



ISSUE No 88 WINTER FESTIVAL SPECIAL JANUARY 2002

Derby Winter Beer Festival hits town

The first ever Derby Winter Beer Festival hits town from 7th-9th February at the Darwin Suite of the Assembly Rooms. It's the event to chase away those post-Christmas blues and the Biggest and Best event in the Winter Calendar, coinciding with the City's Jubilee celebrations and open all day Friday and Saturday.

The Derby branch of CAMRA set up a separate committee to plan this first Winter Beer Festival.

A great deal of thought and preparation has gone into compiling the beer order so that we have a varied list of ales, both in style and



strength, as well as beers new to Derby and some old favourites, including a selection of local breweries produce including the two festival special ales, which have been brewed by Leadmill of Derby and Museum of Burton Upon

Trent respectively.

Leadmill are brewing an Oatmeal Stout and Museum a Strong Ale for the occasion. Both will be brewed with the involvement of Derby CAMRA branch members in early January.

Up to 60 beers will be available in all, of these 30 will be on sale at any one time. The beers include some seasonal strong ales such as Lees Moonraker, Robinsons Old Tom and Orkney Skull-splitter as well as more sessionable beers, milds, porters, stouts and real lagers.

This range will be complemented by a selection of ciders and perries, up to 12 fruit wines

Extended hours with Derby's first open all day festival

THE WINTER-FEST WILL be the first Derby Beer Festival event to feature all-day opening when this occurs on the Friday and Saturday.

The first dozen Summer beer festivals were constricted by the old licensing laws which forbade afternoon opening. It really seems a long time ago. Since all-day opening was permitted the festival has maintained an after-

noon break, partly to tidy up a little and also to reduce volunteer staffing demands.

The committee for the Winter-Fest has decided to experiment with 11 to 11 opening on two days. There will be a sliding scale of admission prices with £2 to get in until 6pm, thereafter £4.50. The Thursday evening session will also open at the earlier time of 5pm, ideal for that post-

work pint if you're in the city centre.

With the Winter-Fest, the drinker has more time to sample the beers and more flexibility as to when they attend. And the drinker from further afield will be able to spend an afternoon at Derby without such a critical eye on their train home. So you can't lose, have all the time you need at Derby Winter Beer Festival!

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and continental bottled beers. So you really can't get away with saying "I don't drink beer so there's no point in me going!"

All in all there will be something here for everyone, from the hardened festival-goer to the newest of drinkers, so get yourself down to the Assembly Rooms and walk out to winter with this, the first of what we hope will become a permanent winter fixture not to be missed.

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Winter-Fest Opening hours, admission details & Entertainment line-up at a glance

Thursday evening, 7th February, 5pm to 11pm £3.50

The Elmosgrandez Allstars (featuring ZZ Birmingham) and Hybrid (featuring ex-Rattlers John Adams and Sarah Matthews)

Friday 8th February 11am to 11pm £2 up to 6pm £4.50 after 6pm

Lunch - Captain Plastic

Evening - Achtung Baby (U2 tribute) plus support, Dahl

Saturday 9th February 11am to 11pm £2.50 up to 6pm

£4.50 after 6pm

Lunch - Captain Plastic

Evening - Midnight Pumpkin Trucks plus support, Pure Genius

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Winter Festival Entertainment

The first Derby Winter Beer Festival kicks off with a great line-up of bands to entertain, sing along and party to.

and we've got U2 tribute band **Achtung Baby** (below). This is going to be a night to remember with a 2 hour set from the band



Thursday evening sees a new slant on the local roots scene – you may be familiar with Arthur Billington (below) and his ZZ Birmingham Blues Band but come along and see his other outfit: the **Elmosgrandez Allstars**.



Later in the evening there will be other familiar faces in the form of ex-Rattlers John Adams and Sarah Matthews, pictured right in their Rattlers days. John's new band **Hybrid** will be taking the stage and turning traditional folk tunes into rip-roaring folk metal.

