is the best yet.

Once again there will be over **100 beers plus cider and perry**. As is usual there'll be three beers brewed especially for the Festival, a selection of **Belgian** and **German** beers and a plethora of **new** and **guest** beers. But, for the first time there will be a **Belgian bottled beers** stall at the Darwin Foyer bar to bring drinkers an even wider selection.

The **entertainment** gets better and better with a large enough range to appeal to almost everyone - from pop to folk to blues, jazz, celtic, country, tributes and a disco! All at prices to match any live entertainment venue locally.

And the **cheese stall** is back. After many years the Assembly Rooms caterers have relented and agreed to provide the cheese stall that festival-goers have been demanding for many years now. They will also be adding a **German sausage stall**. Drinkers will notice other changes: the **glass stall**, for instance, will now be in the cloakroom area half way up the main stairs instead of at the top of the stairs in the foyer.

This year the new beers bar has been moved to the Darwin Room and re-named as "**Guest Beers**". There will be plenty of new beers to sample but also some not-so-new rare or distinctive beers. The **Derbyshire Ales** have been moved to the Great Hall. The Guest Beer list will not be finalised until shortly before the festival but the main brewers are now decided. There will be three '**Festival Ales**' especially brewed for the festival with the assistance of CAMRA members:

Why do CAMRA do it?

To preserve traditional beers. In 1971 the Campaign for Real Ale was formed to stem the tide of fizzy keg beer threatening to engulf our pubs. The huge variety of styles and beers now available to delight drinker's taste buds is testament to their success. And it is events like the Derby Beer Festival which showcase that variety.

CAMRA; 50,000 plus strong and growing, not only organise beer

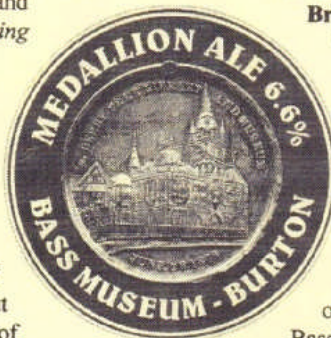
festivals. Their 171 branches publish **local pub guides**, magazines such as **Derby Drinker** and **web sites**. They pick pubs to include in the best selling **Good Beer Guide** and organise campaigns on specific issues such as **beer duty** and **competition** as well as **enjoying socials**, **brewery trips** and **pub crawls**. *Being a CAMRA member is fun!*

Real Ale is beer which is still living; it has not been pasteurised at the brewery and is served without needing the aid of artificial carbon dioxide pressure. There are now more than 1,000 different beers from an ever increasing number of small brewers. Derby itself is set (*Planning Committee willing*) for a new brewery at the Falstaff, Silverhill Road, Derby.

There are still threats to that choice: brewery takeovers invariably lead to reduced choice and, where once there were the "Big Six" brewers monopolising the industry there are now the "Big Ten" pub chains who threaten to create monopolies of low choice and indistinct quality. *This is why CAMRA still needs more members to join the fight for quality and choice.*



Michael Thomas Bass - born 6th July 1799 - a member of the great brewing family, Derby's longest serving MP and greatest ever benefactor. Celebrated at the 22nd Derby CAMRA Beer Festival.



Festival Ales

Medallion Ale - brewed by the **Museum Brewing Co.** in Burton. This is a strong 6.6% ABV beer based on an old Bass recipe from the last century. **Bounty Bitter** - a 4.2% ABV light hoppy bitter brewed at the **Church End Brewery**, Shustoke,

Warwickshire. **Bass's Wreck** - a strong IPA at 5.5% ABV brewed at the **Whim Brewery** in Hartington.

All three commemorate the birth on 6 July 1799 of Michael Thomas Bass, Derby's greatest benefactor and long serving MP who was also an important member of the Bass brewing family.

Derbyshire beers

Brunswick, Derby. Brewing began in 1991 four years after the world's first purpose-built railwayman's hotel was saved by a restoration project.

Cellarman's Choice 4% ABV, **Mine Host** 4.5% ABV, **Brewer's Tipple** 5.2% ABV - all three are new beers available at the festival before anywhere else.

