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Stables Bar wins Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year for second time -**Babington takes city award**



The Leadmill Brewery tap, the Old Stables Bar at Park Hall Lane, Denby (above) has been voted Derby CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year for the second year in succession. It won both the Country POTY and the overall vote too. The City POTY for 2005 is the Babington Arms in Babington Lane.

The pubs were chosen from a strong field of final candidates which all scored highly in the judging. The runners-up were the Rowditch, Flowerpot, Old Oak (Horsley Woodhouse), King William IV(Milford) and the Barley Mow Kirk Ireton).

Leadmill brewer Richard Creighton said of

the stables success "l am a little surprised to win it again but I am chuffed. Personally I thought that for

sheer hard work the Old Oak could have shaded it this

> It is certainly some achievement for a Wetherspoons pub

to win the City Pub of the Year, especially in an area with a good spread

of ale pubs. Many of these ventures have become regarded as somewhat identikit pubs as they have spread far and wide over the past decade, but Tom Taylor (right) is no ordi-Wether-

week is a

beer festival at bargain prices and Wyre Piddle beers are permanently featured here. Tom also shares two of this editors loves in his taste for real ale and punk rock and has bucked the system in a major style at his Wetherspoons pub. The group, however, are appreciative of Tom's success and leave him to run the couldn't operate the pub in any other

The Babington has a Mild May festival week from 2nd to 8th May, followed by the national Wetherspoons festival from 9th to 22nd May featuring 50-plus ales.

To celebrate Tom's recognition local brewer Trevor Harris got together with him to brew Taylor's Tipple a 4.6% beer from Derby Brewing Company(see pumpelip).



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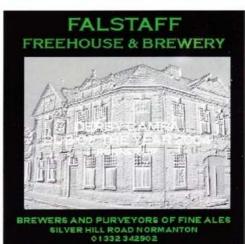
for a constantly-changing range of real ales

Babington his way. "I am passionate about real ale" says Tom, "And I Have you done it in The Rowditch



Business as Usual





PUB NEWS

Cask beer is thriving at the Navigation on London Road, Wilmorton, where licensee Alan Dickson has introduced guests such as Adnams Broadside into this once keg pub. Worth a visit. Adnams Bitter also pops up at the Kestrel in Marehav. Mild is back at the Woodlark, where Adam Atkin (ex-Maypole) has taken the helm. Theakston Mild at a bargain £1.60 a pint is a permanent beer alongside Pedigree and Bass. Guests may follow if demand merits, real ale has returned at the Brick & Tile on Brick Street after a lengthy absence. Pedigree has ben available since late March and this may bode well in respect of the other keg Burtonwood pubs in the area now under the W&D regime. The Plough at Weston-on-Trent has new owners in the form of Fiona and Andrew West-Hunt, there is a connection with the Spotted Cow at Holbrook. Good news on Duffield Road in the city where Everards have purchased the Five Lamps pub, part of over 20 outlets they have bought recently. Everards are always a good bet for cask beers in their pubs so an ale gain seems probable. The Thorn Tree at Woodlinkin reopened on 13th March. The Fleet Tavern is closed and the Moon, Spondon is boarded





The Derby CAMRA Beer Festival donated a cheque for £750 to the Mayor's Charity in the Mayors' Parlour.

Pictured left to right are Martin Roden, 'Beer King' Les Baynton, Philip O'Brien (Mayor's assistant) Mayor Ruth Skelton, Jok Arguile, a representative of the Rolls-Royce Enthuthiasts Club, Martin Wain and Kate Neale (Summer Festival Chair).

Additionally the Derby CAMRA 2005 Winter-Fest raised £500 for the Tsunami Appeal in February.

28th Derby Beer Festival -July 6th-10th 2005

It is one of the biggest festivals in the country and we always find an interesting piece of Derby heritage to celebrate. This year, our 28th festival will again be 'Bridging the years' and commemorating the bicentenary of Andrew Handyside, the 'King of Iron' who built the Friar Gate Bridge and many other notable structures.

He took charge of the Brittania Foundry in Derby and its elaborate ironworks were commissioned here all over the world. His work includes Trent Bridge in Nottingham, the ironwork of Liverpool and Manchester railway stations, and the great roof-ribs of Olympia, home of the Great British Beer Festival.

