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FREE

Assembly Rooms the only place to be July 8th-12th as the 32nd Derby CAMRA Beer Festival hits town

An extended welcome to those yet to visit the transformation of the Assembly Rooms into the Derby Summer Beer Festival experience.

The only annual event to celebrate the City Charter and also Derby's largest indoor event (almost 11,000 visitors last year).

This year the local theme is based on the 300th anniversary of the birth of Doctor Samuel Johnson, the famous lexicographer who married in Derby on 9th July 1735 (Beer Festival Week to us!). The official Festival logo is shown here.

Charities benefit. Last year Headway (brain injuries), Scropton Disabled Riding Centre, the MS society, Derby Lions and the Royal British Legion all benefited from a

collection of donations from the visiting public and volunteer staff. Councillor Barbara Jackson also received a cheque for a £1,000 from festival proceeds to the Mayors

charity. As well

beer & cider

our festival

is about

those like

minded

people

who enjoy

the atmo-

sphere, meeting

old friends and

making new ones, this

all adds to the feelgood factor. CAMRA faces a huge challenge from those who don't understand the camaraderie of a pint down at the local and not see us as an organisation promoting responsibility and common



sense.

We always need extra help,

joining CAMRA now would be a good time, please be patient with our volunteer staff at busy times. The evening of Wednesday July 8th sees the Festival begin and it runs through to Sunday July 12th, so drink safely, have fun and have a great time.

Terry Morton

Summer Beer Festival Chairman

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Pub of the Year Awards for Old Oak & Brewery Tap

The Derby Branch Pub of the Year winners were chosen in May. The Country Pub of the Year, and Overall Winner is the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse, a Leadmill Brewery pub and now home to the RuRad

Bar while the City Pub of the Year is the Brewery Tap Derby's Royal Standard on Derwent Street, which has been open a year in June.

As we go to press the award has been presented to the Old Oak but the celebration of the Brewery Tap's award has not yet taken place. Photographs from these evenings, plus a more substantial article on both winners will appear in DD 129 but hearty congratulations are in order for

both these worthy recipients.

Honourable mentions should also go out to the other contenders - the Horse & Groom, Babington Arms, Barley Mow (Kirk Ireton) and Poet & Castle (Codnor).

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Funfair Brewing Company Launches new beer in spectacular style



Those of you who have met David Tizard, Owner and Brewer of the Funfair Brewing Company will probably say that shyness has never held him back! But has he pushed the boundaries this time in an attempt to promote in his own words one of his finest beers to date?

The latest brainchild beer from Funfair, Wall of Death is a 6%ABV, pale and yet surprisingly smooth ale. According to David the key characteristic to this beer is unlike many of the other pale beers currently on the market. Wall of Death is subtly hopped thus cleverly allowing the biscuit flavours of the malt to shine through.

Wall of Death has been in the planning stages for the best part of a year and was inspired by Neil Calladine, member of the Ken Fox Wall of Death World Tour Team. A real Ale enthusiast himself he made contact with Funfair after trying Dive Bomber at The George and Dragon in Belper, Derbyshire.

After much careful consideration and planning the beer was finally brewed in eager anticipation for David to meet daredevil Ken Fox and his World Tour Team. The date arrived this April seeing David travel to a classic motorcycle show at Bingley Hall, Staffordshire where he would have to face the Wall of Death himself.

During a live performance fearless/brave/stupid (delete as appropriate!!) David was honoured to be invited to sit upon the handlebars of Ken Fox's own 1926 Indian Scout. Hands on his Knees and not a crash helmet in site the crowd were treated to a daring ride that saw Ken take David to the limits of the Wall!

When asked to sum up the day's events

David Concluded that it was a privilege to meet with these fantastic Showmen and that it was a truly unforgettable experience!

The Wall of Death beer itself was launched on 22nd May at the White Post Beer Festival at The White Post, Stanley Common, Derbyshire. David personally serving the beer (proudly wearing his red Wall of Death shirt!!) Following this



event it will also be available to buy as bottle conditioned beer. Future plans are to incorporate the Wall of Death beer into Funfair's Core Range and to promote the newly extended range of Funfair beers now available in bottles.

See David in action on You Tube - www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU5hSGR580k. For further information please see Funfair Website

www.funfairbrewingcompany.co.uk

Belper's George & Dragon proving thirst slayer supreme

A pub on the up and up is the George & Dragon in Belper. Under the able charge of Craig Ternick, who worked under John Bilbie at the Holly Bush, Makeney the beer choice has increased to three guests with the addition of an extra pump (four at weekends).