Leatherbritches, Fenny Bentley. Bill Allingham started brewing behind the Bentley Brook Hotel in 1994. They also do a range of tasty beer sausages.

Goldings 3.6% ABV, **Taking the Pith** 4.3% ABV a wheat beer, **Bespoke** 5.0% ABV rich, fruity, full bodied

Shardlow Brewery. Being just over the Trent the brewery is, strictly speaking, in Leicestershire being housed in the old kiln house of the original Cavendish Bridge Brewery which closed in the 1920's. Started brewing in 1993.

Chancellor's Revenge 3.6% ABV, **Reverend Eatons** 4.5% ABV, **Whistle Stop** 5.0% ABV

Whim, Hartington. Giles Lichfield began brewing in redundant outbuildings on his farm in 1993. Now also owns the

Broughton brewery in Cumbria.

Magic Mushroom Mild 3.8% ABV well balanced mild, **Hartington IPA** 4.0% ABV, **Snow White** 4.5% ABV a Bavarian style wheat beer.

From the rest of the country come:

Brains, Cardiff. A traditional family brewery since 1882. Supplies award winning beers to all their 125 pubs.

Dark 3.5% ABV a bittersweet mild, **Bitter** 3.7% ABV hoppy, distinctive bitter, **S.A. Best Bitter** 4.2% ABV full-bodied, well-balanced and smooth.

Bullmastiff, Cardiff. The newer Cardiff brewery having started life in nearby Penarth in 1987.

Jack the Lad 4.1% ABV, **Summermoult** 4.3% ABV, **Brindle** 5.0% ABV

Caledonian, Edinburgh. Superb beers brewed in "a living, working museum of beer making"; a Victorian brewhouse using the last three direct-fired open coppers in Britain.

Deuchars IPA 3.8% ABV, refreshing, hoppy bitter, **80/-** 4.1% ABV malty and well-balanced, **Golden Promise** 5.0% ABV hoppy organic beer

Church End, Shustoke, Warwickshire. Founded in 1994 in an old coffin workshop which explains some of the beer names. This innovative brewery is not afraid to experiment with a variety of ingredients.

Hop Gun 4.1% ABV, **Shreddies** 4.5% ABV, **Fallen Angel** 5.0% ABV

Crouch Vale, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex. Since founding in 1981 they have steadily built up a growing trade with up to 300 outlets.

Millennium Gold 4.2% ABV, **Golden Duck** 3.8% ABV summer beer, **Strong Anglian Special** 4.8% ABV well-balanced and sharply bitter.

Freeminer, Coleford, Gloucestershire. Established at the edge of the Forest of Dean in 1992 the brewery also produces cider and perry and a range of bottle conditioned beers.

Slaughter Porter 5.0% ABV a dark ale akin to a strong mild, **Shakemantle Ginger Beer** 5.0% ABV a cloudy summer beer with a high wheat content, **Deep Shaft Stout** 6.2% ABV the malt hits you to be followed by dry hoppiness.

English, Scottish, Welsh, Belgian, German, bottled, bitter, mild, porter, stout, summer, barley wine, dark, light, hoppy, malty, fruit, herbs, ginger, smoked, pilsner, strong, quaffable, cider, perry - and all under one roof - read on...

Hanby, Wem, Shropshire. Set up by former Wem Brewery head brewer, Jack Hanby after Greenalls closed the brewery in 1988. Supplies 100 free trade outlets.

Black Magic Mild 3.3% ABV dark and malty, **Independence** 4.5% ABV, **Nutcracker Bitter** 6.0% ABV smooth: more bitter than sweet.

Mauldons, Sudbury, Suffolk. Company set up in 1982 by former Watney's brewer Peter Maulden whose family had its own local brewery in the late 18th century.

Midsummer Gold 4.0% ABV a summer beer, **Suffolk Pride** 4.8% ABV, **Black Adder** 5.3% ABV a dark stout with a strong malt taste. *Champion Beer of Britain in 1991.*

Museum Brewing Company, Burton upon Trent. Active brewery in Bass's museum which uses recipes from the Bass archives.

