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FREE

29th Derby Beer Festival - Assembly Rooms 5th to 9th July

It's a really big festival this year because it's the 30th Anniversary of the twinning of Derby and Osnabrück and we've invited the Beer King-Ferdinand to come over and open the festival with the Derby Beer King and the Mayor.

Of course there will be an appropriate band-The Edelweiss Bavarian Oompah Band. So- "Prost" how could you miss our opening night with a distinctly German flavour? Derby was twinned with Osnabrück back in 1976 and the City Council hosted many twinning activities for the twin city dignitaries last February but they didn't manage a royal visit with two kings! We look forward to showing King Ferdinand

the delights of our city, pubs and breweries after he has opened the festival for us. The more extrovert festival drinkers could perhaps dust off those leather trousers and feathered hats for the special opening night.

Entertainment Manager Terry has put together another great entertainment package with something for everyone, ranging from the Oompah Band on Wednesday, jazz, rock, Organ music and Morris Dancers. Our two big tribute bands this year will appeal to both the boys and the girls (of whatever age).

Into The Bleach - the Blondie tribute play on Thursday evening, while Madonna Vogue will knock us out on Saturday.

What a line-up and we're not charging the earth to see them. We are grateful to Finesse Hotels for sponsoring the Oompah band and to

Everards Brewery for sponsoring all the Dar-

win Room bands. Coors and Marston's also sponsor some of our big acts in the Main Hall. Thanks to them all. Our 'good value' philosophy applies to many other aspects of the festival. We have held beer prices since 2001 and at Derby CAMRA members still get into every session free. Senior citizens are also free every lunchtime and under 26's free before 8.30 on Wednesday Eve. If you book in advance you also get further discounts. How can you afford not to come!

Word has reached us from our Beer Ordering Manager hidden away in darkest Derbyshire about a huge beer range for this year, a swathe of Northern beers from Lancaster, Northumberland, North Yorkshire and Wear Valley to name but a few. There are of course, around seventeen local breweries represented and six festival specials being brewed as well as a



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The Assembly Rooms are air conditioned so that however hot it gets you stay cool, and the beer stays in perfect condition. It really is too good to miss, so see you there.

Les Baynton- Festival Publicity



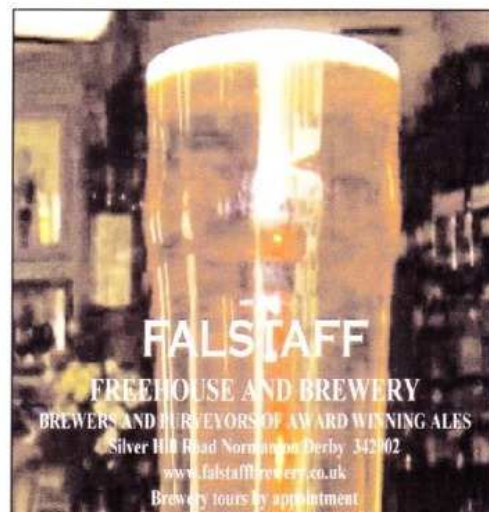
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Dr JOHNSON BACK IN ASHBOURNE

The best known inn-sign in the world since 1791, and probably the best known ever, is the sign of the Green Man & Black's Head in Ashbourne.

This is not just because it is a gallows sign hanging across the road between what used to be two pubs (Black or Blackamoor is a variant of Saracen and all these names hark back to the Crusades). Although rare nowadays, gallows signs were not so rare in centuries gone by, when hanging was not so rare, either.

The reason this particular sign survives and why it is famous is because it was illustrated in what became the most famous biography ever written: *The Life of Samuel Johnson* by his Scottish friend, James Boswell. The pair of them had acquaintances in Ashbourne whom they used to visit now and then, and while there they liked to take their ease - and a flagon or two - at the sign of the Green Man, which Boswell described as 'a very good inn' and the landlady as 'a mighty civil gentlewoman' (a compliment he would not have paid to every licensee since, as some of us well know!).

Boswell & Johnson are still well remembered around here and no fewer than three local breweries have honoured the Doctor with a special beer: Leatherbritches of Fenny Bentley, Whim of Hartington and Haywood of Callow Top, Ashbourne.

But the purpose here is not so much to tell you about the old sign as about the new beers that can now be sampled at this his-

toric hostelry. The owner has wisely left control of cellar and bar to his manager, Paul Gregory, whose enthusiasm for real ale is much in evidence on the bar. It is now furnished with more handpumps than ever before, and in the colourful display of pump-clips on the bar-back recounting past pleasures and announcing those to come.

The best buy on a recent visit was a very tasty 4% bitter from Leatherbritches commemorating the Green Man's most famous visitor, Dr Samuel Johnson (a pity, though, about the inappropriate quotation, which confuses Dr Johnson with that other great doctor, Davis Livingstone; but that does not detract one jot from this excellent local brew).

Also on the bar was Derventio's first brew from Trusley, another tasty bitter named Centurion (4.5%). And coming soon were two temptations that demand a little more discretion, the ever popular Dark Ruby (6%) from Sarah Hughes and a real IPA from Thornbridge Hall which will soon be no less popular, the appropriately named Jaipur (5.9%).

Not so very long ago Ashbourne was a pretty boring place to drink for the discriminating ale-drinker, with practically



nothing but Bass or Pedigree in every pub, neither of which is the great ale it once was in living memory. But now, what with the revitalized Green Man and the added attractions of Smith's Tavern and The Horns nearby and the George & Dragon on top of the Market, all of which offer changing guest ales as well as their usual fare, Ashbourne is the most attractive place to drink for miles around.

Don't wait until Shrovetide to pay your next visit to this historic town, which is also famous for its long association with the Shrovetide football game: go while you can get to the bar and back without spilling half your beer!

