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this year sees a Scottish Beer theme, and a new real ale trail involving some of Derby's best pubs (see map inside).

A special deal for this year sees free entry to under-30s with ID before 8.30 every night, with the customary free entry at Derby Festival at all times for card-carrying CAMRA and EBCU members and free lunchtime entry for Senior Citizens. As ever there will be great entertainment.

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So raise a glass to the latest Thirtysomething in town - more details inside.

Flowerpot scoops Branch Pub of the Year at last

The Derby CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year overall winner this year is the Flowerpot, King Street, Derby. Surprisingly this is the first time this popular Real Ale Mecca has received the commendation.

Sylvia Manners, of the Headless Brewing Company which runs the Flowerpot, is pictured (right), proudly clutching the certificate at the recent presentation in the cellar bar at the pub.

The pub goes on to the Regional Competition stage and the full story is recounted elsewhere inside DD.



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Sad news in May came through that Anthony Mellor died aged 28 in hospital from complications and injuries sustained in a fall from a building in London last October.

Many real ale drinkers in Derby will know Ant from his time in the pub trade. He began as an underage glass collector at the Flowerpot, proceeding to barwork there and positions at the Brunswick and Friargate. He was once the city's youngest licensee.

Popular, genial and a thoroughly nice lad he will

be greatly missed and condolences go out to partner



Andrea and Anthony's family and friends.

Our picture shows Anthony (right) enjoying himself at his 21st birthday party with his good pal Dan, barman at the Smithfield.

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No Smoke Within Pubs

July 1st will see the introduction of the national smoking ban in England which will affect all pubs and clubs. If you don't smoke be sure to go to the pub on that day and celebrate!

For non-smokers this is a tremendous opportunity to get back into pubs and enjoy a smoke-free atmosphere. In the old days when pubs had many rooms there was often a non-smoking room, but those have tended to disappear as operators have insisted on opening out the pubs into single-room bars. For it to be legal to smoke, more than 50% of the area must be open to the elements. The voluntary code that has been in place had not convinced the government that enough was being done to provide a safe working environment for staff. Only 33% of the population now smokes but many landlords will tell you that their smokers form nearly 100% of the clientele.

The worst affected pubs will be those which have no room to provide a purpose-built smoking area. For the last two years brewers and pubcos have been busy providing shelters where possible and many pubs

which can not provide a smoking area or build up their food trade have already been sold off. As a consequence of this Admiral Taverns, having bought tranches of pubs from Punch, Enterprise Inns, Greene King and other breweries, is for the time being the third largest pub operator in the country. What will happen to those pubs remains to be seen but Admiral have a reputation as "the best pub closers in the business" and will show no mercy to pubs that fail too perform. If your local has changed hands that way be sure to use it, or else. The overall picture as reported from Scotland is not so bad. Reports that pubs are 11% down on beer trade and 3% down on food trade have been dismissed by the Scottish Executive as an exaggeration based on inadequate data.

One prediction is that smokers will use the break between pubs to have a smoke, increasing the popularity of pub crawling. Another response has come from local Good Beer Guide listed pub, The Black Horse at Hulland Ward. Michael Edwin is encouraging smokers to visit a hypnotist at the pub, to help them give up smoking. J.T

Real Ale spreading at the Chestnut Tree

Real ale has returned to the Chestnut Tree in the Peartree area of Normanston. Stuart and Sarah Lee have they have been there for six years and have been messed around unmercifully by the breweries for most of that time, but Stuart has been persuaded by Jim Hallows of the Falstaff to take their beer plus another (Deuchars IPA).

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PUB NEWS

Mehngaram Sund at the **Walbrook Inn** is a huge believer that a pub should have Real Ale. He has had juggled Old Empire on along with Pedigree. News from Heage - the **White Hart** is now run by Steve Waterfield following departure of Malcom's widow last month. Steve intends to run one local beer alongside the usual 3 cask ales. Pub also being refurbished. The **Black Boy** is in new hands, and there has been a change in Belper where Luke (assistant Manager/cellarman) has moved from the **George & Dragon** to the **Rifleman's** along the road. Beer, jazz & folk festival at **Okeover Arms**, Mapleton 3/4/5 August, at least one of the Dubliners confirmed. The **Old Silk Mill** continues its state of flux. Phil & Michelle have taken their real ale and biker-friendly approach to the **Navigation**, Wilmorton, where Hop Back Summer Lightning is one of five cask ales. The second replacements are currently installed at the Mill. Thornbridge beers are selling well at the **Black Swan** in Belper.

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Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year awards for Pot and Bush



The Derby CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year Award this year goes to the Flowerpot in Derby. The pub, on the corner of King and Chapel Streets is famous countrywide for its huge range of Real Ales and it is fair to say that it is surprising that the Pot, Good Beer Guide-listed since 1995, has not won this accolade previously.