The house beer is brewed by Tower Brewery in Burton and is named Tower East Mill after the local landmark. This replaced Tetleys recently.

Craig is strictly speaking

teetotal after developing an intolerance to alcohol but he does taste all the cask beer to ensure quality. Craig plays rugby for Belper and attracts a strong following for after match beer, and food, which is looked after by ex-London chef Liam Blake.

With all this, live jazz sessions and bed and breakfast coming soon the Bridge Street pub in the centre of the old mill town is certainly thriving, and holds its beer festival of rare brews from 25th to 27th June.

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THE LITTLE ACORN - ILKESTON

The Little Acorn, a LocAle pub on Awsorth Road in Ilkeston has recently become a mecca for real ale drinkers, with its range of fine kept Alcazar ales, is open from 11am daily (12 noon on Sundays).

This Turnstone Tavern pub is presently on a long lease to Alcazar Brewery and now under a new management team of Phillip and Louise Wills, who moved in on 22nd April this year. Phillip & Louise who previously ran Derby's Old Silk Mill and The Lamb in Melbourne took a break from licensing, then saw an advert in the trade papers for The Little Acorn and thought it too good a chance to miss and so packed their bags and moved to Ilkeston.

Inside, this spacious single roomed pub with its quiet corners a central bar has three hand pulls, dispensing a changing range of Nottingham brewed Alcazar beers. Phil & Louise provide bingo, quiz, poker and free pool nights as well as live entertainment every Saturday. The pub also boasts two pool teams, a skittles team, a ladies darts team and is home to Acorn Athletic football team who recently won The Midlands Amateur Alliance Cup.

Louise will soon be turning the upstairs room into a thirty cover restaurant which will provide a Sunday Carvery, as well as bar snacks downstairs. When I asked the happy couple what they want to do next in the pub, Phil gave me a quick answer, get a men's darts team and try his hand at a Beer Festival featuring locally sourced beers. We wish them all the luck in the future.

NUTBROOK BREWERY

Nutbrook Brewery of West Hallam was established in 2007 by father & son team, Dean and Chris Richards. From a slow but steady start this innovative brewery brewed distinctive quality real ale, using only the finest ingredients, some of which are locally sourced.

Their beer range includes Banter (4.5%) a light golden hoppy beer, Bitlyke (4.2%) a rich bronze beer, Midnight (4.7%) a full bodied stout, Responsibly (4.4%) a brown beer in keeping with today's responsible drinking guidelines, Mongrel (4.5%) a darker beer with a proud pedigree, More (4.8%) a beer with a red tint and finally OR8 (3.8%) a lower strength beer with the right amount of attitude. Other beers that are occasionally brewed include a mild which had its debut at The Queen

Adelaide in Sneinton, Nottingham.

Nutbrook also offers a brewing experience which gives you the opportunity to design your own beer, with the help and guidance of Head Brewer Chris if needed. This involves choosing ingredients and strength of your beer. The next stage of the experience is a day spent brewing in West Hallam. The beer will be delivered to you. This experience is ideal for a birthday, wedding or retirement gift, as featured

recently on BBC TVs East Midlands Today.

Expansion plans are now well in hand with two new fermenters installed, enabling the brewers to brew 217 gallons a week Nutbrook is also purchasing a five barrel plant and installing it at another location close by, whilst keeping the existing kit in West Hallam to be used for new beer development and the Brewing Experience.

As well as appearing at beer festivals and guesting at numerous pubs, including local POTY finalists, The Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse and Dewdrop, Ilkeston, Nutbrook beers are permanent fixtures at The Riverside Farm, Nottingham and The Cherry Tree Farm, nr Etwell. The Cherry Tree will also host a beer launch

where customers can suggest a name for a tasty new beer, brewed with Elder Flower & Pomegranate. Nutbrook beers will also be on sale at both Chatsworth and Bakewell shows. A range of their bottled beers are available at Croots Farm Shop, Duffield and more local to their West Hallam home, at Checkleys, Little Hallam Lane, Ilkeston. In fact bottle sales are increasing at such a rate, other members of the family are being drafted in to assist with bottling. Lastly, Nutbrook beer is also available direct from the brewery. Contact them through their beer line, 0800 4582460, or at www.nutbrookbrewery.com.

Stephen Boa

PUB NIPS


A huge blow to Amber Valley was the closure of the **White Hart** at Heage on 1st May, the day after a very well attended sub-branch meeting here. The **Vaults** in Wirksworth which had been predominantly a keg pub up to its closure last year has been bought at auction by a couple of real ale enthusiasts and is to reopen sometime in June. A potential Real Ale Gain. The **Green Dragon** at Willington was trading again in late May. Four Real Ales including a Derby, are on offer at the **Morley Hayes Roosters Bar**.