Reg Newcombe

CAMRA National Executive - Derby Branch Member Elected

The recent National CAMRA AGM saw Branch member, Julian Hough elected. This is the first time ever that a Derby Branch Member has achieved such a status. Julian has been the East Midlands Regional Director for the past few years and a long serving and fully committed CAMRA member since joining the campaign at the tender age of 19 in December 1978.

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Crossword

Apologies to any readers of DD 109 who were mystified with the crossword. Due to a mix-up the grid did not match the clues presented.

Some readers did attempt to solve it anyway (well done Ollie!) and it has certainly provided some ammunition in the Rowditch.

The crossword will return in DD111, hopefully with the grid problem ironed out!

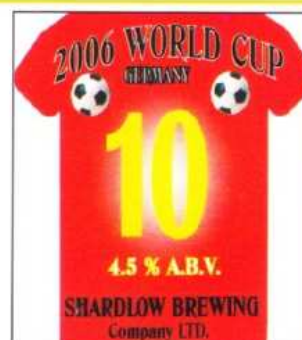
Microbrewery Corner

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



FALSTAFF

The brewery has joined forces with Shardlow and Wyre Piddle breweries to brew 24 ales based on England World Cup squad numbers (see sample pumpclip), to be distributed throughout the Wetherspoon pubs of the Midlands. The idea was Tom Taylor's of the Babington and it has kept Jim and co extremely busy!



DERVENTIO

The beer range is taking shape with alongside *Centurion*, *Aquilifer* is a 3.8% golden session bitter which gets its name from a Roman Standard bearer and *Caesar* is a 6% strong golden ale. This beer

will only be brewed a

couple of times a

year. Another

new brew

from the

Trusley

brewery is

Venus.

Howard Town

beers are being

brewed on the site

while they recover from their

recent fire.

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Trevor Harris has some new beers for the summer. Following a suggestion by Leon at the Tavern on Nottingham Road, *Summer Breeze* will be a 4.8% pale, whilst at 4.2 you can *Indulge 'A Little'*. *Precious* will be a 4.4% beer. It will be no surprise that Trevor is brewing a World Cup beer.

Engerland, Engerland, Engerland is brewed with finest Maris Otter barley from the country's oldest traditional floor maltings, Warminster maltings, together with selected whole English hops then brewed with pure English passion!

DANELAW

Orders are rolling in from beer festivals and pubs country wide. The lads have recently brewed another special for the Babington Arms called *Two Baboons* (a very

dark and dry bitter at 4%) and have recreated the *Tavern Ale* recipe from Dan Cramp (Derby CAMRA Chairman and Danelaw brewer) that won first prize in the Craft Brewers Association 10th Anniversary festival at the Brunswick Inn, a dark, hoppy best bitter of 5.5%. They plan to do more brews from CBA winners in the future. See elsewhere for details of their Derby Festival special.



Ripley return for Nigel as Nags gets cask ale lift



Nigel and Mo Eadie have returned to the Ripley pub scene and transformed a keg pub, the Nags Head on Butterley Hill, into a cask haven in four weeks.

Nigel, formerly at the George in the town, and prior to that the King William at Milford, immediately introduced four hand-pumps and the offerings since his arrival on May 1st include Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Hartington

IPA, Peak Ales Bakewell Bitter, Kelham Island Easy Rider and Isle of Skye beers. Always available is trad cider in the shape of the formidable Black Rat.

Things are going quite well and Nigel reckons he may soon have to install more pumps and he invites guest beer selections from his customers.

The Nags is now open all day every day and is well worth a trip up to Ripley for some fine ale.

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Thriving backwater at Aston

The quiet village of Aston-on-Trent, some six miles south-east of Derby contains two pubs, The White Hart and the Malt Shovel. The latter is probably the lesser-known, situated as it is, tucked away off the main street, but it is a decent place to visit to try some good cask ale.



Licensee since November 2004 is Alan Bloor (don't ask him about the Stoke City defender he's heard it far too often!) who has built up his real ale trade alongside a thriving food business in the inn.

Black Sheep and Landlord are always alongside Pedigree, with other guests from time to time and Alan has set up a cask ale appreciation society which invites brewers to come down to address the regulars at the pub

from time to time.

Ted McMinn is a regular here and following his testimonial game on 1 May he returned to the Malt with about 200 of his closest friends for a special fund raising event that went on for quite some time!

The pub was originally a farm but has been an inn for more than two centuries. Alan plans to hold a beer festival in late August, utilising the stable buildings in the car park and the decked area outside also at the rear.

OBITUARY - Eric Rodgers

Eric Rodgers, who died in May aged at least 82, was one of the unsung heroes of the branch, a terrific and untiring worker with phenomenal Derby Drinker rounds and a bright, chirpy attitude in his heyday at meetings.

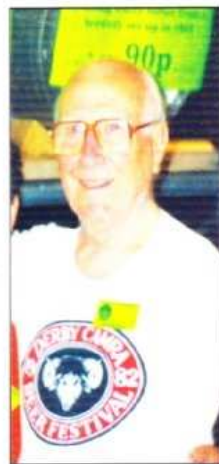
He put a lot of energy and effort into festivals, and had again in his heyday - hollow legs, and then some. But he never, as far as I'm aware, took any branch office. Eric was a familiar face working at festivals and he could be the life and soul of the festival party.

I first knew Eric (pictured above right at a Derby Beer Festival) some 40 years ago when he was head of the draughtsman's union, then AESD (later DATA and TASS) at International Combustion. He and I met then on the social side of that Union (I was at RR) and at the various Derby jazz clubs - his other passion. I was involved in running jazz clubs and both of us were crazy about the music, that and beer.