This Spring saw the Potfest, which celebrated the 5,000 beers served in the pub in the 13 and a half years since its recreation by the Headless Pub Co. John Evans and Lol Stevenson worked tremendously to create a drinkers paradise from what was essentially a town street corner boozer.

There is around a dozen ales available each day in the Pot, this number rising to over 20 at weekends. Breweries such as Whim, Oakham,

informed barstaff changes very little over time and this continuity doubtlessly contributes to an enjoyable local pub and fittingly a local in town to visit.

Another key dimension within the Flowerpot's gift to the city is its thriving music scene. It extended into an adjacent building to create a new venue for bands and musicians. From its roots and folk base there have been all styles of bands here and gig-goers can be seen filtering in and out of the main pub area to check out the beer menu!

The cellar bar, betwixt the

Durham and many other micros are regularly showcased here. The atmosphere on a Friday and Saturday evening, when the pub heaves with real ale drinkers from far and near, is something to behold.

Alastair Moffat, a key part of the Pot team stressed to DD that "The whole staff of the Flowerpot deserve great credit for the recognition," and indeed the friendly and well-

venue and the main bar is a delight with its glass wall revealing rows of stillaged casks. The jukebox in this area is highly individual and popular without general intrusion.

To go with all this, of course, the Flowerpot Brewery is coming along nicely and its launch is expected later this year with a 4.5% golden ale initially.

Staff pictured with the certificate are Back Row from left - Tim Mahy (hidden), Alastair Moffat, John-Paul Chapman, Paul Vermeulin. Front Row from left - John Evans, Sylvia Manners, Emma Newcombe (no relation to Reg!!!), Becky Edwards, Chris Manning, Jo James.



The Branch Award for the Country Pub of the Year goes to a time-honoured favourite watering hole for the lover of a good pint and a great traditional pub atmosphere, the Holly Bush Inn at Makeney.

Time has moved at a gentle pace in Makeney and certainly at the Grade-II listed Holly Bush. Set just off the old Derby-Manchester turnpike, on a lane named after the inn. It would be difficult to dislike this stone-built pub, with its real fires, charming snug, eclectic family room and traditional front bar. Jugged ales and a wide choice of guest beers, many from local micro-breweries, plus traditional cider, all comple-

ment the outstanding rural atmosphere of a pub that lies but six miles from Derby City Centre. Licensee is Andrew Caulton, and he is very pleased that the Holly Bush has been recognised. The pub's recent beer festival was a pointer to its popularity. All the beers were sold out by the Saturday night, which is usual at the annual event, which has been running since 1995.

The Holly Bush attracts walkers from the Chevin, cyclists, dog-owners and refugees from modern life in abundance. New visitors soon become new converts. A seat in the wonderful snug is difficult to obtain but the other rooms in the old inn are equally characterful.

Proper, home-made food is another attraction as well as the cheese and biscuit selection available at

the bar with the pickled eggs and other such oddments.

All in all a most worthy winner of the award and pictured, below, are Andrew and Gail on the occasion of its presentation on 2nd May.



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Cider with Suzie

As we approach the Derby Summer Festival, we'll give you a pre-view of some of the excellent ciders and perries we hope to have on sale. As usual the main cider bar will be in the Great Hall, but don't overlook the Darwin Suite. Here there will be a range of about nine ciders/perries, all different from those in the Great Hall.

CAMRA's national cider and perry judging has just taken place at Reading Beer and Cider Festival. From around 140 entrants the winning cider was Westcroft's **Janet's Jungle Juice**, from Brent Knoll, Somerset and the winning perry was Hartlands Medium from Tirley, Gloucestershire. Both will be available at Derby.

The main cider making areas of the country are the West Country and the West Midlands south of Birmingham. Most of the ciders/perries will be from these areas; from Cornwall we have Cornish Orchards, a clear, medium dry fruity cider. From Devon we have the ever popular Wiscombe Suicider, fermented in a rum cask. From Somerset we have Wilkins Medium Sweet, a traditional Farmhouse Scrumpy.

Other areas of the country have

not been ignored. Cider making in Wales is going from strength to strength and we will have Ralph's cider from Old Badlands Farm, New Radnor. From Kent there will be Double Vision a pale, hazy, medium sweet cider. Just to prove that cider can be made in the Derby area, we will have our very own Three Cats cider, a pale, medium dry Eastern

Counties style cider made from local apples.

