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Pub festival fever hits the area with a debt to pioneering CAMRA events

SO it came and went again, the timeless Derby Summer Beer Festival, the Brigadoon of beer where old friends meet up for a jar or two of real ale. Now it is behind us the late summer and early Autumn herald a flurry of pub beer festivals for us to enjoy.

The Dolphin, Alex, Swan (Milton) and Unicorn events will have passed when this issue is published but from the long-established, such as the Brunswick Festival (1st-4th October), to the more recent like the Hope & Anchor in Wirksworth (6th/7th September) there aren't many weeks without a beer festival waiting for our attendance. August sees Beer Festivals at the White Post, Stanley and the Green Man Blacks Head (Ashbourne), both over the 22nd to 25th, whilst the following weekend Thulston's Harrington Arms, and the Smithfield in Derby join in with more good festive ale and the Beresford Arms at Ashbourne also joins the fray in co-operation with Derventio Brewery.

As we go into September the Old Talbot at Hilton stages its second festival (the first is pic-



tured). Milford's King William holds another celebration of beer and the Alma in Melbourne too, whilst 9th-12th October sees the Royal Oak at Ockbrook showcasing beers from Essex. There are probably many more than this.

Some of these festivals have more different beers than Derby Beer Festival did in its early days, but there is a salient point to make here. Would we be witnessing these events if it were not for the pioneering spirit of CAMRA volunteers in the 1970s and 80s? I think not. The first pub beer festival I recall was at the Blessington Carriage in the mid-1980s, and a pretty rare event it was too.

I bumped into some friends in the Smithfield on the Saturday afternoon of the Derby Beer Festival whilst taking a break. They said: 'We haven't been for a few years now, you can get all the beers you want in the pub'. This may to a lesser extent be trueish if you know where to drink/have a good free house close by. But without those trail-blazing ideas and initial gambles by the CAMRA festival organisers there would have been no shop window for the public to view the ales of the UK. If you wanted to drink Adnams then you had to travel to Suffolk.



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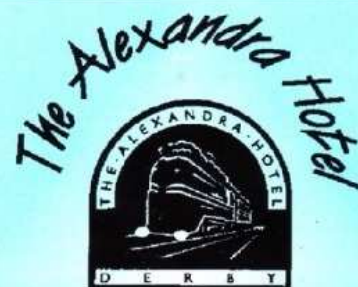
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So do please enjoy as many pub beer festivals as you can humanly get to, the organisers of all of them put in a lot of hard effort and deserve your support. But spare a thought for all the CAMRA festivals that sparked all this off all those years ago, and perhaps next year a few of the deserters may pop back in.



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John Evans 1949-2008

Giant figure on local Real Ale Scene dies at 58

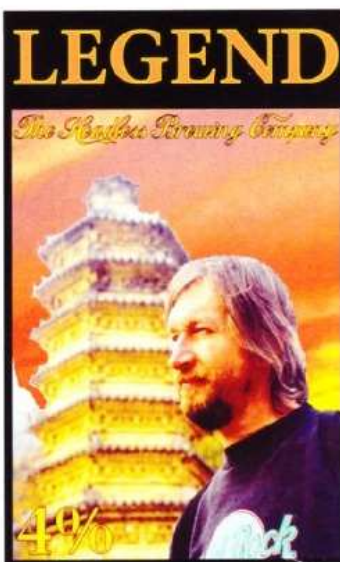
The Real Ale community of Derby, and indeed a very wide area of the country, woke up to a shock on June 3rd as the news filtered through that John Evans, owner of the Flowerpot pub and Headless Brewery on King Street and co-owner of the Smithfield on Meadow Road, had died from a massive heart attack in China, aged 58.

John's contribution to the local cask ale scene cannot be understated. He, together with Trevor Harris, built up and rescued the Brunswick Inn in 1987 and during the next decade, with the help of his best friend, Lol Stevenson, he founded the Headless chain. From the outset all his pubs championed microbrewers such as Whim, Oakham, Enville and Durham to name but a few and the arrival of the brewery (the second John and Lol have set up) last

year was something special.

Lol had first met John when he was his paper boy 30 years ago and he joined John in his building concern (before that John had a gardening business). Trevor Harris, in 1987 was in the process of reopening the Brunswick and had got together with John to handle the building side. It took four months to undertake and never ones to stand still they built the brewery in 1990/91.

John's partnership with Trevor ended when John went to Hong Kong for six months in the early 1990s and the next time the Derby ale scene was to hear of John was when the Flowerpot became available. John and Lol had first looked at the Howard Hotel on Friar Gate but when the Pot appeared on the market John was enthused and purchased it. He had been a drinker there and his ideas and vision were vital as the pub developed into what we have today. Alistair Moffat joined the team and we saw the arrival of the innovative cellar bar and the acquisition of the



adjoining tyre store and its transformation into the popular music venue. When John and Lol bought the Smithfield in 1997 people thought they were mad, but it became a top port of call in the Derby cask ale circuit. John also owned the Friargate for a number of years in its pre-Bishop Blaise era.

In 2008 the Headless Brewery opened, with Al running much of the brewing side, and the Pot and Smith Fest events were yet more of his enterprise at work. John was rightly proud of his achievements and although he spent around eight months each year abroad, he kept in constant touch with what was happening at his pubs.

Whilst in Beijing John had four nines of Whim Hartington Bitter flown out for a gala ball, probably the first real ale ever available in the city - the casks have never returned!

Headless have brewed a special beer dedicated to John, a 4% called simply - Legend. The name says it all.

Pip Southall

PUB NIPS

Neal Blackmore, formerly licensee at the Coors Visitor Centre, Burton has been at the **Lamb** at Melbourne for 5 months. He is happy with his lot and is about to sign a lease, direct with Enterprise. Beer prices have dropped and Neal is a cask ale supporter, so this looks promising. A wider range of guest beers have been spotted at the **Bulls Head**, Repton, in the wake of their successful festival. Beers from Brysons Brewery of Lancashire, Okells (Isle of Man) and Wickwar Long John Silver from the Cotswolds were on offer in June. Real Ale is making a strong comeback at the **Strutt Arms** in Milford. Former barman Ben Miller is the new licensee and has restored Bass to accompany Pedigree on gravity and a changing guest from the Punch Finest Cask list such as Caledonian XPA. At the **Prince of Wales**, Ripley, Derek has been there for over a year and previously had a pub in Bolsover. He is a real ale enthusiast and has had beers such as Badger brewed King & Barnes Sussex Bitter and McMullens Country bitter from the Cellarman range of guest beers as offered by S&N. It was bought by Admiral Inns from Punch, but is up for sale again. The **Spanker** at Nether Heage is now being run by the team at the **Spotted Cow** at Holbrook.