He was a trojan worker for Derby CAMRA, although he was known latterly for insisting that branch members (at meetings) be made aware of the minutiae of any changes to pubs in Aston-on-Trent or elsewhere on his extensive patch.

Invited to the 25th Beer Festival reception four years ago, he declined on the grounds that he wasn't up to it, which was a great shame, but Eric was a proud and fiercely independent individual who didn't want anyone to see him at less than his best.

Living in Aston as he declined he gave up driving and we saw little of him. His departure two years ago into a nursing home - he was getting very frail - left a gap that hasn't been filled.



John Arguile

The editor adds: My favourite memory of Eric is seeing him not in Aston but some 300 miles from home.

We were on holiday in St Ives, Cornwall in the late 1990s and had only just booked in at the B&B when who should come tottering along the front but Eric!

After initially mistaking me for the son of someone who worked at Combustion - his absent-mindedness was a trait - he told us he had been driving down there every year for 30 years, had his own glass in the Golden Lion and had just been to a branch meeting of the West Cornwall branch of CAMRA in the Blue Anchor at Helston.

He was extremely sad when he finally had to abandon the pilgrimage when the journey became too much for him and was a great character who is much missed.

Pip Southall

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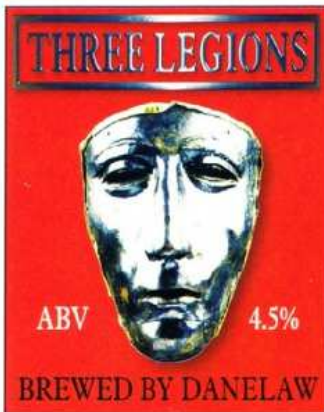
A beer festival is to take place which will showcase six local microbrewery beers.

The Lion Hotel in Belper will have ales from Leadmill, Funfair, Brunswick, Derby, Falstaff and John Thompson breweries in its Derbyshire Ales Beer Festival, which occurs from the weekend commencing Friday 1st July - a

perfect warm up to the Derby Beer Festival the following week.

The pub, which is owned by Derby festival sponsors Finesse Inns, has Derby Brewing Company ales available on a permanent basis seven days a week and they will be juggling many of their festival beers up from the cellar.

Festival Special Beers



This year the Derby Beer Festival plays host to Osnabruck and all of these specially commissioned beers have been named with that City in mind.

THREE LEGIONS (4.5%)

Just 10 miles north of Osnabruck in the dark and marshy Tentoburger Forest three Roman legions, the 16th, 17th and 18th, were waylaid by Germanic tribes and, in the three-day battle that ensued, completely annihilated - some 15,000 fully armed legionaries. Seeing his legions utterly destroyed their dishon-

oured general, Publius Quintilius Varus, did the decent thing and fell upon his own sword. The pump-clip shows an iron mask recovered from the bloody battlefield. A classic German-style wheat beer brewed by Danelaw, subtly spiced and with a satisfying finish.

WESTERN FRONT (4%)

Probably the most famous anti-

WESTERN FRONT - 4%

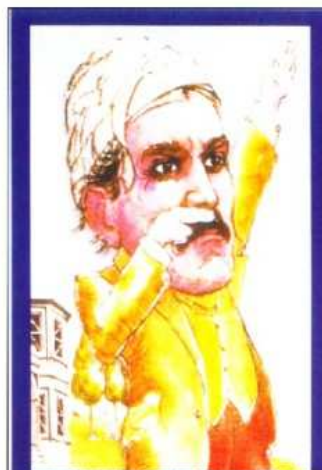
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war book ever written, made even more famous by the 1930 and 1980 film versions, is *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Osnabruck- i a n author Eric-Maria Remarque, of whom 'the City of Peace' is appropriately proud. A smooth pale-gold bitter with a fruity finish, brewed by Tollgate.

GAMBRINUS GOLD (5%)



Don't Mention the War!
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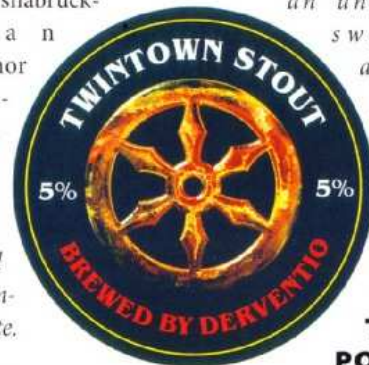
Gambrinus is an old European beer-king who has held sway in most beer-drinking countries over the years except Britain - we have John Barleycorn). Osnabruck's Ferdy III, who was the model for our own frothful majesty Les I, is only the latest of his many manifestations.

An appropriately golden kinglingy bitter brewed by Brunswick.

DON'T MENTION THE WAR! (6%)

In the TV comedy *Fawlty Towers* this was Basil's well-intentioned advice to his staff when entertaining old enemies.

A traditional IPA, strong and well-hopped but with an underlying sweetness and fruity after-taste.



TWIN-TOWN PORTER (5%)

A name applicable to both Osnabruck and Derby, marking the 30-years Twinning. Derby's other twintown is Toyota in Japan, while Osnabruck, the City of Peace, has another four: Haarlem in the Netherlands, Augers in France, Tver in Russia and Canakkale in Turkey.

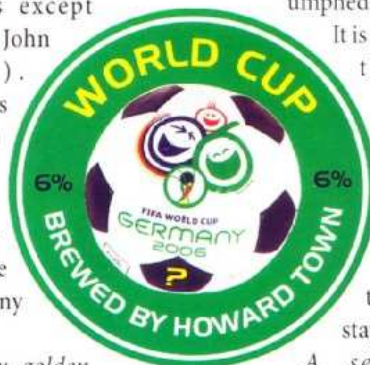
A dark, well-rounded porter with a fruity character leading to a mellow finish. Brewed by Derventio.