One rule of cider bar planning is that however much perry you get it is never enough! We are therefore ordering more perry than ever this year. Perries are generally made in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, although there are some excellent examples in Wales and Somerset. We will have the top three perries as judged at Reading. These are Hartlands Medium (mentioned above), Newton Court Medium from Leominster, Herefordshire and Gwatkins Malvern Hills from Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, in the Golden Valley near the Welsh border.

A full listing of the ciders and perries will appear in the Beer Festival programme



Derby Drinker Publication Schedule 2007/8

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ILKESTON FESTIVAL ALED A HUGE SUCCESS

CAMRA's first beer festival in the Regency Rooms of Ilkeston's Co-op has been declared a resounding success by organiser, John Parkes. He said: 'This was the third festival Erewash has staged in 18 months and it placed a strain on our human and financial resources. However, the branch membership ably assisted by our friends from Nottingham & Derby, responded magnificently.

'Unsurprisingly, first beer to sell out was the excellent ER from the fledgling Nutbrook brewery and it was gratifying to see all of our beer sold by closing time Saturday evening. It was also pleasing to receive positive feedback from attendees, some of whom had come from as far as Kent and Essex, who enjoyed the ambience of our new venue. We have already booked the King Edward IV Suite for 9-10th May 2008.'

NEEDLEMAKERS TRIUMPHS AGAIN

The Needlemakers Arms on Kensington Street, Ilkeston has been voted Pub of the Year for the second time running by Erewash CAMRA. Good beer from independent breweries, traditional pub games and a warm welcome from mine hosts Charles & Chris Houghton have made the

Needlemakers the quintessential community pub. In a keenly-fought contest, the Poacher on Ilkeston's South Street was runner-up, courtesy of a tasteful refurbishment that retained its three-room layout. The Conservative Club, Church Street, Heanor is the Erewash CAMRA Club of the Year. The Mundy Lounge is an oasis of calm in a bustling town centre and stewardess, Gayle George Sheffield, ensures that locally-brewed Leadmill beer is always presented in tip-top condition.

Paul Gibson

EVENTS

8.30pm Wed 6th June: Branch Meeting Stanhope, Stanton-by-Dale Guest speaker Dean Richards of Nutbrook Brewery.

8pm Mon 18th June: Beer Festival debriefing meeting, Spanish Bar, Ilkeston

9pm Thurs 21st June: Club of the Year presentation Conservative Club, Church St, Heanor

2pm Sun 1st July: No Smoking day crawl meet Little Acorn, Awwsworth Rd, Ilkeston for Alcazar beer then moving on to Ilkeston pubs

8.30pm Wed 4th July: Branch Meeting Sir John Warren, Heanor Rd, Loscoe

8pm Wed 18th July: Committee Meeting Dewdrop, Ilkeston

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TEN GOOD REASONS TO COME TO THE 30th DERBY SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL - JULY 11th to 15th



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Our **BEER QUALITY** is always exceptionally good, our cellarman look after it with love and skill. We pay extra hall hire costs to let the beer condition properly. This has helped us to become the first beer festival in the country to receive a Cask Marque award for our beer. We also have an exciting range of continental beers and ciders.

Our **BEER RANGE** is also wide, with around 19 local Brewers featured as well as new special brews for the festival from Amber Ales, Ashover, Peak and Spire breweries. There will also be a wonderful range

of Scottish real ales hunted down by our Beer Manager Graham. He has assembled a fascinating beer list including breweries such as: Bridge of Allen, Fyfe, Highland, Isle Of Skye, Strathaven, Orkney, Kelburn and many others. The names of their brews are enough to stimulate the taste buds already...Nessies, Monster Mash, Ptarmigan, Black Cuillin Young

Pretender, and Red Smiddy to name but a few. Rumour has it that 'The Young Pretender' himself may be coming down for the festival to sample his own beer. Two beers from the Brewdog Brewery in Fraserborough will hopefully be there to provide a Derbyshire interest as this was set up by Martin Dickie ex Thornbridge. That's enough tantalising for the moment!

Our **ENTERTAINMENT** is again something to look forward to and our Entertainment Manager-Terry writes about this in more detail in this issue. What you pay is about half the cost of seeing these groups at other local venues, even better it is free for CAMRA members. The tribute bands -ELO, Jethro Tull, and

Queen were all chosen as they were in their heyday thirty years ago, like many of us! Saturday night is Party Night with prizes for the best 70's fancy dress outfits.

HOT STUFF If as predicted, we experience a 'globally warmed' heat-wave this summer you will always be cool in our air-conditioned halls. This is not a 'sweaty fest'.

ANCIENT STUFF We are hoping to have a veteran brewery lorry kindly supplied by Burton Bridge to deliver the mayor to open the festival on Wednesday evening. We have also managed to obtain a precious bottle of the world's oldest bottled beer-Ratcliffe Ale, brewed in 1869, and incredibly still drinkable. This will be auctioned for charity at the festival on Saturday afternoon and we think will create a great deal of excitement.