Friday night is tribute night

the *Guardian* called "stunning and unbelievably real". The band were formed in 1994 by *Stars in their Eyes* finalist Andy Bagnall and have gone from strength to strength ever since, playing to six thousand people at Dublin's millennium celebrations. There will be a support set from **Dahl**.



Saturday night is party night with the ever-popular **Midnight Pumpkin Trucks** (right) doing their stuff. Covering rock and pop classics from at least three decades they will make a hot night of a cold winter's day.

Support is from are **Pure Genius**, a versatile guitar duo from Nottingham who perform a series of cover versions old and new.

There's entertainment on Friday and Saturday lunchtime too in the form of local folk troubadours **Captain Plastic** (above) playing contemporary and traditional tunes with their own humorous twist.



On Saturday lunch we'll also open up the stage to anyone who wants to get up and play a tune or sing a song – just bring your



instruments with you. If we like what we hear we may even reward you with a pint. Give David George a call on 01773 761927 (or

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CHEERS!

Derby Winter-Fest - the beers to cheer on a February weekend

Beer List and Descriptions

Brewery	Beers	ABV	Description	Style
Anglo Dutch	Ghost on the Run	4.5	Pale dry wheat beer - full of citrus...refreshing...mmmm...	PA
Anglo Dutch	S.O.N.T. (Spike's Ont'way)	4.2	To celebrate the pending birth of the owner's son a light, lager style beer, full of anticipation (you need to adopt a Yorkshire accent)	L
Anglo Dutch	Tama thamthe knackered	6	Another Yorkshire accent, Belgian Triple style in real English	S
B & T	Black Bat	6	Fruity, nutty and malty - a true winter warmer	S
B & T	Shefford Dark Mild	3.8	A delicious traditional English mild style beer - try it!	M
Biddy Early	Black Biddy	4.2	Black Irish silk in a glass - phew!!	ST
Biddy Early	Blonde Biddy	5	A well endowed Irish blonde to wrap your lips around - wow!!	L
Brunswick	To be confirmed	4	Unknown at time of going to press	PA
Brunswick	To be confirmed	4.3	Unknown at time of going to press	PA
Burton Bridge	Old Expensive	6.5	A mature barley wine of good taste	STR
Burton Bridge	Stairway to Heaven	5	Pale, flowery and powerful - Zeppelinesque	B
City of Cambridge	Atom Splitter	4.7	Explosion of bitterness & hops with a sulphury fallout	SB
City of Cambridge	Hobson's Choice	4.1	GBBF runner up - golden, fruity and hoppy. Deelish	B
Clark's	Cheq Budvar	5	The original classic Budvar in cask form!!!	L
Clark's	Classic Blonde	3.9	A blonde to wake up with - grapefruit flavours a plenty here	L
Crouch Vale	Blackwater Mild	3.7	Smooth dark mild	M
Crouch Vale	Snowdrop	4.2	Full of body, but pale, crisp and dry flavours forcing through	PA
Enville	Czechmate Saaz	4.2	Czechoslovakian-style lager beer	L
Enville	Gothic Ale	5.2	A black beer, traditionally referred to as 'dinner ale' - despite its colour, a variation on pale ale	ST BL
Enville	Phoenix India Pale Ale	4.8	A traditional India Pale Ale - very pale and hoppy	PA
Everards	Tiger Triple Gold	5	Everards 150th anniversary ale - work it out!	PA
Fernandes	Ale to the Tsar	4.1	Malty, fruity, pale beer with lovely hop aroma - fit for a king	PA
Fernandes	Double six	6	Dark, rich, malty and chocolatey - packs a punch!	S
Harviestoun	Schiehallion	4.8	A delicious genuine Scottish cask lager - THE ORIGINAL	L
Highgate	Dark mild	3.4	yum yum yum yum yum	M
Highgate	Old Ale	5.1	Dark and brooding, awaiting your advances	S
Hook Norton	Twelve days	5	Dark strong ale	S
Kelham Island	Bete Noir	5.5	Black beast of stouts - smooth, roasted pleasure	ST