WORLD CUP (4.2%)

As everyone knows who takes the slightest interest in football, it is 40 years since England beat Germany 4-2 to win the World Cup. Since then England have not won again but Germany have triumphed twice more.

It is possible, with the right results, that they could meet again during this festival. Whatever the outcome, stay cool.

A session-style amber ale with lingering bitterness. Brewed by Howard Town.



DERBY CAMRA 2006 SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL - GROUP BOOKING

Must be made by Friday 23rd June (cheques) and Friday 30th July (cash)

Session	Full price (£)	Reductions	price (£)
Thursday 6th July Evening (6.30-11.00)	6.00	CAMRA members	2.00
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THE DARWIN SUITE BEER LIST



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BREWERY	BEERS	ABV	TASTING NOTES
B & T	BORN FREE	4.0%	Traditional golden English beer
BOTTLE BROOK	MIDNIGHT MASH	5.1%	Golden ale - a sweetness balanced with zingy fresh hop flavours
CROUCH VALE	BREWERS GOLD EXTRA	5.2%	Golden colour - sweet malt flavour, packed with fruity hoppy flavours
EVERARDS	BEACON BITTER	3.8%	Traditional session ale - fresh, clean taste & lingering bitter finish
EVERARDS	ORIGINAL	5.2%	The elite of cask ales. Full-bodied & fruity, with a delicate hoppiness.
EVERARDS	SUNCHASER	4.0%	A light, refreshing ale, pale gold, with a subtle, zesty, sweet flavour
EVERARDS	SVENGAL TIGER	4.1%	A light gold, soft, sweet beer with sharp fruit flavours
EVERARDS	TIGER BEST BITTER	4.2%	A true best bitter - clean, malty, hoppy flavour & a delightful aroma
FUNFAIR	GALLOPERS	3.8%	Extremely pale, not too bitter, slightly dry, refreshing summer ale
H B CLARKS	BURSTING NECTAR	4.5%	Straw colour - malt and hops, fruity and slightly spicy
HANBY ALES	SCORPIO PORTER	4.5%	Dark & complex, coffee & chocolate with a background hoppiness
MAULDEN	THREE LIONS	4.4%	Amber colour - good traditional dry English ale style
MIGHTY OAK	OH BUOY	4.4%	Golden summer ale - fruity and spicy
NETHERGATE	CROSS BORDER	4.1%	Tawny bitter, crisp, refreshing with nutty flavours
NEWBY WYKE	WHITE SQUALL	4.8%	Blonde in colour, hoppy and fruity
NORTHERN	ROONEY JUICE	4.0%	Very pale, not too bitter, quite dry, spicy
NORTHERN	SPIRIT OF '66	4.2%	Pale beer with a little bitterness and massive citrus fruit flavours
SKINNERS	FIGGYS BREW	4.5%	Copper, premium bitter - full of Cornish flavour
WHITE HORSE	VILLAGE IDIOT	4.1%	Golden beer, smooth & malty but with an explosion of hops

Beers from the following breweries will be available – the beer names are not known in time for the Derby Drinker press deadline. Further breweries will also appear, but are as yet unknown

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ACORN	BARNESLEY GOLD	4.3%	Golden ale - refreshing, nice bitter bite, lovely tangy aroma
BOWLAND	HUNTERS MOON	3.7%	Wonderful mix of chocolate & coffee flavours to immerse yourself in
BROWN COW	RATHAUS	4.5%	Very pale, bitter, sweet grapefruit, lemon and orange from the fantastic Columbus hop
BRUNSWICK	GAMBRINUS GOLD	5.0%	Pale golden - dry lingering flavour with good bitterness & citrus fruit overtones
BURTON BRIDGE	PUNK IN DRUBLIC	4.5%	Gold beer, clean, refreshing flavour with floral aromas
COPPER DRAGON	SCOTTS 1816	4.1%	Amber colour - aroma & flavour of malts, caramel, hops and pine needles
DANELAW	THREE LEGIONS	4.5%	German White Beer recipe - delicate orange spice taste, with a hint of apple
DERBY	OBERBURGERMEISTER	5.2%	Rich chestnut colour - traditional full bodied bitter classically hopped
DERVENTIO	TWINTOWN PORTER	5.0%	Dark, not too bitter, well rounded Porter with strong fruity character
FALSTAFF	FIST FULL OF HOPS	4.5%	Light amber colour - malty with hints of smooth chocolate. Hops are spicy and gentle
FUNFAIR	DON'T MENTION THE WAR	6.0%	Not too bitter - a sweetness that leads you into a very fruity body and lingering aftertaste
HADRIAN	FLOTSAM	4.0%	Lovely amber gold colour - crisp aroma, sweet flowers & fruit, nice bite
HAWKSHEAD	ULVERSTON PALE ALE	4.1%	Golden beer - nice, smooth, lightly peppered with a hint of citrus.
HIGH HOUSE	AULD HEMP	3.8%	Amber in colour - traditional fresh, malty session ale
HIGH HOUSE	MATFEN MAGIC	4.8%	Chestnut colour - crisp, slightly dry but malty - hints of blackberries & autumn
HILL ISLAND	HILL ISLAND	3.9%	Golden & fruity - initially sweet, surprising lingering bitterness
HOPBACK	ENTIRE STOUT	4.5%	Black, almost opaque. Roasted malt flavour with berries, grapes and coffee
HOPSTAR	SMOKEY JOES BLACK BEER	4.0%	Jet Black - mouthfuls of liquorice & chocolate, hints of plums & prunes
HOWARD TOWN	WORLD CUP	4.2%	A golden amber session style bitter, lots of citrus and fruit, with a lingering bitterness
JOHN THOMPSON	JTS	4.1%	Chestnut colour - full malty flavours, not too bitter, lovely berry / citrus aromas
LANCASTER	FLAMING NORA	4.1%	Chestnut colour - loads of malt and hop flavours - brewed to put fire in your belly
LANCASTER	LANCASTER BLONDE	4.1%	Pale blonde - crisp, easy drinking beer with a citrus & vanilla body
LEADMILL	GHOSTRIDER	5.4%	Copper coloured bitter with plenty of flavour, slightly sweet, with a nice bitter bite
LEATHERBITCHES	PEAK 515	5.0%	Copper colour - good bitterness complimented by deep malt flavours and fruity aromas
LITTON	DARK STAR	4.0%	Dark ruby colour - not too bitter, treacle & toffee aroma, though quite a dry, clean taste
LITTON	LEADING LIGHT	3.8%	Pale amber - smooth malty flavours, slight dryness, quite hoppy
MARSTONS	JENNINGS CUMBERLAND ALE	4.0%	Pale amber colour - quite fruity with sweet malt and light bitterness