Truly an influential man who lived most of his adult life in Derby.

As the week of our festival is also Veteran's Awareness Week, following the commemoration of VE Day on 24th June, we could not let this pass without a special event. We are organising a Veteran's Lunchtime on Thursday 7th the appropriate music, flags and a warm welcome for all war veterans.

The opening ceremony is also being modified this year to make it a more public event on the first night bringing us closer to our customers. The Mayor, the Festival Chairman and the Derby Beer King will all be in attendance.

The festival is also bridging the years in the entertainment programme this year by bringing one of the original soul men - Geno Washington to the Derby festival stage on the Thursday evening. He is sponsored by Finnis Hotels and is a live act that really projects to the audience.

Geno has played all over the world with many famous musicians and is an artist not to be missed. On the Saturday evening Jean Genie will be taking us through the golden years of David Bowie, whilst the aforementioned Thursday lunch features some of those unforgettable World War Two songs.

What a festival, like you all I can hardly wait.

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Two local microbrewers pictured enjoying themselves at the Derby Winter-Fest in February. Edward Allingham of Leatherbritches and Dave Tizard of Funfair toast the giant Budweiser bottle at the fair in Derby Market Place, which coincided with the CAMRA festival. With dodgems and waltzers at the fair, it looked as is Dave's pumpclips had come to life in the form of a festive backdrop!

Easter cheer at Makeney festival

The Holly Bush Inn at Makeney held its customary Easter Beer Festival at the end of March. Things went so well at the event that much of the ale was running out after Good Friday and Andy had to send for extra supplies from Tower Brewery at Burton to ensure the drinkers were refreshed throughout. The pub also provided an early taste of the new Bakewell Bitter.

Healthy beer scene at Smalley

The village of Smalley has long boasted some of the best ale choice in our area, with the Bell Inn championing local microbrews, up to seven or eight at a time.

There are however two pubs in the village and the Nags Head has been doing its bit to keep the standards high for quite a while.

Landlord Ian Wood, himself once of the Bell, has Pedigree,

Directors and Bass plus guest ales in fine fettle. You may even be surprised to see other beers with a little luck as a Derby-based Shakespearian micro has had some prominence lately, amongst others!

The Nags has a real fire, traditional skittle alley, is familyfriendly and boasts hot pies and is certainly worth a call for a tasty beverage.

Where the wild hops grow - 2

The caption competition photograph of hops growing around a telegraph pole in *DD* 103 prompted Derby CAMRA member Mike Williams to pen this reply:

For many years the most prolific source of wild hops was on Haslams Lane. The north hedge on the eastern bank of the Derwent between Mansfield Road and Darley Abbey Mills was always covered in wild hops come autumn.

This free source of hop was used by generations of home brewers (and one micro-brewery!). This source was destroyed only recently, when the land was purchased by Derby Rugby Club - who ripped out the mature hedge and replaced it with a post and rail fence.

Like so many charming things, a case of Here Today Gone Tomorrow - Ed.

A different kind of spirit at the Falstaff

As reported in the local media lately, Normanton brewpub the Falstaff has a claim to being one of Britain's most haunted pubs.

The Ghost Club Society UK descended upon the Silverhill Road pub and "All of the group were convinced that the pub is haunted with more than one presence. Energy orbs were picked up on two cameras in the same place."

The next high-profile Psychic detectives to hit town are CE Paranormal on 24th April. They organise "Fright Nights" including locally one at Tutbury Castle which attracted 70,000 ghost hunters. They promise to bring lots of equipment with them.

Licensee and brewer Jim Hallows himself was a complete cynic about this sort of thing at one time, but has now become convinced that the supernatural behavoir in the Falstaff is not always connected to copious consumption of the brewery's strong brews!

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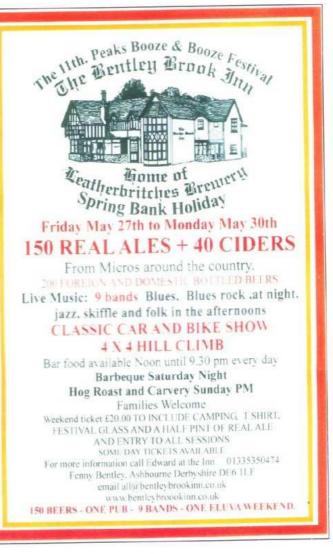
Things are looking good on the Derbyshire/Staffordshire borders in the form of the Okeover Arms at Mappleton near Dovedale and about two miles north-west of Ashbourne. The licensee John Bannard with his daughter Selena and her partner Jason Surguy, have improved the beer choice and quality in a relatively short space of time.