Joules, Hop Pit 18th 4.5% ABV, **Draught Bass** 4.4% ABV a classic beer hopefully in classic condition at the festival. Brewed at Bass - not the Museum Brewery.

Nethergate, Clare, Suffolk. Award winning beers are traditionally brewed with no artificial additives although many have herbs and spices added.

Swallow Ale 4.3% ABV, **Augustinian Ale** 4.8% ABV, **Umbel Magna** 5.0% ABV a smooth and distinctive dark porter infused with coriander and brewed to a recipe from the 1750's.

Ridleys, Chelmsford, Essex. Brewery in picturesque setting founded in 1842 and still in the same family. Now with 62 pubs in Essex and 120 free trade outlets.

Wish You Were Here 3.8% ABV, **Witchfinder Porter** 4.3% ABV a bittersweet malty porter, **Spectacular** 4.6% ABV pale, malty and bitter.

Woodfordes, Woodbastwick, Norwich. Started in Norwich in 1980 and moved to the



Medallion in the making

Broadland village in 1989. They brew an extensive range of beers including several award winners.

Great Eastern 4.3% ABV refreshing, straw coloured and slightly sweet, **Norfolk Nog** 4.6% ABV flavoursome dark winter brew. *Champion Beer of Britain in 1992, Headcracker* 7.0% ABV fruity barley wine. *Good Beer Guide beer of the year recently.*

Woods, Craven Arms, Shropshire. Founded by the Wood family in 1980 in buildings adjacent to the Plough Inn.

Summer That 3.9% ABV, **Shropshire Lad** 4.5% ABV, **Wood's Wonderful** 4.8% ABV fruity, malty beer.

Wye Valley, Hereford. Production began in 1985 and now supplies 150 free trade outlets and three tied houses.

Dorothy Goodbody's Summertime Ale 4.2% ABV a golden ale with a light roast flavour, **Summer of '69** 4.9% ABV, **Reapers Ale** 5.3% ABV

German and Belgian Beers

From Germany we have; **Aecht Schlenkerla Rauchbier** (4.6% ABV) - smoking the barley over beechwood gives this a strange smoked flavour; **St. Georgen Brau Pilsner** (4.8% ABV) - a pilsner lager; **Staffelberg Brau Weissbier** (5.2% ABV) - a wheat beer; **Reissdorf Kolsch** (4.9%

This is what Medallion Ale looked like on March 15th when Duncan Crabtree, Martin Wain and Bill Dudley spent a day at the Museum Brewery in Burton to assist in the brewing of the 6.6% strong ale.

This is the fermenting vessel where the yeast is added to start the fermentation process and turn the mixture of hops, barley and water into beer.

ABV) - a different type of lager but not a pilsner; **Augustiner Mai Bock** (7.0% ABV) - a celebratory strong beer brewed each May - be careful; **Raitenhaslacher Kloster Kellerbier** (5.2% ABV) - similar to the Kolsch.

And from Belgium we have our usual fruit beers: **Leifmans Kreik** (6.5% ABV) - made with cherries and **Leifmans Framboise** (4.5% ABV) made with raspberries.

Guest Beers

Around 22 new and "guest" beers will be available in the Darwin Bar - that should keep the 'tickers' happy. But take note: not all beers will be available at every session - we have to ration them to make sure we are left with more than 2 beers by Friday night!

stop press...

As we go to press the cider and perry details (to include medium sweet and medium dry) have yet to be finalised but news is just through of the final brewery:

Beowulf, Yardley, Birmingham. Set up operations in an old shop two years ago.

Hama (3.8%), **Weland** (4.3%) and **Mercian Shine** (5.0%).

Bring a coach

Want to come to the festival but don't want the hassle of finding a taxi or trusting someone NOT to drink amidst all that temptation?

Why not get your pub, work or social club to organise a coach trip? Pre-booked parties arriving before 7pm can avoid the queues and on Wednesday or Thursday night we'll buy the whole bus their first half pint - and the organiser three!