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New Peregrine house beer flies out of Silk Mill

It was when she heard the female falcon screaming around the tower opposite that Janina Holmes of the Silk Mill, Derby decided they should have a beer to celebrate it.

The peregrines have been nesting on the Cathedral tower for four years now and successfully raised four broods. Surprisingly, the Cathedral's ten bells don't bother them but human intruders do, and when anybody goes to the top the female falcon, the bigger of the two, is fierce in defence of the nest, loudly crying

ek-ek-ek as it swoops around.

So now, having startled the landlady of the Silk Mill pub, the peregrine has pride of place on

the front bar - and pride

is the word: these

birds are like

cavaliers with

their

haughty

bearing

and dash-

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falcon is the

terror of the

skies. To see it

climb into the

clouds then swoop

down like a bolt from the

blue onto its hapless quarry is a

sight to behold - if you're not a

pigeon. Pigeons are the pere-

grine's favourite food (which is

why pigeon-fanciers aren't fond

of them) but they are not particular. They will take anything from as small as a starling to as big as a duck.

Peregrines do not build a nest as such. Their eyrie is a platform on the cliff-face, or in this case a wooden one especially erected on the east face of the tower, where it can be seen from Cathedral Green. The clutch contains anything from two to four orangey-brown eggs laid in April. This year it was three.

The pump-clip now displayed on the bar was designed by Nick Newcombe of Sign & Print, who also designs for the Derby Beer Festival in July (see page 9). The beer (1042) to which it draws your attention is brewed at an independent mystery brewery not of these parts and is, fittingly enough, sharp and clean-tasting with a bitter after-taste.

Reg Newcombe



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Joanne's Walk Home to Glossop



Popular barmaid, Joanne James, worked her last shift at The Flowerpot in Derby on Wednesday 3rd June. After four years in the city her University course is complete and to mark the event she intends walking home to Glossop via as many pubs as she can en route.

The walk begins at the Pot on Monday 15th June and finishes on the Thursday evening at the pub where she'll now be working, The Globe in Glossop. The 65 mile route will see her stopping in Youth Hostels. The first night in Wirksworth, second in Youlgrave and next in Eyam. On

the first day's walk she will be joined by friends and work colleagues from the Pot and on the final day those from Glossop.

Joanne would welcome anyone who wishes to walk with her on any of the days. Sponsorship money is being raised for Women's Aid, a charity that helps women and children caught up in domestic violence. PLEASE sponsor Joanne on this walk, even if reading this after the event. Forms are behind the bar at the Pot or e-mail Dickiemint1@btconnect.com to register your donation.

Dickiemint



RAILWAY TAVERN, HATTON

A new manager was appointed by Greene King early in the year. The pub needed someone with vision and that person surfaced by way of Bill Lilly who runs BLDS Couriers locally. He took over the Tavern in March and injected much needed capital to upgrade the kitchens and also spent more money doing up the pub both internally and outside. He offers a good pint of Pedigree and a weekly-changing guest ale, Snecklifter at the time of my visit. They do good English food, with a kid's menu and Sunday lunch. Monthly live entertainment is complemented by a weekly Wednesday quiz, darts team, pool table and the real fire makes a

welcome return. There is a beer garden, large car park and Bill wishes it known that the Railway is biker friendly. Tents can be pitched in the beer garden or a local farmer's field for any special events.

FORESTERS ARMS, SCROPTON

Sue Merrill left the pub having tried her best to get it back on its feet and we now welcome Londoners Dave, Sally and son, Paul, who have been running various pubs in the Bedford area. They bring years of experience of city pubs and are gradually adapting to country life. Opening hours are now 2pm-11pm Mon-Thurs, Noon-11pm plus, Fri-Sun. Good home cooked food is available from 2pm-9pm most days and Sunday lunches are increasing as word spreads. The pub is once again warm, bright and welcoming and various events are being planned for the large children and biker-friendly garden. The pool table makes a welcome return and a darts team is needed.

Unfortunately neither Dave, Sally or Paul are real ale drinkers and it would help trade if the uninspiring Greene King IPA and Abbot are replaced, or at the very least supplemented, by some regularly changing, interesting guest beers, even if only from the restricted GK approved list. Come and give it a try, a warm welcome awaits.