Jason told me that they are keeping four ales at all times and on my visit there was Tim Taylor Landlord, Black Sheep bitter, Springhead Roaring Meg, Old Hooky and some extremely tasty Nottingham Brewery Dreadnought, direct from the cask Local brew Leatherbritches Hairy Helmet has also been on sale.

Two years ago however, it looked as if Mappleton village may lose its old inn, as many settlements unfortunately have in recent times, resulting in lost focal points in lots of communities. The Okeover was closed for nine months due to subsidence and drainage problems. Thankfully it reopened in December 2003 although Jason and the Bannards inherited their predecessors architectural reaping. The two rooms had been knocked through, copper bar replaced and an old fire had been ripped out. As Jason says "We can't do much about that now but we took over a pub with

a reputation for good food that we have continued, and we wanted to expand the cask ales as well." Vegetarians and celeriacs are catered for on an extensive and changing food menu in this family-friendly pub.

The Okeover has a rich history. The Lords of Okeover Hall. half a mile away over the River Dove and the Staffordshire border, own the pub. The have been in their seat for over 700 years. The pub opened as the Griffin Inn in 1754 and took its current name in 1846. From 1890 to 1962 saw a dark period as a temperance inn following a disturbance, In February 1961 Sir In Walker-Okeover applied for relicensing and the Okeover Arms reopened after 72 long dry years in December 1962 with Sir In pulling the first pint of the twentieth century. It hasn't looked back and we can certainly see no real ale drought in the foreseeable future.



No-Smokers Corner

Changes are continuing in our local pubs on the smoking in public places front.

The Hardinge
Arms at Kings Newton went all nonsmoking from 1st
April. The
lounge/back room at
the Falstaff is also now nosmoking! The lounge at Westonon-Trent's Plough Inn is another

convert to the ash-free environment.

> If your pub has gone or is about to convert to nosmoking, or if you have added new smoke-free areas, please contact the editor.

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July 7th: Thurs Lunch (11.30-3.00)	5.50	CAMRA members and OAPs	5.50	
July 7 th : Thurs Eve (6.30-11.00)	9.50	CAMRA members	5.50	
July 8th: Fri Lunch (11.30-3.00)	6,50	CAMRA members and OAPs	5.50	
July 8 th : Fri Eve before 6.30pm (5.00-11.00)	6.50	CAMRA members	5.50	
July 8 Th : Fri Eve after 6.30pm (5.00-11.00)	10.50	CAMRA members	5.50	
July 9th: Sat Lunch (11.30-4.00)	7.50	CAMRA members and OAPs	5.50	
July 9th: Sat Eve (6.30-11.00)	10.50	CAMRA members	5.50	

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Cask Marque latest

The Cask Marque scheme to promote cellar quality nationwide has been proactive in the Derby area over the last twelve months. Here is a list of pubs in the Derby CAMRA branch catchment zone that have gained the accreditation since April 2004, in chronological order from the Station Inn on 22 April 2004 through to the Cliff Inn on 2 March 2005:

Station	Midland Road	Derby		
Furnace	Duke Street	Derby		
Derwent Hotel	Derby Road	Whatstandwell		
Foresters Arms	Main Street	Scropton		
Black Swan	Bowns Hill	Crich		
New Inn	Hopping Hill	Milford		
White Hart	Sandbed Lane	Bargate		
Hollybrook Tavern	Rykneld Road	Heatherton		
Half Moon	Burton Road	Littleover		
Markeaton	Kedleston Road	Allestree		
Windmill	Hill Top	Breadsall		
Cock Inn	The Village	Clifton		
Silver Ghost	Field Drive	Alvaston		
Kestrel	Upper Marehay Rd Ripley			
Tavern	Old Nottm Road	Derby		
York tavern	York Street	Derby		
Black Horse	Mapperley Village	Mapperley		
Woodman	Maple Drive	Ripley		
Cliff Inn	Town End	Crich		

Thanks once more to local Cask Marque assessor, Peter Tulloch for providing these details. More updates will follow in subsequent issues.