YOUNG STUFF For the first time this year, as a special present to the young people of Derby we are offering free entry before 8.30 on any night to young members aged 18 to 30 -with ID. So come on youngsters come along and prove that beer festivals are not just for oldies.

SOMETHING NEW Your chairman for 2007-Jok Arguile has created a 30th Birthday Beer Trail around fifteen of our best real ale pubs. You get a card from the pubs,

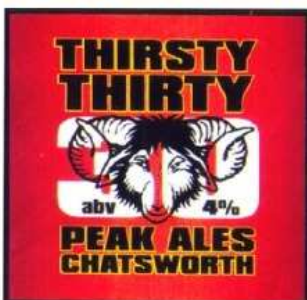
get six stamps and get a free drink at the festival. The city and the festival are joined this year to offer a great range of drinking experiences

SOCIALLY The festival is not just about drinking real ale but is a major social occasion for the city welcoming groups of friends from near and far to enjoy our happy party atmosphere. If you are coming from out of the city contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01332 255802 for details of accommodation and Beer Breaks. Whatever you do **ENJOY** our 30th Festival!

ROYAL PROCLAMATION The Derby Beer King strongly requests your attendance, heads will roll if you miss our special 30th Festival

Festival Publicity

Derbyshire brewed Special beers for 30th Derby Beer Festival



still be going strong ten years later, or twenty - let alone thirty! Now in its thirtieth year it has proved beyond doubt that Derby beer-drinkers have an unquenchable thirst for good ale. This thirst-quencher was brewed in north Derbyshire at Chatsworth by Peal Ales.

The first **Charter Ale** was brewed in 1987 to mark ten years of the City Charter and the tenth Derby Beer Festival. To mark the thirtieth, **Amber Ales** of Ripley have brewed a strong, fruity IPA with a high level of bitterness and pronounced hoppy finish. Don't rush it!

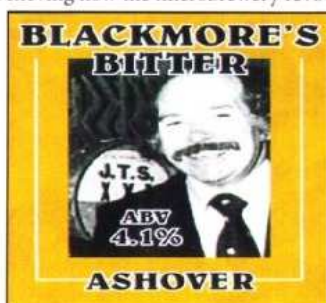
OKH - the Old Kings Hall in King Street is where it all started in the spring of 1978 (*The pumpclip reminds me of a picture sleeve from the era -Ed!*). Such was the popular-

ity of the event that a move to the Assembly Rooms became a necessity four years later. Following on from last year's Festival marking Derby's twinning with the West-

phalian city of Osnabruck, the **Spire Brewery** at Chesterfield have brewed a German-style dark wheat beer using genuine German yeast.

This **Blackmore** is not a brewer but Derek, the Festival's first manager in 1978. Now he just drinks it, not quite believing how the microbrewery revolution still rolls on.

This exceptionally pale ale from **Ashover Brewery** has a distinct citrusy bitterness balanced by a malty body.



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Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

Everyone is welcome at Derby CAMRA socials, meetings and trips. Here is a list of forthcoming events. Socials start from 9pm, meetings from 8pm.



JUNE

Fri 8th June, Cycle Survey to Aston/Weston, depart Brunswick 18:30,
Wed 13th June, Social **White Hart**, Duffield
Tues 19th June, Social **Portland** Wilmorton
Friday 22nd June, Mini-bus survey to Long Lane area, depart 19:00 X3 bus stop, Full Street, Derby.
Thursday 28th, Branch Meeting, Station Inn, Midland Road

JULY

Tues 3rd July, Social **Black Swan**, Belper
Wed 11th to Sun 15th **30th Derby Beer Festival**, Assembly Rooms
Tues 17th July, Social **Five Lamps**, Derby
Tues 24th July, Social **Alma** Melbourne
Tues 31st July, Social **Abbey**, Darley Abbey