Kelham Island	Super Pale	7.5	Powerful, pale and very unforgiving	STR
Leadmill	Fest Spec (no name yet)	4.7	A delicious round extra stout brewed especially for the Festival by Leadmill Brewery	ST
Leatherbritches	Bespoke	5	Strong and silky this just slides down	SB
Leatherbritches	Porter	5.4	Your last chance to sample lovely porter here this winter	PO
Lees	Moonraker	7.5	Rich, sweet, and very malty	STR
Lloyds	Mandarin Porter	4.5	Mandarin Porter or Chocolate Orange - no competition!!	PO
Lloyds	Peach Wheat	4.4	Peaches and beer - Irresistible	PA
Mallard	Featherlight	4.1	Light in name, light by nature - the new lager from Mallard	L
Mallard	Spit in Feathers	4.4	Mellow, ruby bitter, chocolate, toffee, and coffee flavour	SB
Museum	Fest Special (no name yet)	5.6	A Special Bitter brewed for a Special Festival by a Special Brewery - The Museum Brewery in Burton	SB
Nottingham	Extra Pale Ale	4.2	Rounded light beer - the name says it all	PA
Nottingham	Legend	4	Trad amber bitter: a legend in your lifetime	B
Nottingham	Rock Mild	3.8	Fruity mild from an old Nottingham recipe	M
O'Hanlons	Port Stout	4.8	Don't be LEFT out - a well rounded bevvy here	ST
Oldershaws	Caskade	4.2	A fast running flow of powerful citrus flavours over your tongue	PA
Oldershaws	Regal Blonde	4.4	Sexy and smooth - try me	L
Orkney	Skullsplitter	8.5	Velvet, smooth, hoppy, apple, nutmeg ale	STR
Palmers	200 Premium Ale	5	A double century of red caramel sweetness, fruit and aroma	SB
Palmers	IPA	4.2	Deep copper colour, fruity and malty	B
Pictish	Celtic Warrior	4.2	Smooth, hoppy bitter	B
RCH	East Street Cream	5	Double chocolate and hops for you here	SB
RCH	Old Slug Porter	4.5	Complex, rich, dark porter to warm your toes	PO
Robinsons	Old Tom	8.5	Dark chocolaty, malty, treacly beer	STR
Shardlow	Chancellor's Revenge	3.6	Light, and zingy - a favourite around Leicester Uni	PA
Shardlow	Five Bells	5	Rich, ruby, dark and smouldering - like port in colour	SB
Shugborough	Coachmans Tipple	4.7	Simply a bitter coloured bitter beer	B
Tower	Special (no name yet)	5	Light-coloured beer specially brewed for pub opening in Burton	PA
Tower	Winter Spirit	5	Premium bitter with a hint of darkness to it	SB
Whim	Black Christmas	6.5	Don't try this one on Santa - he won't make it up your chimney	STR
Wicked Hathern	Doble's Dog	3.5	Smooth, quaffing mild	M
Wicked Hathern	Soar Head	4.8	Rich, fruity and ruby - watch yourself!	B
Wychwood	Dirty Tackle	4.4	Pale ruby ale brewed for the Six Nations rugby	SB

KEY TO BEER STYLES

B = BITTER • SB = SPEC BITTER • L = LAGER • PA = PALE ALE • M = MILD • PO = PORTER • OLD (S) = SPECIAL OR OLD • ST = STOUT • STR = STRONG

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Festival Bottled beer

Beer	Brewery	ABV %	colour	Description
Gulden Drak	Van Steenberge	10.5	light	flemish dark
Export Guinness	Guinness IR	8	dark	stout
Hoegaarden Grand Cru	Interbrew	8.8	light	flemish golden
Chimay Blue	Abbaye des Scourmont	9	dark	trappist
Delirium Tremens	Huyghe	9	light	flemish golden
Special Noel	Abbaye des Rocs	9	dark	walloonian dark
Bush de Noel	Dubuisson	12	dark	barley beer
Bar Bar Winter Bok	Lefebvre	8	amber	honey beer
Pietra special offer	Pietra	6	amber	amber lager with corsican chestnuts best S Euro lager in <i>Flavour</i> magazine
Blanche	De Bruxelles	4.5	light	white beer
Timmermans Kreik	John Martin	5	light	fruit lambics
Timmermans Frambose	John Martin	6	light	fruit lambics

If beer isn't your tippie you will be able to sample some of England's finest ciders and perries at the Winter-Fest. There's a good selection of East Coast Ciders: Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk & Kent, and two Somerset ones, Coombes & Crossmans.