Festival Entertainment

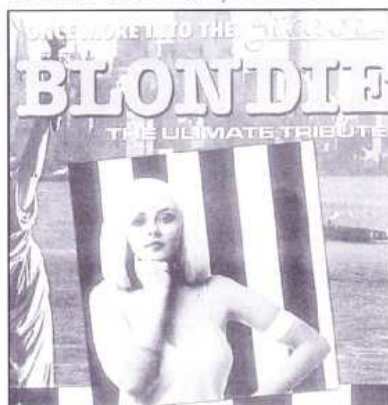
Wam Bam plus tribute bands to Blondie & Madonna. A roll back to '50s rock & oompah

The beer rolls in, the music plays on, writes Terry Morton (Entertainments Manager). We probably have more hours of music than any other CAMRA UK festival, this has grown as part of the Derby Beer Festival heritage. It is always a challenge to obtain a balance of music styles. We know we can't please everyone but here's the full line up.

Evening Sessions

Wednesday

Generously sponsored by Finesse Hotels EM Ltd, it was back in 1978 that an oompah band took the opening session of Derby's first beer festival by storm. Tonight the Edelweiss Bavarian Showband join in the



Osnabruck twinning celebrations to host an evening of fun, plenty of singing, swaying & thigh slapping (preferably your own). The sets will switch from German to English good old singalong stuff, be prepared to have a laugh and don't be afraid to get a little involved. As a complete contrast the Ripley Morrismen will give two sessions of Cotswold dances. The term Morris an innovation from the Latin Mos Moris meaning custom.

World Cup Live

The second semi-final will be screened in the Darwin Bar from 7pm - England v Germany perhaps!!!! All Darwin entertainment is sponsored by Everards.

Thursday

Pugma-Ho are a Derby-based prog rock band of considerable experience gained from many years on the road. They reformed 2 years ago with new vocalist Steve Curzons. Stand by for 40 minutes of classics by the likes of



Jet, Rory Gallagher, Canned Heat and Wishbone Ash.

Into the Bleach are the official Blondie UK tribute. Since their last visit the band have delighted audiences from Cork to Moscow. Samantha C, who performs Debbie Harry, has worked hard to perfect moves and inflections to a fine art, her early vocal training certainly paid off. The five-piece keep faithful to the Blondie tradition of keeping the music live. Denis, Heart of Glass, Hanging on the Telephone plus many other punk/pop classics.

The Darwin offers a music free alternative with tables, chairs and bar. Enjoy the quiet while you can.

Friday

Blues band ZZ Birmingham start

the music tonight featuring the Hoochi Coochi Man Arthur Billington on vocals and various harmonicas.

Top of the bill is the Wam Bam Band, raring to go. The line up is - centre stage the awesome Johnny Rowlett on lead vocals, stage right are the fabulous Rubetts (the sweetest, sexiest female backing quartet this side of Wirksworth), stage left the mighty Rhinohorns (the mightiest storming horn section this side of the pond - Carsington Water) together with the fearsome foursome rhythm section that makes this band one of the biggest and best around playing classic 60s R&B, soul plus surprises from the 70s, 80s, 90s always a favourite at the Reading festival. If you like the Blues Bros & the Commitments get ready to party.

In the Darwin classic rockers Gatecrasher by invitation (hopefully no family crisis which saw them pull out last year). A five-piece where those duel guitars shine. Expect stuff from

Free, AC/DC, Deep Purple, Sabbath, Zeppelin etc, it doesn't come much better than this.

Saturday

TR & the Rockets get under way with more 50s rock & roll, Jump Jive, Shake Rattle and Roll, Live it up plus many others.

Top of the Bill for our last evening is dedicated to the queen of pop, Madonna Vogue. Elly Jarman who takes the part of Madonna has around her an exciting band and dynamic dancers and backing vocals.



The show is fast moving with costume changes moving through the various stages over the years of Madonna's hits. The band are always in demand have played all over the world and performed before Princes William and Harry and the Sultan of Oman. Be ready to join in with the vocals, dancers to the front please.

Meanwhile in the Darwin Treebeard, acoustic rock at its best. It has to be the best night in town.

Lively Lunchtime Sessions

Thursday

Its Martin Atterbury at the theatre organ playing songs from the shows, plenty of old time stuff, get your voice box oiled to join the patriotic finale.

Friday

The return of the Bill Bailey Jazz Band. The five members have experience in many genres of music and offer jazz styles from cocktail to dixie, the main focus always being trad, good foot tapping stuff.