AUGUST

Thursday 9th Aug, Branch Meeting Derby Rowing Club



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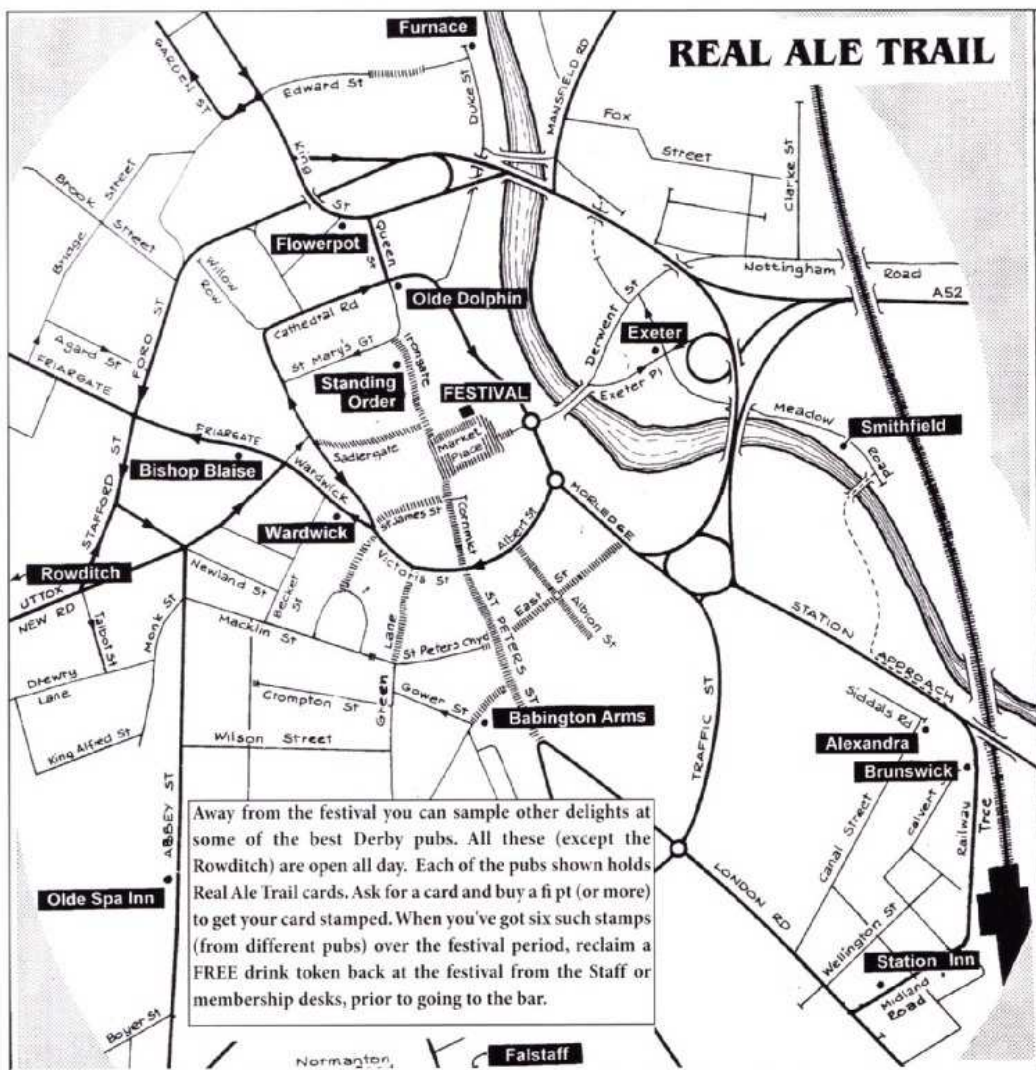
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Real Ale Trail at Beer Festival time

The Derby City Charter Festival Real Ale Trail compliments the beery goings-on at the Assembly Rooms with a chance to visit some of the City's best pubs and claim a fee beer at the Festival. The participating pubs are as follows: Alexandra, Babington Arms, Bishop Blaise, Brunswick Inn, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Flowerpot, Furnace, Olde Dolphin, Olde Spa Inn, Rowditch, Smithfield, Standing Order, Station Inn and Wardwick Tavern. The map below shows how to locate them if you are a visiting imbibor and includes further details. The Trail is being sponsored by Derby City Council Tourist Depart-



Festival Entertainment

FOLK, ROCK, JAZZ, BLUES, MORRIS, BARBERSHOP HARMONY AND FEATURING FOUR TRIBUTES TO BANDS WHICH WERE FLYING HIGH IN 1978 WHEN THE FIRST DERBY BEER FESTIVAL BEGAN. HERE'S THE FULL LINE-UP

Wednesday

The opening night catches **WHOLE SOME FISH** the band with a raucous blend of traditional instru-



ments (fiddle, banjo, harmonica, pictured here) underpinned by a cooking rhythm section. The music ranges from full on the wall sound through to ballads and celtic gypsy folk and punk, this outfit have taken the get up and dance spirit from Glastonbury and Europe Velvet Underground meets cajun. www.wholesomefish.co.uk

GRAND CENTRAL BARBERSHOP ACCAPPELLA Chorus will perform two 15 min sets at 9pm and 10pm in the Foyer, while **RIPLEY MORRIS MEN** fill in the evening with a series of Cotswold dances.