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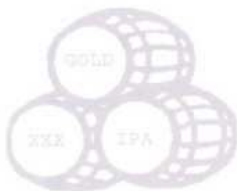
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Taking a look at what's happening at the independent breweries in and around Derby



AMBER ALES

Peter Hounsell has returned from a short but invigorating trip to Boston USA where he picked up some ideas at the American Craft Beer Festival. Soon to be born is the 'Amber Experiment-Ale Club'. For a small annual membership fee you will get special merchandise and communications but more importantly,

tasting sessions with exclusive previews of up-coming seasonal ales and some experiments. The brewery don't see it as a money maker, more a self-financing focus group with limited membership where you can try out new stuff and you can shape their beer programme. Final details to be arranged. Barnes Wallis is back by popular demand, branded the Amber 'IPA style bitter' since it's only 4% abv. Seasonal specials: Summer Bock and Liberty continue to sell well as the summer progresses. The experimental Organic Pale Ale, made from pale organic malt and UK organic First Gold hops, was intended as a one-off in both bottle and cask but it may feature again. The Shoulder, Clay Cross has an Amber Weekend over August bank holiday.

DERVENTIO

Derventio Brewery reached the 100 brew mark in two years of trading. There was, however, no telegram from the Queen. Special beers for the season included Summer Solstice (4%),

brewed in June/July, and for August/September, a new fruit beer the 5% Cleopatra.

FALSTAFF

The brewery have been continuing their beery journey through time and space with the Doctor Who themed ales. recently we have seen Tardis (4.4% - maybe it tastes a lot stronger once inside!), Dalek a 3.9% mid-brown beer, Sea Devil (4.3%), the pale amber 4% Zygon and, for the Babington Arms, the 4.6% Davidson (named after Peter and not our own CAMRA and Falstaff Doctor, Rob)!

HEADLESS

In addition to their John Evans tribute ale, Headless have a 7.5% Christmas beer coming along nicely. Named Zymosis it was brewed back in April. Some should feature at the SmithFest.

LEADMILL

Richard has brewed a beer for the Stainsby Music and Beer Festival, Holy

Smoke (and has also supplied all the beer). His pub, the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse, has guest beers on via the swaps that Richard does with other breweries. This includes Derby Brewery, Shardlow and Milestone. The Black Country Beer Festival at the Oak is still on but Richard warns it will be at short notice, probably in August.

THORNBRIDGE

July sees the launch of Thornbridge's Summer Wheat beer Juno (4.6%). Brewed with an exciting mix of Tettnager, Bobek and Sorachi hops, 50% wheat malt and a blend of wheat beer and Thornbridge's house ale yeast. A perfect beer for summer drinking with its delicate aromas of banana, biscuity malt, citrus hops and touches of cloves. Flavours are orange

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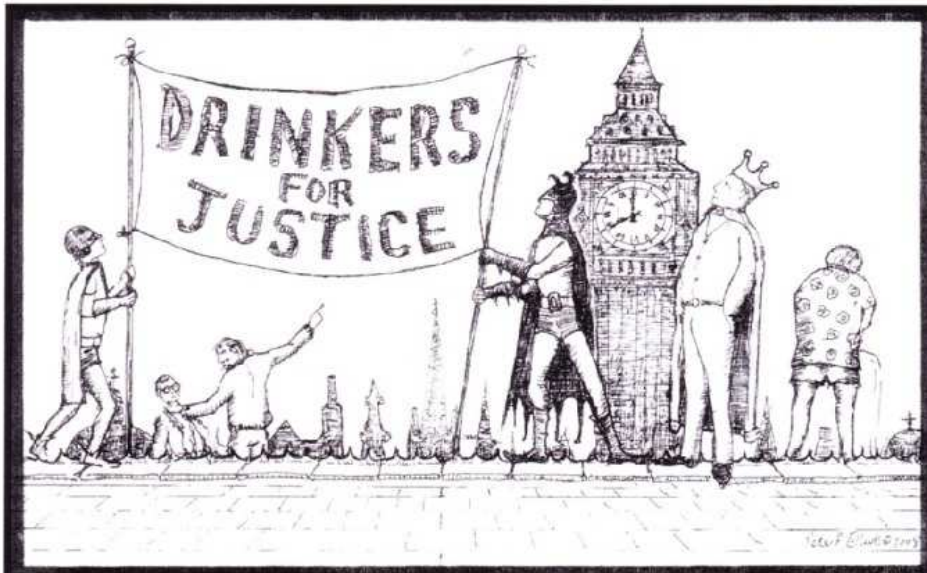
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Pedigree chumms meet at the **Exeter Arms**

BACK TO THE PRESENT



"Holy Strangulation Aleman! What's that CAMRA elder statesman doing to Mr. Darling?"
 "Don't worry Quaffin, he's merely drawing his attention to our banner."

Consider! Dear Toper, a city not too far from here, where, (I am informed), the authorities are recommending, that certain city centre hostelrys, use plastic beer containers (I refuse to call them glasses).

Yes, Dear Toper, you've guessed it, the politically correct, nanny knows best, health and safety storm troopers, are at it again and their excuse this time, is that a tiny minority of drinkers, might use drinks glasses as offensive weapons (despite the evidence that the thugs prefer bottles). A tiny minority, I might add, who, if the spineless wonders that comprise our political establishment ever got their act together, would be behind bars, instead of propping them up, whilst comparing tags and discussing (loudly and profanely) who amongst their knuckle dragging ranks, has the most A.S.B.O.s. Yes, Dear Toper the 'Great British Toper' is yet again being punished for the actions of a few social nuisances, who, glass or no glass, will remain nuisances!

Personally, I do not care for plastic beer containers (as you may already have surmised Dear Toper) nor for that matter, plastic tea cups, plates or knives and forks, but alas Dear Toper, I fear that in the P.C. super state of the future, that looms like a lager swilling spectre before us, plastic drinks containers and eating utensils will be all that are allowed us; just in case some half wit (probably a politician) should accidentally cut themselves; or that some drugged up homicidal maniac, let loose on early release after serving three weeks of a six month life sentence for murder, should stab someone.

Imagine Dear Toper, entering the P.C. pub of the future, you obediently join the orderly queue for the bar counter; no more leaning upon it in the time honoured way, chatting convivially with fellow toppers and bar staff alike, whilst awaiting service. No! There must be an orderly queue, Heaven forfend that someone should get served out of turn! Eventually, after twenty minutes spent looking at the back of the head of the toper before you, you arrive at the bar counter and order your tippie from the shapely barmaid - sorry bar person, who hides her charms beneath corporate overalls, and clumps about in steel toe-capped safety boots, just in case a plastic bottle of non-alcoholic

spirits should fall to the floor. You can't ask for a strong beer, or a weak one for that matter, because they're all the same, that is to say, zero gravity.

"That will be one hundred Euros for your half litre", she requests mechanically.

"Gone up again, has it?" you enquire.