Phone 01332 770209 to book your party or coach (minimum 20 people). Or e-mail: derby.camra@dial.pipex.com for details.

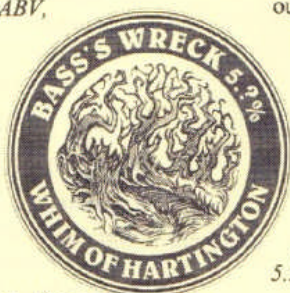
Souvenir glasses

You'll need a glass to drink from so you can either buy a souvenir pint or half pint glass or you can pay a deposit on a glass from a previous year and get your money back at the end. There are no refunds on this year's glass.

We suggest a half pint glass - so you can try more of the different styles available at the festival. We also suggest you start off with weaker beers and work your way up to stronger ones. After half a pint of Headcracker (7%) you won't be able to taste Summer That (3.9%).

Bring the kids

Yes, on Saturday and Sunday lunches you can bring the little ones and still enjoy the festival. Our very popular creche facilities mean you can leave them with fully qualified staff in complete safety. And they get entertained by Clivo the Clown.



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Entertainment, Opening Times, Admission Prices - at a glance

Wednesday 7 July

Evening 6.30 - 11.00pm,
admission £2.50

Drowsy Maggie play in the Great Hall. The **Grand Central Barbershop Chorus** and **Ripley Morris Men** will also perform. The Darwin Room is music-free.

Thursday 8 July

Lunch 11.30 - 3.00pm,
admission free

Al's Jazz Train in the Great Hall.

Evening 6.30 - 11.00,
admission £3.50

Quicksilver supported by **ZZ Birmingham Blues Band** in the Great Hall. The **Derby Jazz Massive Disco** is in the Darwin Room.

Friday 9 July

Lunch 11.30 - 4.00pm,
admission £1

Al's Jazz Train in the Great Hall

Evening 6.30 - 11.00pm,
admission £4

Doc Vox supported by **Zephyr 6** take the Great Hall. **Blue Horses** play the Darwin Room.

Saturday 10 July

Lunch 11.30 - 4.00pm,
admission £2

The **Dizzy Club** supported by **The Faradays** entertain in the Great Hall. **Clivo the Clown** will entertain the kids in the free creche.

Evening 6.30 - 11.00,
admission £4

The **Rattlers** plus special guests in the Great hall while **Midnight Pumpkin Trucks** play the Darwin Room.

Sunday 11 July

Lunch 12/00 - 2.30,
admission free

Three Wheel Drive plus guests complete the line-up in the Great Hall. The Darwin Room is closed. The creche is available again

The music is real - the beer is live!

There's something for everyone at this year's beer festival - even if you like to drink in peace and quiet. There's no entertainment in the Darwin Room on Wednesday night or at lunchtimes. For the rest of us the variety of entertainment is staggering! We have folk, blues, Celtic Rock, Folk Rock, pop rock, 60's retro, jazz, country, a latin jazz disc and a tribute band to boot. And all of the highest quality - have a great time.

Wednesday Night

Irish folk from **Drowsy Maggie** who always draw a big audience at the Burton Beer Festival. They play in the Great Hall while the Darwin Room is reserved for those who like their drinking music-free. The **Grand Central Barbershop Chorus** and **Ripley Morris Men** will also perform.

Thursday Lunch

Al's Jazz Train in the Great Hall. Alan Smith leads his guest performers. He'll have a different set of guests on Friday lunch.

Thursday Night

The Great Hall has a tribute to **Freddie Mercury AND Cher** from **Quicksilver** who promise "we will

rock you" in a spectacular show - both musically and visually. they are supported by local favourites, **ZZ Birmingham Blues Band**. There's an innovative night in the Darwin where you can dance the night away to the latin sounds of the **Derby Jazz Massive Disco**. The first disco at a beer festival in Britain?

Friday Lunch

Al's Jazz Train in the Great Hall.