Thursday

THE ELO EXPERIENCE take the stage. A tribute to Jeff Lynne and the

Electric light Orchestra. A very ambitious yet irresistible fusion of Beatlesque pop, classical and futuristic sounds. With counter tenor backing vocals and a electric gizmo recreate hits like Sweet Talking Woman, Shine A Little Love, Living Thing and Mr Blue Sky - you'll be glad you didn't miss these guys. **TONY B** on grand piano and vocals warms up the evening from 8pm.

Friday

Derby lads **SHAMELESS QUO** (below) are back on home turf, no introduction needed as the lads don the wigs and get stuck in to all the famous Quo three-chord symphonies



- Paper Plane, Rockin' All Over The World to send you rolling home. www.shamelessquo.co.uk Support on the main stage introduces **CHASER** a six-piece high energy rock/soul band from 8pm. Meanwhile in the Darwin Room **SHAMUS O'B LIVION AND THE MEGADEATH MORRIS MEN** (below) will be ready for a knockout session. Definitely not for the faint hearted mad Mick is the frontman on acordion with a colourful costume and deliveries. Mick certainly puts the F in folk rock as they whip up a storm encompassing superfast jig and reels, celtic melodies, shanties all powerful folk rooted songs with a whole heap of rock attitude - you ain't seen nothing like this. www.shamusoblivion.co.uk

Saturday

Celebration night - the 30th Festival rocks out with **KINGS OF QUEEN** (far right) with Dave Kingdom as Freddie Mercury. With natural flamboyance, brilliant vocals and stage presence he struts through Queen's ageless rock anthems filled with power and passion. Get ready to raise your glasses in the grand finale - We Are The Champions perhaps? www.kingsofqueen.com

KICK N' RUSH act out their support session with skiffle, top hats and quickfire gags from 8pm. Along the foyer to the Darwin Bar, Jethro Tull tribute **COLD FLAME** give a complete contrast with early acoustic folk rock with ever-changing rhythms and beats to the bar giving the full Ian Anderson treatment including flute playing on one leg (you could try this at home) this has just got to be the best night in town. www.cold-flame.co.uk

Musical Lunchtimes

Thursday: TONY B, piano/vocals no stranger to the festival with his versions of stuff from the likes of Elton John, Neil Sedaka and Billy Joel.

Friday: Jazz time with the **BILL BAILEY QUINTET**. Cocktail style to Dixie with plenty of foot tapping trad.

Saturday: KICK N' RUSH return after a two year absence. This three-piece skiffle band are ever popular on the festival circuit. These guys make do with a washboard, tea chest bass and a sometime in tune guitar. You can't help but smile at their wacky performance. the Darwin Bar's only musical lunchtime introduces **COLD FLAME**, plenty of rock and blues and maybe a hint of the Jethro Tull set scheduled for the evening.



Sunday

Who else but **THREE WHEEL DRIVE** getting into gear to rock out the final session for the 12th successive year.

Lunchtime magic for the kids Saturday and Sunday with Clivo the Clown, assisted by Aunty Jean.

As ever a tip to *DD* readers - Thursday & Friday lunchtimes are less crowded with more room to move around, Friday & Saturday are busiest - advise come early. Remember - *Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy* - Benjamin Franklin.

Have a good Festival

Terry Morton,
Festival Entertainment



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A real gem is hiding away in the hills that climb out of the Derwent Valley from Cromford. The Jug & Glass at Lea is the place, brimming with character, continuity and, above all great ale.

The stone built multi-roomed pub dates from 1782 and was built by Peter Nightingale, uncle of one Florence, Lady of the Lamp and Crimean heroine. Indeed since 1821 the Jug & Glass has had a mere 16 licensees with some remarkable lengths of tenure. The full list is displayed in the front lounge area. The current incumbents are Bob and Julie Taylor and they have a feverish enthusiasm for the pub, its community and for real ale. Hartington IPA is a regular fixture here often accompanied by Abbeydale Absolution (Jugged at the Jug). Other beers include Taylor Landlord, Black Sheep Bitter, Abbot and Pedigree.

The pub here really is the hub of this scattered community which encompasses

area but as Bob (supping at his half of Absolution and pictured, above right at the bar) said: "We don't need to advertise, it will be rammed anyway!" This year the event is on 25th August and it sounds well worth a trip. Another local event not to be missed

is the annual Barrel Rolling contest whereby teams compete in a barrell race to Holloway and back. All

teams from any area are welcome to have a go. Derby CAMRA have been successful in this non-Olympic sport in the past at Burton upon Trent. Solstice time is the date to note for the roll on 21st June.

The pub boasts two signs, one a rather battered plain upright one and the other, hanging from the wall on wrought iron, an older interestingly crafted one, pictured above.

The Jug does a good line in food as you would expect in a somewhat isolated community and the Taylors are ably supported in this



from 7pm in the old fashioned style.