"Yes, it's because of the new tax that's been introduced on enjoyment", she replies, whilst checking your I.D. card is valid, and then informs, "that's ninety nine Euros tax on a half litre now, and just one Euro for your coloured water".

You now choose something off the vegetarian menu (meat has been banned to appease the lentil loonies). Presently your food arrives at your designated table courtesy of a waitress - sorry waiting person (garbed in similar attire to that of the bar person) to whom you dare not speak for fear of being accused of sexual harassment, despite the fact that behind her safety visor, she has a face like a welder's bench. You would like to season your bland government approved meal, but salt has been banned for health reasons and pepper too, lest it should cause a sneezing fit! Your gaze wanders to the window, outside of which you see, amidst the swirling snow flakes (snow in August? Yes, well, the global warming theorists got it slightly wrong) a group of police officers - sorry social order officers, rushing past a mugging in process, to arrest a smoker; still, he's lucky he isn't a motorist as well!

And so, Dear Toper, as you drink your tasteless beer and eat your flavourless food, your compulsory safe eating goggles (the plastic cutlery might break sending shards of deadly plastic flying) begin to steam up as you become ever more angry, but

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anger is futile, for you are trapped in a system you despise, and you curse yourself for not booting the P.C. fascists into touch when you had the chance all those years ago - in other words now!

Yes, Dear Toper! Lets have real ale in real glasses and tell those P.C. loony tunes to go to hell! Or a so called fun pub, which is much the same thing!

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Derby Brewery Tap opens at Royal Standard

As DD 122 reported the Royal Standard, following its acquisition by Derby Brewing Company, opened its doors on 5th June as The Brewery Tap.

Derby unveiled new pumpclips for their beers - four were available, Double Mash, Hop Till You Drop, Dashingly Dark and Old Intentional. Guest beers on the night included Ringwood Fortyniner, Nottingham Extra Pale, Batemans Double Standard and John Thompson Gold, in a rare excursion from its



Two Rogers and a Trevor

Ingleby home. Prices ranged from £2.25 to £2.45 for the Derby Brewing Company ales and £2.75 for the guests.

The ceremony, in front of an invited assembly, was presided over by Roger Protz, Editor of the *Good Beer Guide* and beer writer. He is pictured (right) with a pint of Derby Double Mash, with Trevor Harris and (extreme left) son Paul, proudly looking on.

Shortly afterwards that other Roger - Davies, joined them behind the bar for a pint. Davies played in Derby County's 1973 European Cup semi-final against Juventus and was the regular centre-forward for the Rams in their second League Championship-



winning season of 1974-75 (it's called the Premiership now and is a bit boring). Big Rog downed his Real Ale but was soon back on the Stella. "Nice one Roger, you could have had another one!"

The Brewery Tap is open Monday to Wednesday from 11 to 11, Thursday 11 - 12, Friday & Saturday from 11 to 1am and Sunday from 12 to 10.30.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the Pub Nips section of DD 122 it was stated that the Hilltop in Belper had a new licensee. This information is incorrect and the person stated as such is the manageress of the restaurant. Licensees remain, as they have for five years Stephen & Pauline Tranter. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. On Page 8 the pumpclip for Brampton Brewery's Battling Butt-Head indicated Nottingham as its place of origin. It should have read 'Chesterfield'.

Another survival chance for Long Lane inn

The planning application which would have opened the door for the Three Horse Shoes at Long Lane to be converted into a private dwelling has been refused by South Derbyshire District Council.

It is an important decision which gives the inn, owned by 13 shareholders, a chance of survival. Andy Roberts, councillor for Hatton, said that the Three Horse

Shoes: 'Must be kept as a pub for the future of the community and rural villages.'

The new licensees are Julian and Sarah Newton and they are rebuilding the trade at the inn. Cask beers are London Pride and Pedigree with a weekly guest ale from either a well-known brewer or one of the local microbreweries. Opening times are 12 - 11 Monday to Saturday, 12 - 10.30 Sunday.

As the days dwindle down late summer festival at Harrington

Down in Thulston, the Harrington Arms Beer Festival falls around the weekend of 29th/31st August with 15 Real Ales plus ciders.

The main event is on the Friday and Saturday with Sunday as a

mop-up day. On the Saturday night a live rock-and-roll three-piece band the Rhythm Aces will play.

The *Good Beer Guide*-listed pub has had its house beer Earls Ale, brewed by Tollgate Brewery for some months now.

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Second Festival at Hilton pub

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The festival was a complete success with over 700 pints of real ales

being consumed from the beer tent over the two days.

The second Old Talbot Beer Festival is on the 6th and 7th September. The hope is that the events over the Beer Festival weekend will raise funding to help complete a major community project for

Hilton and its Scouts and Guides. The festival will have even more real ales than last year with selections from both CAMRA and SIBA award winning brewers from all over the UK. There will also be a wider selection of bands over the weekend as well as a raffle, auction, barbecue along with other stalls and events.

This is a major event in the village and Dave and Tina, who run the pub, and the rest of the festival team have worked tirelessly to make it a success. So, put the date in your diary and come along to a great weekend of real ale and entertainment.

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BEER BOOK CORNER

North Derbyshire Pubs Past and Present by Jim McIntosh, £5.95, Pynot Publishing

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Past and Present



Jim McIntosh

Jim McIntosh, a former-chairman of Chesterfield CAMRA, has published this limited edition 60-page book, illustrated with both old photographs and drawings, whilst the text includes information on long lost pubs and is packed with details of historical and unusual events.

We learn about a murder and suicide at the same pub, on the same day, the alehouse where they planned to depose King James II, the pub Mick Jagger walked out of without paying for his drink and a coaching

inn that housed two elephants in the back yard amongst many other eccentricities! Particularly fascinating is a section chronicling the story of the Derwent Canteen, a pub built in the Tin Town of Birchlinlee, a temporary settlement that housed the great reservoir construction workers from 1901 to 1915. A superb photograph of this establishment is reproduced.

The book has a geographical remit that is a little tricky to define. Twenty-six North-East Derbyshire towns and villages are covered, from Cromford at the southern end up to Coal Aston and Dronfield on the edges of greater Sheffield. Basically it deals with most of the branch area of Chesterfield CAMRA, excluding the pubs of Chesterfield town centre but including some of the Matlock sub-branch. Current pubs are documented along with many that have long since disappeared. A worrying appendix appears at the end of the book listing pubs that have closed since the mid-1990s. There are upwards of 50 and the list is not exhaustive.

The book is available from various pubs in its target area, the closest to Derby being the Barley Mow, Bonsall and also Scarthin Books of Cromford. The book may also purchased online at www.pynotpublishing.co.uk.

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, Branch Meetings from 8pm.