Saturday

Now things really do take off, special guests Pete Smith & John Buckley (schoolmate of the DD editor). The internationally acclaimed contemporary finger style guitarists start off the afternoon, for more info www.petesmithjohnbuckley.co.uk The its TR & the Rockets with the 50s Les paul sound.

The Darwin enjoys its only musical lunchtime with firm favourites Treebeard.

Sunday

Three Wheel Drive plus guests with the closing session of rock & blues. Wind it down with Skipjack Jeff and Dave Loyd Bones.

Lunchtime Magic for the kids

Sat & Sun Clivo the Magician will be up to his tricks with assistant Auntie Jean in the foyer. Hang on to your wallets dads. As ever, a tip to DD readers: Thursday and Friday lunchtimes and Wednesday evening are less crowded with more room to move about. On Friday and Saturday evenings be sure to come early.

Have a good festival

Dates, Times & Prices

Wed 5th	Closed		6.30-11	£3
Thu 6th	11.30-3	Free	6.30-11	£5*
Fri 7th	11.30-3	£1	5-6.30	£1
			6.30-11	£6*
Sat 8th	11.30-4	£2	6.30-11	£6*
Sun 9th	12.00-3	Free	Closed	

Admission is FREE at all times to CAMRA and EBCU Members, and to Senior Citizens every Lunchtime. Admission is also FREE to anyone under 26 on Wednesday evening before 8.30.

PUB NEWS

On Sunday, 11th June at 8pm the Erewash Valley Club of the Year presentation will be made to Peter Martin of the Coronation Club, Derby Road, Heanor. Peter, a real character, has held the freehold for the past fifteen years. The Coronation is a building of some antiquity which has enjoyed various usages during its history, including use as a slaughter house and a National Assistance (benefits) office before assuming its present title during the Queen's accession year in 1953. Well kept beer from a craft brewer will be available and Peter extends a warm invitation to everyone.

Paul Gibson

BRANCH MEETINGS

830pm, Wednesday, 7th June. Eclipse, High Street, Loscoe.

830pm, Wednesday, 5th July. Observatory, Market Place, Ilkeston.

Contact Paul Gibson on 01773 533637 or visit www.erewash-camra.org

The former Greyhound public house, aka Canal Turn, Findern, has reopened after a lengthy refurbishment as the Nadee Indian speciality restaurant, café bar/restaurant **The Mitre** at Allenton has reopened under a short term lease. Good range of guest beers on stream at the **Roebuck**, Melbourne with the likes of Full Mash and Jarrow breweries featuring lately. Also in the same town new licensees have taken on the **Lamb**, Shane and Emma and Tollgate beers have been on at the **Melbourne Hotel**. Great news at the **Victoria** on Midland Place where the threat of demolition has been lifted saving the fantastic live venue. The work on the family room at the **John Thompson** at Ingleby has been completed. Steve at the **Royal Oak**, Ockbrook had 10 milds on in May. Maybe next year he can get in on the Trail!

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At Erewash Valley's recent Special General Meeting, Maria Gibson was elected Chairman, succeeding John Parkes whose enterprise and endeavour served the branch so well during

the past four years. Maria said "John will be a hard act to follow but we are looking forward to successful campaigning during this, our tenth anniversary year. We have brought forward our beer festival at the Friesland Sports Centre, Sandiacre, to the 1st and 2nd September in the hope that the lighter evenings and clement weather will attract a wider audience."

The tenth anniversary celebratory walkabout in Ilkeston was well patronised with numbers swelling to thirty by the end of a day which had started at the branch's birthplace, the Dewdrop (pictured) and finished at the current Pub of the Year, the Needlemakers.



Everards Sponsoring Festival

Everards Brewery is known throughout the Midlands and beyond for its high quality award winning ales. With over 150 years of brewing experience, Everards produce a range of core ales complimented by seasonal and event beers.

Session ale Beacon Bitter (3.8% ABV), Flagship Tiger Best Bitter (4.2% ABV) and gold medal winning Premium ale Original (5.2% ABV) have been joined recently by Sunchaser Blonde (4.0% ABV) to increase the Everards core ale family to four.

Sunchaser Blonde is a light, refreshing ale brewed with lager malt and hops. The ale is pale

gold in colour and has a subtle, zesty, sweet flavour which appeals to new and seasoned cask ale drinkers alike.

The brewery has also introduced Svengal Tiger (4.5% ABV) in celebration of the World Cup. A soft, sweet beer with sharp fruit flavours, Anglo Saxon and European hops join forces to make a winning team.

Everards Brewery are proud to support the Derby CAMRA Beer Festival and all of the above ales are available in the Darwin Suite.

Editor fined in remote peak pub!

On a recent overnight jaunt to historic Peak District pub the Three Stags Head at Wardlow Mires the editor of *Derby Drinker* was enjoying a quiet pint of Abbeydale Absolution when he received a mobile phone call. All the locals cheered and pointed at him until the foreboding landlord walked up to him. Handing him a jar he said "This is for your fine, a fiver should do it!"

Technology is not welcome in this classic gem. Thanks for the call Jim!

The Furnace Inn Duke Street, Derby



Kimberley Mild, Bitter, Olde Trip, Seasonal guests

Dolphin Beer Festival dates

The annual and highly successful beer festival at the Olde Dolphin on Queen Street, Derby takes place from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd July.

Coming as it does hard on the heels of Derby CAMRA Beer Festival two weeks earlier, it has become one of the must-attend events in the city beer calendar as drinkers cram into the pub and spill out on to its patio.

Jim has around 70 real ales this year and as usual there will be live entertainment in the evenings.

Marston's bringing a friend to this year's festival



We are proud to continue our support of the 30th Derby CAMRA summer festival and this year we'll bringing a friend from the Lakes. We'll be making Jennings Cumberland Ale available for the first time at the festival to ensure all drinkers can sample a genuine taste of the Lake District.