Derby beers on Broadway

Trevor Harris at Derby Brewery has landed a coup with has production of a special beer for the Broadway Hotel, Darley Abbey. The beer is a 4.5% callled *The* Broadway and was launched on 16th April, replacing London Pride on the bar of the recently refurbished pub.

Chris at the Broadway is mad about his real ales and was keen to put something like this on, whilst Ember Inns have lately decided to focus on local and the deal has been made possible with the assistance of Beer Seller, who are facilitating the Direct Delivery system, allowing Trevor to deliver personally to the pub.

The whole of the Enterprise estate is opening up to this scheme, allowing brewers to approach licensees who then coordinate with pubcos and SIBA to enable greater choice of local beers in chain pubs. Other pubcos may well follow suit. In the meantime we can regular sample beers from the city's eponymous brewery, a great addition to Derby's spread of ale choice.

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Microbrewery Corner

Taking a look at what's happening at the independent breweries in and around Derby



FALSTAFF

The pub has a Much Ado About Mayday beer festival running from 28th April to 5th May, with 20 ales. Four Coffins may reappear along with hopefully the first brew from Danelaw and a Funfair ale. Beers produced for the Babington include Invader, Galeaxion and Hoppy, while the Shakespeare themed beers continue with Taming of the Brew and King Duncan's Ghost. For May there could be two milds brewed and a beer named John Falstaff. In the next few weeks Jim will be triple brewing in a 15-barrel plant. Brewery tankards are to be available and they are exporting T-Shirts to Canada!

DANELAW

The Chellaston brewery is stirring into life with their First Brew, a 4.5% bitter, taking place in early April. Nine casks are set to hit a few venues shortly and it is good to see Paul Martin and Steve Twells venture up and running.

BRUNSWICK

A new beer called Brunswick Bitter a permanent addition to the range. The brew is a 3.7% offering containing a small amount of crystal malt. Brunswick are also brewing a beer to coincide with this summers Ashes test series. The 4.2% Warne's Out will contain a small percentage of roasted malted wheat.

DERBY BREWING CO

Trevor Harris continues to thrive with the brewery and his latest beers are dark for May. Dark Delight 4.3% and Over The Hill at 4.8%. See also left article.

JOHN THOMPSON

The Summer Gold is on for the season and in fine fettle. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Nick Thompson who was involved in a motoring accident a few weeks ago. He has made a great impression since taking on the reins at the JT and is doing much of the brewing. Get well soon Nick.

FUNFAIR

Dave Tizard's relocation to Ilkeston is progressing and he has been working on new recipes, one beer will be *Speedway*, a 4.1% pale ale.

HAYWOOD

The Callow Top enterprise resumed brewing for Easter and from now on intends to brew all year round. *Dr Samuel Johnson* will be available as a bottled-conditioned beer from the spring.

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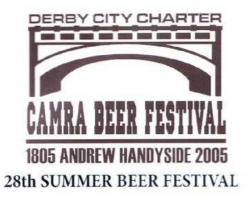
Richard Creighton has continued his ever-expanding list of brews in the early part of 2005 with Interstate 95, a 4.4% beer, the 4.3% Deadend Job and the similar strength Crafty Stackrat.

LEATHERBRITCHES

The brewlength has been increased to 14 brl. as new vessels have been installed. The brewery is supplying the fruit beer *Blue*, to France in response to a successful stand at a French food and drink show. The 11th Peak Booze and Blues event takes place at the Spring Bank Holiday.

WICKED HATHERN

The Derby Road brewery beers have been featuring in two east of Derby villages. The Royal Oak at Ockbrook are frequent customers as are the Harrington, Thulston where Cockfighter went down swingingly. The editors fellow barroom raconteur Mr Hughes (regular episodes every Monday) claimed to have drunk most of it but villager Mick had a different opinion.



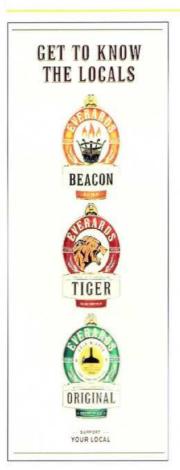
The Derby CAMRA Summer Beer Festival will be held from July 6th to July 10th at the Assembly Rooms As usual there will be a great selection of REAL ALE to choose from. Also there will be a selection of ciders, continental beers (in the bottle) and country wines.