AUGUST

THURS 14th Aug, BRANCH MEETING, GREEN MAN BLACKS HEAD, ASHBOURNE. Includes brewery tour and free bus.
Tues 19th Aug, Social, Shakespeare/New Inn, Shardlow
Thurs 28th Aug, Social, Smithfield Beer Festival, Meadow Rd, Derby

SEPTEMBER

Tues 2nd Sept, Social, Poet and Castle, Condor
Weds 10th Sept, BRANCH MEETING, BRUNSWICK INN, DERBY
Tues 16th Sept, Social, Mr Grundy's, Ashbourne Road, Derby
Thurs 18th-Sat 20th Sept, Burton upon Trent Beer Festival - Town Hall
Tues 23rd Sept, Social, Horse and Groom, Elms St, Derby
Tues 30th Sept, Social, Travellers Rest, Kilburn

OCTOBER

Tues 14th Social, Harrington Arms, Thulston, catch the Airport Shuttle bus
Tues 21st Oct, Social, Babington Arms, Derby
Tues 28th Oct, Social, Falstaff Tavern, Society Place, Normanton, Derby

To book a place on the Friday/Saturday minibus trips, or enquire about public transport or cycling social details please contact Branch Pub Surveys Coordinator **Stewart Marshall** on 07944 163737 or email samarshall37@googlemail.com
 Branch Social Secretary **Rob Davison** will be posting details of future trips in this diary or on the Derby CAMRA website soon. In the meantime Derby CAMRA members can look out for trip news in Mild & Bitter or phone Rob on 07966200135 or email him the.lagernaut@hotmail.co.uk.

website: www.derbycamra.org.uk

New summer ale from Everards

Everards Brewery have launched their latest innovation ale - a cloudy wheat beer, made from champagne yeast.

Hazy Daze is available all across the Leicestershire brewery's pub estate from the late June until August and forms part of Everards' innovative new seasonal ales calendar for 2008. This summer ale is a cask conditioned cloudy wheat beer which is brewed with champagne yeast and is suitable for vegans and vegetarians. The result is a great tasting ale with zesty orange flavours.



Earlier this year, Everards ran a competition, giving customers the opportunity to name two of their seasonal ales. The appropriately named Hazy Daze was named by John and Di Rozentals of Loughborough. Erika Hardy, Everards Marketing Manager said: "As Hazy Daze is a summer release we were looking to embody that summery feeling and the name truly reflects that. We used the champagne yeast so that we could produce a premier cru version of a continental wheat beer. At Everards we are committed to being innovative and exciting. Our customers have been very loyal, so we strive to reward them with an increasing range of real ales."

Ton-plus new members flock to join

A fine total of 101 new members joined CAMRA at the recent Derby Summer Beer Festival. A great success, especially as our relatively new membership secretary Konrad Machej unavoidably had to miss the event. Proof that interest in Real Ale is in a healthy local state.

Get Well Soon Tim

Best wishes go out from Derby Drinker to former co-membership secretary and Branch stalwart Tim Williams who has been in Derby City Hospital for some weeks now.

It seems that he will remain in hospital for some time. Subsequent prolonged recovery at home will follow.

Get well soon Tim, we hope to hear your voice of reason again at Branch Meetings very soon!

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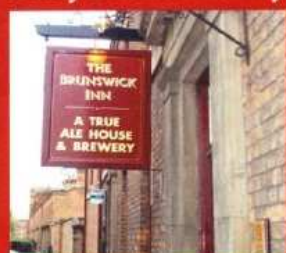


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Dear Editor,
Just a line from over the Erewash to express my extreme sadness at the untimely passing of John Evans. Please accept all of our condolences from not only myself but my fellow members of the Nottingham Branch of CAMRA.

John's contribution to Derby's rich brewing heritage and proud history was nothing short of immense. It naturally follows that this was also a most fantastic gift to the East Midlands Region and to British brewing as well. As the late Beer Hunter Michael Jackson said, British Ale is a companion of honour alongside the great brewing traditions of our fellow beer-making nations and of the wine producers of Southern Europe. John and his friends' contributions were no exceptions.

John along with Lol, Alistair & the team at the Headless Brewing Company brewed/brew splendid beer served in pubs that are a plea-

sure to drink in. Notwithstanding this sad loss, I hope this continues to be the case.

I was pleased to meet up with all my friends in the Derby Branch at the Derby Summer Beer Festival to raise a glass to John Evans.

Dave Gascoigne
Nottingham CAMRA

Dear Sir,
While staying at my daughter's in Long Eaton recently I found myself sitting in the sun at the Steamboat Inn, Trent Lock with a copy of Derby Drinker in one hand and a pint of Castle Eden in the other.

I enjoyed reading of the thriving Derby area real Ale scene in your excellent magazine, but what really caught my eye was Jon Turner's letter about 'ordinary' bitters. Like him I feel that a brewery's ordinary bitter - it's cooking ale if you like - should be its flagship product and don't much like the trend towards the stronger

branded brews.

On the Island we are lucky that both our main breweries, Bushys and Okells produce very good, readily available ordinary bitters, but guest beers are much more likely to be the Pedigree/Old Hooky type strength at least rather than basic bitters. These are minor gripes when I think back to my student days and the lengths to which we had to go to find real ale oases in the dreaded Red Barrel and Double Diamond deserts. I would have given anything then for a pint of Jaipur IPA!

Keep up the good work and Jon, if you are reading this, come and use your bus pass in the Isle Of Man and enjoy some easily accessible cooking ales in beautiful surroundings.

Bruce Walker
Hillside
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It is always nice to receive overseas correspondence Bruce and I think we can agree that a variety of available beer styles is the ideal. Meanwhile the National CAMRA AGM comes to the Isle of Man in 2010 and we can look forward to sampling the ales of the Island.

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TINY TALK

The editor was involved in a conversation with Derby's two most well-known Martin's in a real ale pub recently. The subject raised was 'Which is now the smallest pub in Derby?' Suggestions please, to the editor.

Cask ale return at the Horse & Groom

Adam and Sarah Adkin reopened the Horse & Groom on Elms Street in Derby's West End on July 20. Not only have they bought the

first night showed the locals still want a pub in their community as it was packed to the rafters.

It marks a homecoming for



pub, which has been closed for 18 months, the couple have restored Real Ale.

They have begun with Bass and Pedigree but are definitely going to try some quality microbrewery beers shortly. Whim Hartington bees are a likely early target. The

Adam as he began in the trade as a barman in the Groom 17 years ago!

With the reopening of pubs such as this one, the Standard and the Metro Bar, all with Real Ale, Derby is, currently at least, bucking the trend.

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THE BABINGTON ARMS, was voted Derby CAMRA City Pub of the Year 2008, the second time it has attained the decoration. A fair few eyebrows were raised last time the Bab scooped the honour and yet again CAMRA locally has had to answer anti-Wetherspoons critics when out and about in the pubs. It seems that some people are unmoved by the argument that we have the best Wetherspoons in Britain in our City, certainly for beer choice and quality. So here are a few good reasons why they should be.