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NATIONAL CASK ALE WEEK

Amber Valley CAMRA members busied themselves during the second week of April by visiting all 169 pubs in a comprehensive survey of the branch area. This gave us the opportunity to update our database and gained us airtime on the Radio Derby breakfast show, which brought our surveying and the national campaign to the attention of a wider audience. The results were as follows:

Total pubs in area: 169
84% Pubs operating (142)
9% Pubs closed and dormant (15)
4% Pubs closed for good (6)
4% Pubs "found" to be in Amber Valley CAMRA branch area i.e. not previously listed (6)
23% Of operating pubs have no real ale at present (32)

HOLLY BUSH, MAREHAY REOPENS

Nearly 20 years had passed since I last set foot inside the Holly Bush, Brook Lane, Marehay, Ripley (pictured) and it was pleasing to find it unsullied by refurbishment with the features that made it such an appealing Shipstone's house, retained. The elongated front bar with dartboard is intact, as is the dark, wooden panelling and attractive quarter circular bar in the lounge. Alas, the sound of leather on willow can no longer be heard as the cricket ground to the rear has been built on. On my visit Kelham Island Easy Rider, Pedigree and Greene King IPA were on tap, and for those who prefer the apple to the hop, Weston's Traditional Scrumpy and Old Rosie are available for your delectation.



END OF AN ERA AT BELPER PUB

We bid the Sinclair family a fond farewell as they will have now departed from the Cross Keys, Belper, and we thank them for slaking the collective thirst with impeccably kept Bateman's beers and a myriad of other fine brews. A highlight of their tenure was the attendance, at more than one Derby branch meeting, of "Mr George"

Bateman, the legendary Lincolnshire brewer, who regaled members with some amusing anecdotes. Eight years of sterling service at the Cross Keys has seen the Sinclair family rewarded with the prized tenancy of Bateman's flagship pub near the brewery in Wainfleet.

INN BRIEF

The Poet and Castle, Codnor's first beer festival was a roaring success and is likely to be repeated. The Royal Oak, Mill Street, Belper, is being converted to residential use. We welcome the new licensee to the Good Beer Guide listed George and Dragon, Belper. The Sportsman, Jessop Street, Codnor will, subject to licensing approval, open its doors to the public in June.

The Angel, Ripley is for sale at a reported 300k. The Prince of Wales, Ripley is boarded up. The Hudson Bay, Alfreton has closed, but should reopen towards the end of the year. Sophie and Luke have left the White Hart, Heage in the wake of a hefty rent increase. The Jovial Dutchman, Crich, which featured in the first *Good Beer Guide* in 1974, has had Greene King's change of usage application granted. The Mill, Langley Mill has been sold. At the time of going to press, the Mundy Arms, Marlpool was undergoing refurbishment and about to reopen.

AMBER ACTIVITIES

9pm, Tuesday, 16th June. Joint social with Derby branch at the Poet and Castle, Codnor.

19th to 21st June. 1st Amber Fest, Unit A, Asher Lane, Hammersmith, Ripley.

830pm, Tuesday, 23rd June. Branch meeting at the Anchor, Oakerthorpe. A free bus will leave Ripley Market Place at 745pm, so why not join us for the rare Cropton beers. Please note the change of day.

25th-27th June Beer Festival of rare brews, George & Dragon, Bridge Street, Belper.

830pm, Thursday, 30th July. Branch meeting at the Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper. Contact Social Secretary, **Nathan 01773 570675**

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Dolphin link up with Nottingham Brewery for 1530 house beer

Nottingham Brewery's Phil Darby has linked up with Derby's oldest inn to create a new house beer from the Old

Dolphin on Queen Street. It's name is Dolphin 1530, reflecting the antiquity of the pub and is a Gold/Amber brew of summer character at about 4.2% ABV.

Phil told *Derby Drinker*: "We are keen to do this for Jim (Harris) as he regularly supports our beers and we are confident he can shift this one in volumes. It will be triple-hopped with all English

ingredients, similar to our Extra Pale Ale with citrus flavours and a full flavoured finish."



The 1530 is to be brewer in the last week of June and will be up for sampling at the Dolphin Beer Festival 15th-18th July. The pump-clip design hadn't been finalised as

we went to press but Jim has some interesting ideas on it and assured us it will feature the famous 'Fish' motif!

Victory for local campaigning and common sense at Duffield pub



Great news from Duffield as Claire and Scott Muldoon have signed a new five-year lease at the Pattenmakers after a long-running dispute with Pubco Enterprise Inns.