Getting to the pub is somewhat problematic and needs a deal of planning aforethought. Our group of intrepid drinkers caught the 18:35 train from Derby to Cromford and walked up a waymarked path from the station through bluebell woods to Lea. It took about three quarters of an hour, all uphill. The last train back runs from Cromford at 23:05 and there are other outward ones inbetween but you can walk back if light, or to Whatstandwell, via Holloway and the Yew Tree Inn, a little further but downhill. Buses are another option, again to Cromford on the hour from 16:55 to 19:55 from Derby Derwent Street (Y1, TransPeak) with a return at 21:43 (Greyhound Inn, Cromford) but I suggest calling Traveline to maximise (or confuse) your options on 08706082608.



Dethick, Holloway and Lea Bridge and mills. Many societies meet at the inn including such interesting names as the East Midland Ferrari Club, the Trot and Chat Society, the Twitchers, Crich Cyclists, Lea Cricketers, a folk club (on Sundays) and the Tractor Club.

For a few years now the Jug & Glass has held its own festival - the JugFest. It seems to have escaped a lot of public interest in the wider

department by their chef, Lee (of Lea). The menu runs from Tuesday to Saturday 12-2 and 7-9pm, with a carvery only on Sunday lunchtime (12-2).

The pub opening times are worthy of note as you wouldn't want a wasted journey, or to arrive too early for opening time because of bad advice, as I know somebody has! Lunchtimes are Tuesday to Sunday 12-2 and evenings open

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Hostilities Resumed



Consider! Dear Toper, the 'Family Friendly Pub' - ugh! That's enough of that! On a recent visit to the City of Chester, which boasts many fine inns and taverns, some of great antiquity, I came across an establishment, which by virtue of a large signboard affixed to an exterior wall, proclaimed itself to be, 'Family Hostile'. I personally should like to see more of this sort of hostility - or should I say 'hostelry'? For there is nothing worse than entering some inviting watering hole, only to discover that infants, having bored of the ghastly bouncy castle in the car park and of throwing debris (and, on occasion, each other), into the beer garden water feature, have now infiltrated the sacred interior of the hostelry! It only takes one (although they frequently scavenge in packs) petulant little pest, high on E numbers or suffering some sort of cold turkey, because it's been deprived of television for half an hour, to ruin what should have been a quiet relaxing pint; as it careers around screeching at the top of its voice, whilst its moronic parents sit gazing at the intricacies of their chip baguettes, quite oblivious to the misery that their 'little darling' is causing. Their child is a pest! Its hands and face are covered with a mixture of chocolate, spittle and Heaven only knows what else, and it wants to put its grubby, glistening, outstretched paws on you Dear Toper! Why? Because it craves attention, and its thick lager swilling, chain smoking chav parents aren't giving it any. They're just happy to get the brat off their hands for a while - all the while, given a chance! And so they allow their vile offspring to scamper about howling and slobbering, passing under tables, close by the open fire and even behind the bar, only to be shoed out by the dutiful barmaid returning from her umpteenth cigarette break.

Some parents are more attentive to their offspring, and on occasions arrive in the hostelry on a 'family outing'. Whilst the female parent, along with a couple of her brood settle down at a table to construct some sort of nest out of discarded children's clothing, colouring books, purple teddy bears etc. the male parent, accompanied by the eldest of the brood approaches the bar, the brat dragging their dehydrated canine behind.

"What would you like?" asks the dutiful barmaid

"Er - half of shandy please", replies the startled male parent.

"Bitter shandy?" enquires the dutiful barmaid, stifling a yawn as she examines her

long, painted finger nails.

"Er - yes".

"What sort of bitter?" asks the dutiful barmaid, gesturing to a row of handpumps, "we have several".

"That one there", replies the male parent pointing to one of the pumps, after studying the bewildering array of pump clips for some time before deciding on the most garish.

"Anything else?" asks the dutiful barmaid, placing a foaming half pint atop the bar.

The brat who has accompanied the male parent to the bar is now dispatched to find out what its mother requires to drink, whilst the barmaid, who has bored of examining her fingernails, suddenly becomes aware of the steady build up of thirsty customers waiting to be served, and shrugs her shoulders in mock sympathy with them, whilst steadfastly declining to serve more than one customer at the same time. Presently the grinning urchin returns bearing the long awaited news.

"Mum wants a lager shandy!" bellows the brat.

"Pint or half?" asks the dutiful barmaid, the merest hint of a sneer playing upon her red painted lips.