The Babington, situated in a former Allied Carpets store on Babington Lane, opened in 1997 and things have only got better with landlord Tom Taylor, who has autonomy on beer choice and stages unusual brewery theme weekends on a habitual footing.

You get consistently great beer here, quite often some higher gravity charm that one may not locate anywhere else in the Midlands. Obviously the prices are a huge attraction, especially now as pub prices have rocketed this year but it's not all about cheap ale. There is the electronic 'Beerboard' (right) indicating brewery location, strength and style of beer (A indicates a pale or gold, through to D for a dark, stout or porter) that is a great help when ordering a new brew.

Wetherspoon hierarch Tim Martin is a fairly regular face at the Bab and he looks upon Tom's enterprise as a role model for what the entire estate could do. Behind the bar here you can also generally find former Alexandra landlord Mark Robins, once a fervent Wetherspoons critic, now a convert to the ways of the Babington and bringing his many years of

beer experience to the pub.

The pub also features beers from different parts of the world, often (and a rare detail) on handpump. Such occurrences have seen ales from Poland and the USA mingling with Uk beers on the Bab's long and sumptuous bar.

Tom has strong connections with Wyre Piddle Brewery of Pershore in Worcestershire and there is generally at least one beer present with occasional special beers produced for regular customers such as Les & Les for the father and son duo well-known amongst CAMRA circles. He also organises numerous brewery visits for his customers. It not only the Campaign which has recognised the quality of this establishment, for the Babington was Cask Marque Pub of the Year in 2004/05.

Its proximity to the First Floor music

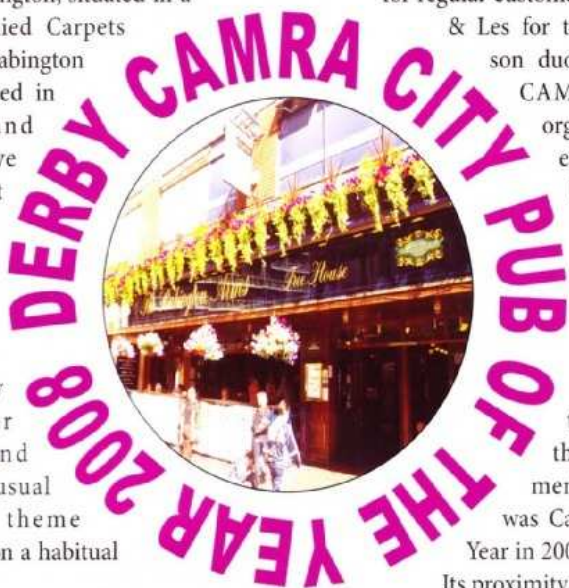
venue has led to a few musos wandering in for a pint. Captain Sensible of the Damned has been known to call here. Now a notable railway enthusiast and Real Ale fanatic, the Captain has had a number of ales named in his honour by Hart Brewery of Little Ecclesden in Lancashire, and Tom has featured them all. Personally I haven't seen these beers anywhere else locally, not an unusual statement to make about beers at the Babington. The City



Pub of the Year Award was presented to Tom by Derby CAMRA Chairman John Arguile on Tuesday 11th June. To celebrate all beers were

on sale at £1.39 a pint for the evening and a sizeable turnout of more than 40 members enjoyed them to the hilt. There are many criteria for success

in Pub of the Year but when it comes down to beer quality, there is little doubt that Tom and his team at the Babington are right up there in the top bracket and a worthy victor indeed.



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PUB OF THE SEASON 2008

Sawley's Harrington Arms was packed for the presentation of Erewash CAMRA's Pub of the Season award for summer 2008. This coveted, seasonal award has been reinstated after a long hiatus, and it was entirely appropriate that licensee, Nial should be its recipient as his Greene King beers and none GK guest are served in exemplary condition. In recent times, accommodation for diners has increased but not at the expense of the traditional beer drinker, and Nial's annual beer festival, which is a highlight on the festival roster, is all set to roll again over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

DD 122 reported that Heanor Conservative Club had won the prestigious Club of the Year title, and our photograph shows Erewash Vice-chairman, Stephen Boa with victorious stewardess, Gayle Sheffield.



Inn on Derby Road is making a concerted effort to broaden its beer base; Richard Creighton's Leadmill beers have been featured. The owner of former Erewash Club of the Year, the Coronation, is reportedly keen to reopen Memory Lane, opposite. One of the area's oldest pubs, the Coach and Horses, Loscoe, whose gable end still bears the old Kimberley insignia, has a changing guest beer policy that has seen Hop Back Summer Lightning and Adnams Broadside on tap. New licensees are in residence at the Railway Tavern, Langley Mill.

ANOTHER NUTBROOK CONTRACT

Nutbrook beer has proven so popular at the Riverside Farm, Nottingham, that the Riverside's parent company, the Clover Leaf Group, has chosen the West Hallam brewery as its preferred supplier for its latest venture, the Cherry Tree, at the Willington exit of the A38/A50 intersection. Our congratulations go to Dean and Chris Richards.

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN?

Morley Hayes excepted, real ale and golf aren't generally synonymous. Ormonde Fields, just off the A610 near Codnor, however, not only offers an excellent golf course at only £15 a round on weekdays, but also in the 19th hole a decent drop of Wells Bombardier is hand drawn. What's more, a little birdie tells me that Amber Ales, from neighbouring Ripley, may well be quenching the thirst of golfers, soon.

INN BRIEF

A raft of pub closures has rocked Heanor, but our local beer hunter, Brian Nolan, tells us that better news is at hand. Derek George intends to reopen the former Home Ales house, the Derby Arms. A new licensee is imminent at the Rays Arms and it would be great to see a return of the halcyon days of twenty years ago, when custom was drawn from far and wide to savour Hoskins ales. The New

Heanor's Market Hotel is closed, as is Langley Mill's Sir Charles Napier, and the Butchers Arms, Langley is to let. The Victoria, Long Eaton is for let and the Navigation, Trent Lock has closed. The Harrington, Long Eaton will open again after refurbishment. An offer has been made for the purchase of the *Good Beer Guide* listed Ilford, Ilkeston.

Finally, we hope to bring you a full report in DD124 of the long-awaited opening of the Queens Head, Marlpool.

Paul Gibson

EREWASH EVENTS, ALL WELCOME

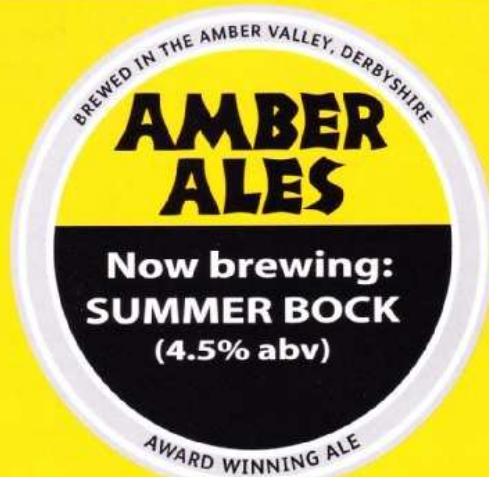
830pm, Wed 6th Aug branch meeting at the Ilford, Station Road, Ilkeston.