Visitors to the festival will also be among the first to try our new seasonal beer, Marston's Pure Blonde.



Derby CAMRA were well represented on the City trip to Osnabruck festival in May. Here we see Les Baynton, for once out of King costume, presenting the Oberbürgermeister-Herr Fip with a 2006 Derby Beer Festival tee-shirt. Two senior branch members also model the shirts

DERBY BEER FESTIVAL CIDER AND PERRY LIST

Darwin Suite (Champions Bar)

Ciders

Denning's Dry	Somerset	National Bronze 2006
Dunkerton's Medium	Herefordshire	National Bronze 2004
Gwatkin's Yarlinton Mill	Herefordshire	National Gold 2002
Gwynt y Ddraig	Glamorgan	National Gold 2004
Harechurch Medium	Gloucestershire	National Silver 2006
Heck's Kingston Black	Somerset	National Gold 2006

Perries

Gwatkin's Blakeney Red	Herefordshire	W. Midlands Gold 2004
Ross on Wye Cider Company	Herefordshire	National Silver 2006
Mr Whitehead's	Hampshire	National Bronze 2006

Main Hall

Ciders

Cornish Orchard's Sweet	Cornwall	Clear cider
Crone's Special Reserve	Norfolk	Medium, clear organic
Double Vision	Kent	Medium, pale cider
Hunt's Farmhouse	Devon	Medium dry, hazy
Newton Court	Herefordshire	Medium sweet hazy
Rich's Legbender	Somerset	Sweet hazy cider
Upton Sweet	Oxfordshire	Clear cider
Westcroft's Janet's Jungle Juice	Somerset	Medium farmhouse
Wilkins Farmhouse	Somerset	Medium dry, hazy

Perries

Dunkerton's	Herefordshire	Medium sweet, clear
Gwynt y Ddraig	Glamorgan	Sweet clear perry
Hartland's Sweet	Gloucestershire	Slightly hazy perry

New T-Shirts for 2006 Festival

Be the FIRST to see and buy the new range of products for the July Beer Festival at the Assembly Rooms. The NEW range for this year will be on sale at the May and June Branch Meetings, and will include T Shirts, Polo's, Drinking Games, Membership Card Holders, Paper weights, plus lots more. Don't miss the May and June Meetings. Cash, cheques and last year's Beer Tokens accepted (£1 cash value).

Beer festival at Milton

The Swan at Milton, near Repton, stages its annual festival on 18th-19th-20th August. Around 10-12 beers will be on offer, the pub opens 12 till late with Saturday outdoor entertainment from local bands.

Small Talk

A night in the pub recently produced some fierce debate. My old mate Clive Winfield put a question to me: What is currently the smallest pub in Derby?

Older readers may remember that the Lifeboat on Wilson Street used to boast the title as it seated only 14 people. That pub closed in 1980 and was demolished some years later.

Clive had been asked the poser by Adam, licensee of the Junction Tavern, who wondered if he may run the smallest pub now.

Suggestions bounced around, from the Fleet Tavern, Lord Napier, the York Tavern and many more. A good case was made for the Lord Nelson (Aqua at the moment) but no definitive answer arose. Over to you readers. Lets have some nominations!

Cider with Suzie

The Derby festival cider bar is going to be more interesting and exciting than ever this year, with a greater range of ciders and perries on sale. As usual it will be split between the main hall and the Darwin Suite, but the two bars will have different themes. The Darwin Suite will feature a champion's bar, with a range of the 2006 national award winners, supplemented by selected past winners.

The current champion cider, Heck's Kingston Black will be available. It is a single apple variety from Somerset, a deep brown, full flavoured cider with overtones of port wine. Also available is the 2004 champion cider, Dragon's Breath from Gwynt y Ddraig. Cider making in South Wales has enjoyed a renaissance in recent years, and this fruity, medium sweet, highly quaffable cider is a fine example.

In the main hall we will have a selection of easy to drink popular ciders and perries. They range from medium to very sweet and include Rich's Legbender, a

traditional sweet cider from the Somerset levels, Westcroft's Janet's Jungle Juice, a fruity medium cider from the same area, and Double Vision, a very pale clear cider from Kent.

A word about perries. (For those not in the know, perries are made from special varieties of pears, by exactly the same process as

cider is made from apples.) Perry has become a very rare drink, rarely found outside beer festivals. (An honourable exception to this is the Old Poets at Ashover, Chesterfield Branch pub of the year.) There will be six perries available including Gwatkin's Blakeney Red, a single variety fruity drink, packed with flavour, and Hartland's sweet perry, soft, well rounded and very drinkable.

If you enjoy the selection at Derby, why not visit Worcester festival, held at Worcester racecourse in August. This has one of the most extensive cider bars in the country and will also feature the West Midlands Cider and Perry judging.



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Extended beer range at Mr Grundy's

Mr Grundy's pub on Ashbourne Road has extended its range of real ales quite dramatically of late. They now feature up to eight cask beers, including a Derby Brewing Company beer alongside Olde Trip, Speckled Hen, Directors and others.

They are looking to bring other guest beers to the bar and are open to sugges-

tions. Its sister pub, the Bank House in Uttoxeter, has recently won an award from the Potteries branch of CAMRA.

The pub, which has a thriving food trade, is an eclectic mix with its gallery of old film icons adorning the wall and the red phone box in situ. The large beer garden, one of the biggest in the city, is a great place to down a pint or two in the summer.

Finesse Hotels Festival sponsors

For the second year running Finesse Hotels are supporting the Summer Camra Beer Festival. The sponsorship by Finesse Hotels of The Eidelweiss Bavarian Oompah Band has been warmly welcomed by the organising committee.