Sessions will be:
6-30pm to 11-00pm Wed., Thurs. & Sat. evenings.
5-00pm to 11-00pm Fri. evening.
11-30am to 3-00pm Thurs. & Fri. lunch times.
11-30 to 4-00pm Sat. lunch time.
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Everards to support Darwin Suite at Festival

Everards Brewery will once more be supporting the Derby Beer Festival this year after their successful sponsorship in 2004. This takes the shape of supporting the entertainment in the Darwin Suite for the duration of the festival. Five of Everards ales will be available at the central bar in the Darwin.

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Finesse Hotels include the popular three-star Lion Hotel in one of Derbyshire's most historic towns - Belper. The 22 en-suite hotel has been selling real ale for some time and is a free house. Every month on a two-week turn round two guest ales are sold. April included Marstons Dragons Tale and St Austell Tinners, while May offers Fever Pitch, Wadworth Summersault and June Hyde Jecklls Gold and Charles Wells Summer Solstace.

The picture shows (left to

Rail Ale at Barrow Hill

Over 80 beers feature at the Rail Ale Festival at Barrow Hill Roundhouse on 20/21st May. There will be hot food, commemorative glasses and train rides plus live music from Idle Hands (Fri) and Crossroads (Sat). A free bus runs Chesterfield railway station every hour. Admission is £4.50 (ticket) or £5 on the gate.

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Crich Tramway Village will once again be running a real Ale bar at certain events throughout the year. CAMRA members now get reduced admission to the museum any open day on production of a valid membership card.

Over the last few years the Red Lion pub has been rebuilt at the Crich site, originally it stood in Stoke-on-Trent.

The pub has been trading mostly on bottled beers with Real Ale on special weekends. From humble beginnings as occasional bars for tramway members these bars have developed into a popular part of the special events programme at the museum and 18 nines were sold at the August 2004 Forties event.

Now they are looking to offer cask ale for much of the year. The beers come mostly from Leadmill, who have been very supportive, but there will be other local micros available too, so why not get the family on a tram and then into the Red Lion for some traditional

THE FALSTAFF MAYDAY BEER FESTIVAL Thursday April 28th -Thorsday Way 5th Thurs 28th 12pm-11.30pm Fri 29th-Monday 2nd 12pm-12am Tues 3rd-Thurs 5th 12pm-11.30pm LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS MUCH ADO

Record 138 ales on City Beer Census . . .

The annual Derby City Beer Census took place in February and a record number of different real ales - a mighty 138 were recorded from 75 pubs, well up on the 2004 total.

Five pubs were found to be devoid of any cask ale and the most beers were at the Flowerpot (26), Babington (17) and Brunswick (16), Pedigree is again the dominant beer, it is available in more than 80 pubs citywide, with Bass recorded in 28.

Several CAMRA members led crawls which all met up in the Flowerpot at 10.30pm to tally up

the beers. This has become one of the best Derby CAMRA social events of the year outside of the beer festivals and is well supported and lively. It is also a great way to keep tabs on what's happening in some different pubs to one's locals. Look out for next years' event as we look towards the 150 beers mark.

Your editor was accompanied by a diverse group of activists from the paramilitary wing of CAMRA and his number briefly included two aliens clad in silver and orange in Bill Grundy's on Ashbourne Road. You really had to be there.

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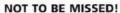
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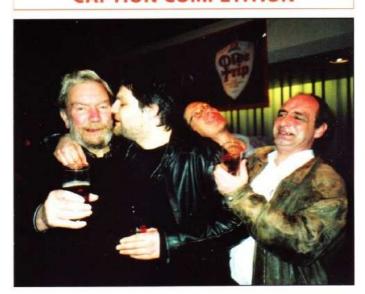
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CAPTION COMPETITION



Some very merry souls at the Derby Winter-Fest. Branch stalwart Reg Newcombe is embraced by Smithfield pint-puller Dan, enjoying a night off, whilst Joe Allsopp from Whim Ales gazes to the sky ably assisted by Chris from the Flowerpot. Entries from pubs close to the River Derwent not be subject to editorial censorship!