Friday Night

A real coup for Derby CAMRA sees **Doc Vox** (pictured below) take the Great Hall stage. From Derby's twin city of Osnabruck **Doc Vox** are in the vanguard of Germany's rising rock-pop generation. They will be playing



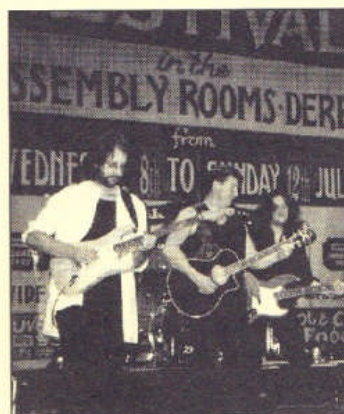
Doc Vox - from Derby's twin city of Osnabruck - play Friday night in the Great Hall with support from Zephyr 6.

Young drinkers and students get special membership rate

Anyone under the age of 26, who has not been a member of CAMRA before, will be able to join at the beer festival at the specially reduced rate of £6. This will entitle them to free admission at all subsequent sessions. This offer is also available to all full-time students - whatever their age!

Last year a record number of younger people joined CAMRA, and consideration is being given to forming a younger member's section of the Derby Branch.

In addition to free beer festival admission members receive the Campaign's monthly paper *What's Brewing* and, if local, the Derby Branch newsletter *Mild and Bitter* through the post every month.



The Rattlers at last year's beer festival - fans remember it as their finest ever performance.

tracks from their third album "S.O.Ma." including their (German) hit single "If I Write A Book". Their stay in Derby includes gigs at the **Flowerpot**, King Street, Derby (Saturday 3 July), the **Top Bell**, Barton-under-Needwood (Sunday 4 July) and the **Fishpond Hotel**, Matlock Bath (Wednesday 7 July) and has been assisted by twinning grants from Derby City and Osnabruck Councils and sponsorship from Bass.

Saturday Lunch

D'jango jazz favourites the **Dizzy Club** entertain in the Great Hall. They are supported by the much-heralded young trio of sixth formers - **The Faradays** - likened to Sheryl Crow by some. **Clivo the Clown** will entertain the kids in the free creche (with qualified staff).

Saturday Night

Last year's double bill produced a record attendance for any Derby Beer Festival session so its a repeat performance. **The Rattlers** - now working on their third album - showed with their stunning Great Hall set why they are Derby's favourite band.

They will have some special guests for an acoustic support set while the Darwin Room will be rocking to several decades of pop-rock standards from **Midnight Pumpkin Trucks**.

Sunday Lunch

Three Wheel Drive plus their guests wind up the Festival with their boogying, rocking blues. The Darwin Room is closed. The creche is available again and Clivo is back.

Free pensioners! - admission is free to pensioners at all lunchtime sessions.

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Happy customers

The alterations to the lounge at the Malt Shovel, Aston on Trent are now complete with local expressing their satisfaction at the changes - especially the new bar which has been fitted.

WHITBREAD THREAT TO GUEST BEERS

CAMRA faces its biggest battle for years as it prepares to fight tooth and nail against Whitbread's proposals to buy Allied Domecq's pub estate. Success for Whitbread would make them Britain's biggest chain with more than 7,000 pubs. To comply with the Beer Orders they would almost certainly have to sell their breweries. This would entitle them to throw out the rights of Whitbread Pub Partnership tenants and Vanguard lessees to take a guest beer from wherever they like.

At an emergency meeting of CAMRA's National Executive chairman Dave Goodwin called it "the biggest single threat to micro brewers we've seen."

"The guest beer market is a vital life-line for many of them. It's their only way into the pub market and many of them could go out of business if Whitbread refused to take guest beers."

With their massive buying power they would also be able to buy only from suppliers who offered huge discounts thus squeezing further micro and regional brewers who don't have the financial muscle to meet these demands.

CAMRA is seeking an urgent meeting with the Office of Fair Trading to express concerns about

the deal and to see what action can be taken to save guest beers. They also plan to appoint experienced members to liaise with the major pub chains.