"Go and ask you mum if she wants, a pint or a half?" instructs male parent, before resuming the counting out of his loose change on the bar top, totally unaware of the gathering storm. Several more relays take place, concerning soft drinks and straws for the brats, a bowl of water for the dehydrated dog, what flavour crisps are required, do peanuts contain nut products? etc. by which time the simmering mob at the bar has become most definitely 'family hostile' - and who can blame them?

The barmaid, her ample bosom heaving with all the indifference that she can muster, forces a smile and asks, "Is that everything Sir?"

"I think so", he replies, proffering his carefully piled up loose change in payment, only to find that there isn't enough, and then he sets about rummaging in his pockets for a five pound note that he thinks he might have. That produced, he eventually makes that time honoured plea of the occasional toper:

"Have you got a tray?"

"Yes Sir", replies the dutiful barmaid, and returning her attention to her fingernails, mutters under her breath, "but haven't you got enough to carry?"

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The idea of a beer and food festival sprung to mind as nothing like

this was held anywhere nearby. The idea of drinking good beers, eating fabulous food and listening to some excellent music seemed a natural mix – and all to be enjoyed in a location overlooking the magnificent Manifold Valley with Thor's Cave as a backdrop. These things have a life of their own and they hope that it will be first of many annual events growing in strength and popularity. All the beers come from local micros such as Whim, Peakstones Rock, Storm, Beartown, Thornbridge, Leek and Howard Town among those confirmed. The village inn, the Greyhound has recently reopened.

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Microbrewery Corner

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



DERBY

To commemorate Derby County's Wembley victory in the Play-off final, Trevor Harris brewed Wembley Ale, a 4.2% beer. The launch was at Repton British Legion, a regular supporter of Derby Brewery ales have a look at his pumpclips! The clip featured a Ram on the arch of the stadium. Limited edition bottles available shortly. Coming soon from

Derby is *Blonde Beauty* (4.3%ABV) and *True Blonde* from a New Zealand hop. Tenuously linked to that Derby beers have been well received at the Pattenmakers Arms in Duffield where both *Triple Hop* and *Business As Usual* have featured. Another regular customer, Leon and Gill at the Tavern on Old Notts Road are reopening after a refurb on June 1st. Trevor has produced *New Tavern Ale* (4.3%) to mark the occasion. An interesting aside here is that Leon has given up smoking this year, in readiness for the upcoming ban. With the money he has saved he has treated himself to saxophone lessons, a lifetime ambition. Leon is progressing famously and plans to make Monday night in the Tavern, saxophone jamming evenings.

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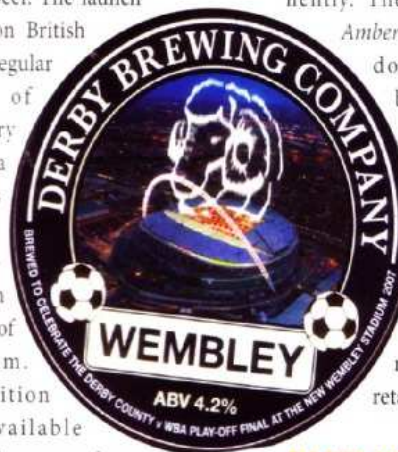
The comedy greats theme continues with beers named *Charlie Chaplin*, *Tommy Cooper*, *Lennie Henry*, *French & Saunders* and *Morecambe & Wise* to name but some. The 10.5% *Ern* has also been available.

DOVE VALLEY

A new micro at Church Broughton. One beer DVA (4.4%), a Burton Pale brewed in a Union System. More in DD 117.

AMBER ALES

Are gradually expanding distribution; the Gate Inn, Lower Hartsay now has Amber Ales on permanently. The April special *Amber Steam Ale* went down well and brewing of a special IPA for Derby Festival is set for June, with a couple of CAMRA helpers. Bottling has commenced with first retailers signed up.



DANELAW

Unfortunately rumours of the brewery's life were somewhat exaggerated. Remaining defender of the Danelaw, Steve Twells told DD: "The plans through Derventio had been dropped. It was considered best if we didn't run our two businesses together, and the process would have dragged on due to bureaucracy. I'm putting the business on hold or closing it completely. Maybe the former as it gives me options if my enthusiasm comes back and a plan evolves." These developments occurred after more hopeful news had gone to print in DD 115 and we hope something turns up so as Twelly may brew again.

HAYWOOD

The Bad Ram (Haywood) Brewery at Callow Top has started operations again for the summer season. A new beer is being produced namely *Loan Soldier* which is produced from a malted barley and malted wheat grist. It is a clear beer, the uninitiated still do not understand cloudy beers. Bad Ram will be supplying beers to the Ilkeston Beer Festival and hopefully the Peterborough festival. Alan palmer is seeking to get his beers into more CAMRA Festivals. The use of natural water from the on-site spring is still in obedience.

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