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Ramtastic Thirty-First Derby Beer Festival - A few highlights

The festival got off to a great start with the arrival of Private Derby, the regimental mascot of the Mercian regiment. He was undoubtedly the star of the show and a very popular attraction in the Market Place.

The usual mix of quality beers and a variety of entertainment attracted a crowd of nearly 10,400 over the five days, an increase on last year. This was a considerable achievement at a time of general economic gloom. Drinkers also lifted the gloom by drinking 97% of our beer and all the cider. My personal favourites were: O2 from the Otley family in Wales, Calcutta Ale,



The Derby Ram (he's the one on the right) is tempted to some ale by the Beer King at the opening ceremony.

the IPA that went to India with writer P e t e B r o w n, and the refreshing Summer Ale from Fullers.

More good news came at the reception with the presentation of the Cask Marque cer-



Girl band Almaboobies went down a treat on Friday night with their rock and punk covers interlaced with original stuff. The Joan Jett/Suzie Quatro look was pretty good too!

beer-team. Steve Wellington of the White Shield Brewery at Coors gave us a powerful oration about the future of brewing and brought us a presentation pack of Royal Ales, which raised £150 for the Mayor's Charities. The lucky bidder was Leatherbritches brewer Ed Allingham, who will display it in the Brewery Shop in Ashbourne.

It was also a good year for publicity with a large number of features in the Derby Evening Telegraph, and several broadcasts on Radio Derby.

Thanks again to Private Derby and the Mercian Regiment, this was a theme that really caught the public's imagination. Hopefully the Beer King looked more regal this year in his new outfit spon-

sored by the Summer Festival and Derby City Council, designed by Derby University. The small army of volunteers worked tirelessly to make the festival the success that it was under new chairman Terry Morton. The weary volunteers reflected on this over the Sunday 'Take Down Supper' thinking was it all worth it? Of course it was, this is one of the biggest beer festivals in the country, supported by the people of Derby and the City Council and we're very proud of it. Roll on next year!

Les Baynton - Publicity

(The captions are the work of the Editor)



Not forgetting the volunteer staff, without whom there would never be a Derby Beer Festival. Many tireless hours of freely given time by CAMRA members and friends made it all happen, not just while the festival is open but the set-up from the previous weekend and the take-down at its end. This picture shows Dave Clark of the marvellous cellar team hard at work.

Danish Delights as Brunswick is broadcast to Northern Europe



A DANISH TV crew were guests of Derby Tourist Unit in June and I was asked to guide them on a real-ale trail around the city. The husband and wife team of Vagn and Birthe Molnit come with a mike and movie camera to record a feature in the 'Molnit Travel Guide' series for the cable TV station DK4.

I met them at the Midland Hotel after a tour of Derby and Wedgwood Pottery where they told me that they only wanted to visit one pub with 'stories, history and a brewery'.

The nearby 'Brunswick Inn' seemed to fit the bill and fortunately landlord and brewer Graham Yates

was present. He showed the TV producers the brewery and took Birthe behind the bar for shots of pints being pulled and a variety of customers being served. Both Graham and myself were interviewed about real-ale and British pub culture.

The couple seemed genuinely interested in the different beers and the current pub scene, and promised to send me a web copy of the programme, which I look forward to seeing. The travel programme has approximately 400,000 viewers and Derby I am sure, made a most positive impact.

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away in the name of progress. Partitions in pubs were put up by the specialised pub fitters of the late Victorian era for privacy and also by the village carpenter with help from the village blacksmith, usually to retain warmth. Surviving examples of either type are now very rare.

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A minibus load of Derby CAMRA members were united with some who had made their own way to the Barley Mow and some members from Mansfield

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

So the much-awaited reopening of the Royal Standard finally arrived. Expectation had built up to fever pitch and, it has to be said, some reaction has been a little varied. Many were very impressed and the beer was received with universal laudation. Some though, seemingly expecting Brunswick II, did express a few whines about the decor being 'too modern' and other such lamentations.

I think we need to look closely at what we have got and where Real Ale in the City of Derby is at now and where it goes in the future when we make these judgements. Here's a few obvious instant positives:

We have got upwards of nine Real Ales available in a pub where there has been none for some time and had been closed for a long period.

A local independent brewer is running its Brewery Tap, a thriving

vibrant pub in the City Centre.

The balcony, with its river view, is a superb place to take the air with a pint, although on a personal note those trees need thinning out to maximise the view - and not only here; we are becoming over treed in every area of the country. So much so that great vistas are gradually becoming hidden from the eye.

I feel what the pub is trying to do is provide a large range of cask beers to a variety of drinkers. That is, not to be pigeon-holed as an 'old fogeys' or for that matter, a 'CAMRA pub'. Other pubs have successfully done this across the land. Think of the Devonshire Cat in Sheffield for example or the York Brewery ventures in their home city. They have slipped Real Ale into the consciousness of other clusters of pub-goers. If it were largely only CAMRA members that drank in our Real Ale gems then the expansion in number of such hostleries would place an ever-larger area to spread ourselves over in the course of the week.

Pubs such as the Standard need to gain, and retain, regular custom from other City drinkers and this is one of the things Derby Brewing Company appear to be attempting, with minimalist decoration alongside the old brick, plush seating and continental bottled beers. Now whether it succeeds is another matter, as the age demographic over the early days of its opening may seem to indicate otherwise. However to not attempt to move forwards would be an error. We cannot recreate multi-roomed inventory pubs, nor can we be completely rooted in time, however attractive that prospect increases with age!

Real Ale must compete and be available to as wide an audience as possible. We have that here so let's enjoy the latest addition to the round.

P.S.

Real Beer in Clubland

Is there a way forward for more CAMRA members to drink in our clubs?

There was a time, not so long ago, that a visit to a club, be it a British

Legion, a politically-aligned club, sports club or a trade association, often for a wedding reception or birthday celebration, would be filled with keg-dread for the cask ale drinker. Often these establishments were the last bastions of fizz that, for many reasons, failed to pick up the Real Ale baton when the tide began to turn back. Well things have certainly changed. Now, given the often complete freedoms that Club stewards can have when ordering beer, and the competitive nature of price which they can employ, one can walk into a club and look forward to a reasonable chance of an interesting beer from an often local microbrewery.

That is, of course, IF you can walk in to the club. A lot of places are less strict than previously in administering door policy for non-members but CAMRA runs an annual Club of the Year Award for which Derby Branch have been struggling to make a nomination. Not because there are no good candidates (Nunsfield House, the Beaconsfield, Melbourne and Repton Legions, Derby Rowing Club and Ockbrook Cricket Club to name a few at random) but because they do not quite fit into the pigeon-



hole for eligibility involving access for CAMRA members.