"Ten years ago the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report said there was a complex monopoly acting against consumer's interests," he pointed out. "Today it's a few pub chains that dominate and dictate to brewers what beers they will brew and at what prices. We need more powerful liaison with the pub chains and we need talented people to negotiate with them."

There are also concerns for the future of Whitbread's only remaining real ale brewery; Boddington's Strangeways Brewery in Manchester. "Boddingtons may be a national brand stripped of its flavour but it has the potential to be a brilliant beer again and we don't want it to close," said Dave Goodwin.

CAMRA members get in FREE

The best way to visit the Derby Beer Festival is as a CAMRA member - members get in free. To join all you need to do is send the application form below. But don't delay, we can't refund admission if you join at the festival!



Mayor's Charity Fund presentation: Derby Beer Festival chairman Nigel Barker presents a cheque for £500 - part of the proceeds of the 1998 festival - to Pat Taylor of the Derbyshire Association for the Blind - one of this year's recipients of Mayor Abdul Rehman's charity fund. A thirsty guide dog watches on.

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Signed..... Date

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FESTIVAL DIARY

Locally there's the **Derby Beer Festival** in July to be followed by:

The Dolphin Beer Festival, Ye Olde Dolphin, Queen Street, Derby from 21st to 25th July with 50 real ales and music and entertainment galore.

The 11th Off The Tracks Music and Beer Festival takes place at the Park Farmhouse at the back of the racetrack at Castle Donington on September 3rd, 4th and 5th. They will start off with around 40 beers on sale in the barn bar from 7.30pm on the Friday when you can be entertained by the driving R&B of **Nine Below Zero** plus blues from **Pete Oakley** and **Ty Garner**.

On Saturday the line-up includes **Horace X**, **FOS Brothers**, **Cathy Bonner** and **Rick Wilson**, the **Farradays**, **Unlimbo**, **Zuba**, **Rajan Spolia**, **Mas Y Mas** and is headlined by **Banco de Gaia**. The bill on Sunday has yet to be finalised. As usual there are courtyard

attractions, stalls and food and you can stay in a tent, caravan or the hotel - or just go for the day - for details see advert or visit www.offthetracks.freemove.co.uk

Further afield the **Great British Beer Festival** takes place at Olympia in August - see the advert below for details.

Others around the country include:

June 23 - 26 Accrington Beer Festival at the Town Hall - 70 beers.

August 19 - 21 Worcester Beer and Cider Festival at the Three Choirs on the Water Meadows opposite Worcester Cathedral. 100 beers, cider, food and live entertainment. For details tel: 01684 573018 or see www.camra-worcs.freuk.com

August 24 - 29 22nd Peterborough Beer Festival in marquees on the Embankment, Bishop's Road. 300 beers at the second largest festival in Britain. Tel: 01733 764296 or e-mail beerfest@pcamra.demon.co.uk

Spreading the word



Derby CAMRA had its own stall at this year's CAMRA National AGM in Hove. Along with Sue Venables (not pictured) of Conference Derbyshire they were there to promote next year's AGM to be held at the Assembly Rooms, Derby from April 14 - 16. Pictured are Stephen Boa (branch chairman), Julian Tubbs, Pete Marsh (National AGM Co-ordinator), Gareth Stead, Reg Newcombe and Julian Hough.

Conference Derbyshire are organising preferential accommodation rates for AGM 2000 visitors and can be contacted on 01332 331000 or at St. Helen's Court, St Helen's Street, Derby DE1 3GY.

FREE T-shirt for most costly drink information

Derby CAMRA committee member Julian Tubbs is offering a Derby CAMRA Beer Festival T-shirt to the person who informs him where, in the Derby branch area, he can find the most expensive pint of Britvic (or other fruit juice) and lemonade.

Phone Julian on 01332 701152 with your name, telephone number, drink, price, venue and size of T-shirt before 30 June to qualify.

The Derby branch area is the Southern half of Derbyshire from just North of Ashbourne and Alfreton but excluding Long Eaton, Ilkeston, Heanor and the Swadlincote area of South-West Derbyshire.

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