James Blick, Managing Director of Finesse Hotels told the Derby Drinker: "We are delighted to be part of this year's Festival, and recognise the importance of 30 years of twinning between Derby and Osnabruck. Finesse

Hotels are very happy to be sponsoring the opening evenings entertainment, and hope that everyone attending has a very enjoyable time.

Finesse Hotels comprises of the Lace Market Hotel (Nottingham), the Donington Manor Hotel (Castle Donington), and the Lion Hotel (Belper), whose forthcoming beer festival is highlighted in these pages.

Beer and jazz at Mappleton pub

There is to be a Jazz and Beer festival at the Okeover Arms, Mappleton, near Dovedale. The event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August, 2006. It features two traditional live jazz bands, a pig roast and 20 real ales all from local breweries.

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Whatstandwell Festival 2006

This year's Whatstandwell Festival will take place on the Saturday 8th July at Hankin Farm, New Road. The festival is free entry with souvenir glasses priced at £2.50. The fun starts at 6pm and goes on until 11pm. There will be top music from four local bands plus Crich Carr Harmony Group. Starving groups will be Lazy Sunday, a classic rock tribute band, The Mothers, a punk celebration of motherhood, The Raven Kings, a blues rock band and Nigel Corbett and friends with some fantastic folk fiddle.

There will be a licensed bar serving a selection of traditional ales brewed locally, farmhouse cider, lager, good quality wines, snacks

and soft drinks. Outside, there will be children's games and activities in the large fenced field and the barbecue will be fired up to feed the hungry.

For those who don't want to drive home, camping is available on the farm campsite, which is payable direct to the farm. Caravans, camper vans or tents can be accommodated, and the view of Whatstandwell is stunning.

Whatstandwell Social Club Chairman, Mark Haslam says "Whatstandwell Festival is a great opportunity to get together in a relaxed setting, sample local beers, and listen to live music and because we have a weather proof barn we don't have to worry about the weather."



No Moss gathering in Ripley

The Moss Cottage Hotel in Ripley is another pub in that area on the up.

Andrew Brett of the Stables Bar is also running the cellar at the Moss and, among other beers, they have featured Leadmill B52, Milestone Olde Home Wrecker, Bottle Brook Deep Well Bitter,

Church End Old Pal, Thornbridge Jaipur IPA, Howard Town Alport Castles and Leadmill Ghost Rider to name but a few!!

The Moss is a good place for food also and there are also 14 well-appointed en-suite rooms available.

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Crafty Stuff at Brunswick

I had the opportunity to broaden my beer-tasting experience recently when I was invited to the **10th Anniversary Craft Brewing Festival** conveniently held at The Brunswick in April. The CBA was started ten years ago by James McCrorie who wrote an article for *What's Brewing* inviting home brewers to contact him. Now, with brewers from all over



the country exhibiting their creations it has grown into a serious and skillful group. James himself was there and proved fascinating company.

The top function room of The Brunswick was filled with a huge array of bottles competing in five categories ranging from Bitter-Under 1045 through to Pale Specials such as Deeping Numbskull at 1075 and Old Rudolph Barley Wine at 1085. In front of all the entries a large jug was kept replenished so that the beer could be sampled, and judges comments from the morning's judging were written on one of the bottles.

Brewers and visitors had a fine afternoon's tasting and I have to admit to several tastings of my favourites. Some of the best brews were impressive and comparable with commercial products and excitement mounted as

the awards were announced at the end of the afternoon. I was delighted to see some familiar names in the programme such as David and Ralf Edge, Mick Yallop, and Les Williams. Les has been 'hiding her light under a barrel' I feel as she became Overall Champion Brewster last year with her 1060 Belgian Wheat Beer. She featured again in the awards as did Mick Yallop. I was mightily impressed by Ralf and David's DP2 and DP1 Pale ales although they were not placed this year. Our picture shows Les pouring out her dark delight, watched by son Jamie among others.

The Overall Winner this year was Alan Quirk from Loughborough with his Willies Wheat Beer whose reward was the great prize of brewing his own recipe at Roosters.

I savoured a few more of my favourite brews as many of the craft brewers joined Graham Yates for a tour of the Brunswick Brewery. I vowed to get to the Craft Brewing Festival again next year with some CAMRA members who have not been before.

The CBA is quite rightly gaining a higher profile now and indeed was featured in the Roger Protz column in last month's *What's Brewing*. Thank you to all those involved in the festival for a pleasant and informative afternoon. If you haven't been to a CBA event do go along to one, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Les Baynton- BGBW

Beer Fest at Ashbourne pub

Featured elsewhere in *Derby Drinker*, the Green Man and Black's Head festival, aka the 3rd Ashbourne Beer Festival, will be on the August Bank Holiday weekend Friday to Sunday 25-27th. August. 25 Beers, free entry, ten bands over the course of the festival. For further information 01335 345783

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It will be featuring up to 35 Guest Beers over the weekend, with some served from a separate stillage opposite the bar by gravity, plus Traditional Cider and Perry. It is hoped that a couple of the beers will be festival specials. All beer styles will be catered for with milds, porters, stouts and bitters.

Opening hours will be the same as for a normal Bank Holiday weekend at The Stables:- Thurs-

day 7:30pm to 11:00pm, Friday 5:00pm to 11:00pm, Saturday 12:00pm to 11:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm to 10:30pm, Monday 12:00pm to 10:30pm. Food (Filled Rolls, Pork Pies etc) will also be available, plus soft drinks for drivers. So if you fancy a few pints in the sticks with the RuRAD gang get up to Park Hall in August.

You can now drink at the Stables more often as the opening hours have increased to bring in Thursday evenings from 7:30pm.

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