Under Paul Walton's stewardship (pictured) Nunsfield House Club on Boulton Lane, Boulton parish (Alvaston to the uninformed) has become one of the hidden treasures of Real Ale in Derby. Normally open only to members and pre-booked parties, Nunsfield House will have an open day on Saturday August 16th. At least eight beers will be on, though the usual count is four. This is your chance to try the beers and decide if you want to apply for associate membership, or full membership if you live in Shelton Lock, Alvaston. It is a bargain.

Regular beers are supplied by Marstons. Derby Brewery is a regular supplier, a relationship which goes back to Paul's stewardship at the Repton RBL, and there was a Fullers weekend (eight beers) in July with a Wadworth weekend on September 12th.

So, does your club sell real ale? Are CAMRA members welcome? Is there a way for CAMRA to get involved with your club? Day or associated membership maybe? Let us know and together we can work towards more cask ale in our clubs. Perhaps we can all benefit.

P.S. (Inc Nunsfield report from J.M.T)

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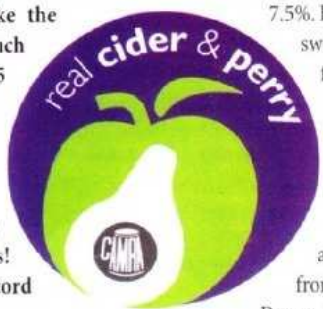
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Cider with Suzie

Let's start with a big thank-you to everyone who came to the recent Derby CAMRA Summer Festival and helped to make the Cider & Perry bar such a success. We had 35 varieties of cider or perry on sale at the start of the festival (a record number) and you drank no less the 2,960 pints! (Comfortably a record for this festival).



Looking ahead, you will be able to sup from a range of some 30 ciders and ten perries at the forthcoming Nottingham CAMRA Beer and Cider festival to be held from 9th to 12th October. The venue has moved from the Sneinton Leisure centre to the Castle Grounds and promises to be bigger and better than ever, so put the dates in your diary.

Holidaying in Devon recently which is, after all, a major cider making county, I have been a little disappointed to find a lack of locally produced real cider in most pubs. You can sometimes find Weston's (Old Rosie or Vintage) or Thatcher's (Farmhouse of Cheddar Valley). These are all perfectly good real ciders, but Thatcher's and Weston's are both large outfits located in Somerset and Herefordshire respectively. Both also produce a range of keg ciders, so you have to watch what you are drinking. In search of Devon cider, I visited some of the cider makers themselves.

First visit was to Winkleigh Cider, located not surprisingly in the village of Winkleigh, about 10 miles north of Okehampton. This outfit used to be Inch's Cider, and good stuff it was too, until it was bought out and butchered by Bulmer's. The good news is that it has now regained its independence, with a name change to Winkleigh in the process. Their main products are

Sam's Cider, a clear, fruity 6% drink and Autumn Scrumpy, a very pale, hazy, mellow cider at a substantial 7.5%. Both are available as sweet, medium or dry from their farm shop as well as being regulars on festival cider bars.

Next was Ostler's Cider Mill at Goodleigh, not far from Barnstaple, North Devon. This one was tricky to find, and the approach along a rutted track did the suspension no good. Lining the approach route were magnificent orchards, and I eventually arrived at an ancient farmhouse. The proprietor turned out to be quite deaf and suffering from severe arthritis, but indicated that all the orchards were all his and that he made 10,000 gallons of cider per year! He achieved this feat by employing a group of young Polish lads for six weeks in the autumn to pick the apples and to press the cider, no doubt being rewarded with copious amounts of the product. His Scrumpy Black, a full flavoured medium cider with just a hint of blackcurrant was the first cider to sell out at Derby; we hope to have it back at Nottingham.

Last stop was Hunt & Son at Higher Yalberton Farm, about three miles inland from Paignton. This is a working farm making traditional Devon cider, their main product being a cloudy, medium dry 6% cider. This is too dry for the palate of most of the tourists, so they do a sweet version and blend the two to achieve intermediate levels of sweetness. It makes an excellent take-away if you are holidaying in the Torquay area. An invaluable help when navigating off the beaten track in Devon is CAMRA's *Good Cider Guide* (ISBN 1-85249-195-7), without it you might be forced to drink Strongbow!

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Metro Bar on the right track as Gary returns to the trade

Gary McCartney has taken over the reins at the City Centre Metro Bar on Albert Street, bringing Real Ale into a previous keg zone. Gary, who did a grand job at the Wardwick Tavern in Derby, has been looking for another pub in the city ever since his attempts to secure his future at the Wardwick ebbed away and he is hoping to have a similar choice of beers at the Metro.

The Metro, which was closed for quite some time, was formerly known as the Central Vaults under Banks ownership and before that the George & Dragon, an old-fashioned (in the 1950s sense) town pub that catered for an older crowd. It almost succumbed to the redevelopers hammer in 1989 when it closed and shops were planned on the site.

The bar now is quite swish and it could have benefited from a name change but that has not been possible. It reopened on the Thursday of the Derby Beer Festival with five Real Ales and a magnificent buffet. The beers available on the opening night were Courage Best, St Austell Tribute, Robinson's Olympic, Caledonian 80/- and Greene King Ruddles County with the future promise that some micro beers and different regional brewers ale will be appearing on the bar.

Gary's opening times are quite unusual for the Derby area, and therefore worthy of note here. The Metro opens from 12-6 on Sundays, then 11-7 Monday- Wednesday, 11-11 Thursdays and 11-12 on Fridays and Saturdays. Home cooked food is available until 5pm on all days.

Cask Marque Updates

The following pubs have recently gained Cask Marque accreditation: In Derby, the Furnace and Master Locksmith, the Plough at Ashbourne, the Stanhope and Chequers, both Stanton-by-Dale,

Rose & Crown (Morley) and Coach & Horses (Horsley). Also the Hanging Gate at Shottle and in the south of our area both the Lamb at Melbourne and Boot Inn, Repton came up to standard.