Festival Cider	ABV
Banhams Rum Cask	5.6
Biddenden Sweet	8.4
Castlings Heath Perry	7.0
Chiddingstones Dry	7.5
Coombes Perry	7.0
Crossmans Sweet	6.0
Double Vision Medium	7.5
Matching Green Molly Man	6.5
Matching Green Old Moulder	6.5

Hardy & Hansons to sponsor festival glasses

Special thanks are due once more to Hardy & Hansons for their generous sponsorship of the commemorative festival glasses and also the special student promotion they are running. This long-established regional brewery has long been a supporter of CAMRA nationally and in particular locally.

Three Kimberley beers will be available at the Festival. They include *Rocking Rudolph* for definite and probably *Peak Perfection* and *OG*.

Student chance to sample festival fever

The Derby Beer Festival has become one of, if not the most important event in the city calendar over the last quarter century. Often these events across the country have become legendary as successive generations of the local student population have experienced festival fever. Derby has not seen such an influx of this kind, its summer festival always held in July since 1982, being out of term time. The Winter-Fest gives a chance to let the University drinkers loose on some different ales. We hope they will perpetuate a tradition connecting education and beer that stretches back a long long way.

Admission prices allow £2 off in the evenings and £1 off lunchtimes on production of NUS card. There will also be a special Kimberley promotion for students with the first half pint of Kimberley free on production of a voucher.

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Correction

The grant received by the Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton, from the Countryside Agency towards establishing the post office in the stables was £5,000 not as stated in DD87 £35,500. Many apologies for this slip of the keyboard.

News Nips

Due to lack of space in this Winter-Fest special issue coverage of some local pub stories has had to be curtailed. Normal service will be restored in the next regular *Derby Drinker* and this may include fuller reports on some items featured below.

Burton Bridge brewery won the gold medal in CAMRA West Midland Beer of the Year competition for their *Top Dog Stout*. The **Lamb** at Melbourne has been awarded Cask Marque status. The **Saracens Head** on Victoria Street has regained its old name, real ale yet to reappear though. The **New Inn** at Repton is closed and the one at Shardlow for sale. Ansell's Mild is now a regular feature at the **Corner Pin**, Chellaston. New IPA due to brew in the New Year from **Wicked Hathern** approx 6.2%, to commemorate the Queens Golden Jubilee in 2002 called *Golden Reign*.

The **Jug and Glass** at Lea has been badly damaged by a fire. The building is listed and restoration will have to comply with the English Heritage requirements. Fires are not rare in pubs in this area. This one follows damage at the **Every Arms** at Egginton some time back, the pub is still closed. The **Kestrel** at Hatton has recently re-opened after closure due to a fire and the **White Post** at Stanley Common was refurbished early in 2001 following a fire.

There has been an application for a justice's licence for the **Red Lion** which has been moved to the Crich Tramway Museum from a site in

Stoke-on-Trent, although they did not acquire an interior. They were looking for a genuine one.

A Keg version of Pedigree is being trialled in Leicestershire. The danger with this beer is that people will identify the keg product with the real thing. This will tempt the brewers into further lowering the standard of Pedigree. If it is a commercial success they won't have a hope in charity of brewing it all at Marston's. This could be yet another nail in the coffin of the Burton brewery. More on this item in the next *Derby Drinker*.

More winter festivities at Brunswick

While city winter festivals are a new prospect for Derby, they are not at the Brunswick Inn, who are now old hands in this department. The Railway Terrace pub stages its 15th Winter Beer Festival from 15th-24th February.



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