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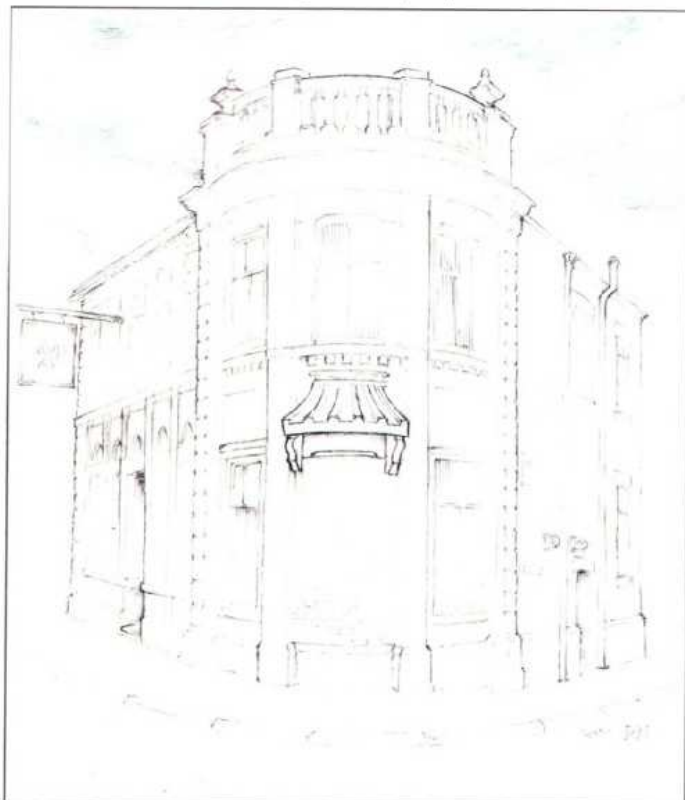
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A Bygone Standard - Fierce Fish and Topless Barmaids

Derby CAMRA stalwart Reg Newcombe was as delighted as any other real ale drinker to see the Derby Brewery Tap open at the old Royal Standard. He has even produced a new drawing (see below). Reg, however can recall long-ago times in the old pub and he takes us back to the 1950s when recounting the Teddy Boy era in the Standard.



Half a century ago, as I recall, the Royal Standard was one of the more attractive pubs in Derby city centre. Not only did it have a striking appearance as you approached it from the Market Place but it was one of the first pubs in Derby to have a juke-box and was a favourite meeting place of the Teddy Boys - the new social rebels with their long, narrow jackets, string-thin ties and drainpipe trousers.

The end of the 1950s marked the

end of post-war austerity. Not only was there a hint of a bit more money to splash about, but there was a lot less discipline - either young men had not yet been conscripted (National Service didn't end until the last day of 1960) or they had been demobbed and were reacting to what had seemed like mindless obedience to petty orders, which no doubt would not have seemed so petty when there was a war on.

The Beatles had not yet burst

upon the pop scene and the reigning king (with due respect to the late HM George VI, d.1952) was now Elvis Presley. *The Blackboard Jungle*, released the same year as *Rebel without a Cause* (1956), had already been screened at the Gaumont with Bill Haley and his Comets playing *Rock Around the Clock* on that earth-shattering soundtrack, causing mayhem throughout the Country's cinemas. Rock-and-Roll had arrived, though most of us were unaware that 'rock and roll' was originally Black American slang for what was less colourfully called sexual intercourse. It made more sense, though, when you saw 'Elvis The Pelvis' in action.


This was the heyday of the Royal Standard and if you could get in on a Saturday night you felt as if you had landed on another planet, the scene was so different from anything round about - and Derby had a lot more pubs then than it's ever had since. As you approached it over Exeter Bridge the first thing that struck you was not the battlemented frontage with its bowed windows and hand-painted heraldic sign, but the vibrant sound bouncing out of the place - exciting or menacing depending on your disposition.

As for those imprisoned fish: being interested in natural history - the key word being 'natural' - I must admit to feeling rather sorry for them; sorry for the pike because it could barely turn about in its narrow confinement, and sorry for the roach because there was nowhere to go to escape those snapping jaws. It's not for nothing that the pike is called 'the wolf of the river'. It was like being thrown to the lions in Ancient Rome. I never said anything, though, because I was a member of the same fishing club as the principle provider of those fishy snacks.

A later landlord of the Royal Standard, by then well past its best complained to me that he was at a loss to see why his pub was so often by-passed in favour of 'that scruffy little pub down the street' (the Exeter Arms, than being run by Barbara Gibbons). It was no use suggesting to him that beer was better down there or that the eminently popular landlady might have had something to do with it.

Soon afterwards, by now into the 1980s, the Royal Standard changed hands and all the glass cases of stuffed birds, weasels etc, as well as that aquarium, were sold off. In the desperate days that accompanied

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the pub's decline the Saturday night feeding frenzy was replaced as the main attraction by topless barmaids - always a sure sign of decline, just as in Ancient Rome. And then, much more recently, the imminent threat of riverside development seemed like the final nail in the coffin.

But no: an ever-resourceful venturer with an eye for a good building and an appreciation of its history has given this old show-case a new lease of life. 'It's location, location, location,' says Trevor Harris of Derby Brewing Company. 'And, of course, good beer at a good price, which is what we are offering here. We don't see ourselves as a threat to any other pubs round about, but more of an added attraction. It's our ambition to make this pub as good as it was when it was at its best, but without the Teddy Boys.'

In the process of modernization the character of the place has completely altered, but only those who remember the Teddy Boys may regret the change. But, when they think of the alternative, most will welcome it. It's a pity about the change of name, though, and the scrapping of that heraldic sign.

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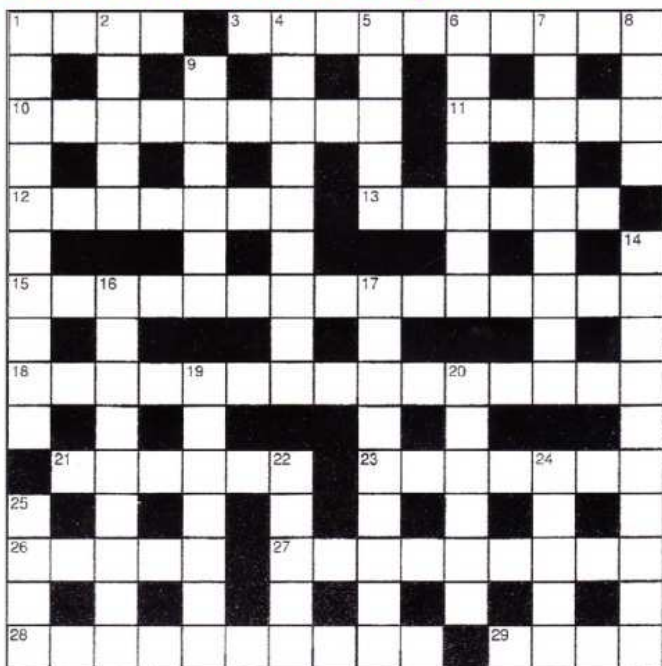
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ACROSS

1. Pontiff's part of a Marston's subsidiary that once brewed in Dorchester (4)
3. Newby Wyke's strong pale ale at bay (American) (10)
10. Spell of slightly one-legged bowling, like too many bitters (4-5)
11. Swiss home-city of Unser Bier brewery (5)
12. Bloody fool, initially, from insect entirely (7)
13. Basket-work from, say, Cockneys' stockings (6)
15. Occasional Derby CAMRA branch Derwentside meeting place, where the blades hang out (5,6,4)
18. Jaipur IPA's and Lord Marples's brewery home (11,4)
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