This follows a local campaign by the pub regulars, supported by Derby CAMRA, involving coverage in the Derby Evening Telegraph and appearing on Central News. Scott and Claire had been threatened that they could receive 24 hours notice if the Pubco found someone else to run the pub and were told at a meeting with Enterprise at the Pattenmakers that 'All this pub means to us is a square box'. A group of regulars had been listening to proceedings and were up in arms. The message they forcibly put to the Enterprise contingent was 'It may only be a square box to you lot but it's our local and part of our community'.

As a result of the campaign and these fiery exchanges with reality Enterprise came back to the table and a deal has been struck giving the Muldoons a rent reduction, the right to use an accountant of their own choosing and a discount on the beer.

All this coming at a time when Claire has had serious health issues and could well have done without this sort of hassle. She deserves our support for proving if you fight you can win.

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Pattenmakers is a great pub selling some interesting guests from many breweries, and also the rethink by the Pubco. However, what a parlous state of affairs it is when we see the sort of people making decisions about our local pubs have got so little idea of why we like them so much and of their contribution to community life.

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Derby CAMRA Beer Festival Entertainment

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Ockbrook Big Band lead the musical parade on opening night. All the sounds of the Glenn Miller era, Woody Herman, Cole Porter etc, with vocals from Michelle & Colin. Note- Over 60s get in free tonight. we also have ripley morris men & the osnabruck young ladies carnival dance troupe.

THURSDAY EVENING

LIMEHOUSE LIZZY (pictured below right)

Thin Lizzy fans and lovers of hard rock will be out in force tonight as this multi-talented band take stage around 9pm. Bassist and vocalist Wayne Ellis is a supreme entertainer and probably the closest you can possibly get to the late, great Phil Lynott. Accolades for this band testament to their talent - 'If you're sceptical about tribute acts you won't be after seeing Limehouse Lizzy' - *Radio Times* 2007. Support band **BAD APPLE** will make a Festival debut with a lively selection of classic rock. Note - Darwin Bar is music free tonight (Absolute bliss for some!)



FRIDAY EVENING

The **WAM BAM BAND** breeze into town, the awesome Johnny Rollatt on lead vocals, backing vocals from the Rubettes (the sweetest sound this side of Carsington Water) The Mighty Horn section and Fearsome Foursome on rhythm, one of the biggest & best around playing classic 1960s R&B soul plus surprises from the 1980s and 90s. Support comes from **PLEASE Y'SELF** (top right) with their unique style of Skiffle and the motto 'Obscurity hasn't changed us a bit'. It certainly rings true with brothers John & Rob on electric guitar and tea chest bass, and sister Chris on washboard. Over on the Darwin stage



VERBAL WARNING will be giving their supporters plenty to cheer about. The have been firm favourites at the Derby Winterfest with in your face old time punk rock from the likes of The Clash, Buzzcocks and Pistols plus their own interpretations of old songs and their self-penned tunes based on social issues, all delivered with dynamic energy and plenty of fun.

SATURDAY EVENING

JAKE & ELWOOD (bottom left) From an idea for a comedy sketch on US TV by Dan Ackroyd & John Belushi, the Blues Brothers Band was born, really taking off with the 1980 Hollywood film. Tonight's tribute Jake & Elwood & the Black Rhino seven piece band (described as the best Blues Bros show in the world) will rip through timeless classics as *Everybody*, *Sweet Home Chicago* intertwined with songs commissioned for the show. The frontmen are masters of their craft giving a powerhouse performance and working the crowd into a dancing

party. Support comes from **TONY B** on piano vocals starting the evening off with a more relaxed style, numbers by Elton John & Billy Joel. On the Darwin stage is **LOSCOE STATE OPERA** described 'More Pogues than Levellers with touches of The Clash'. Their imagination brings out a unique blend of folk rock that reaches places others fail to reach with fiddle, flute, whistle & melodeon playing old songs fired up with guts & feeling.

MUSICAL

LUNCHTIMES

THURSDAY LUNCH FANTASIE GYPSY JAZZ led by Paul Winfield on clarinet playing in the style of Django Reinhardt. The legendary gypsy guitarist died in 1953 but his legacy lives on all around the world. Fantasie are a group of professional musi-



cians who all worship at the altar of the High Priest Django. They have played at many major European festivals.

FRIDAY LUNCH - THE JOHNNY JOHNSTONE QUINTET These well-seasoned musicians perform jazz in mainstream, modern & swing style with a few vocals thrown in to boot.

SATURDAY LUNCH - HOVERLA UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE This highly-regarded dance troupe have captivated audiences with colourful exciting and energetic displays. They perform traditional Ukrainian folk music & dance. **TONY B** will also be back on the piano before he leaves to play the cruise liners. In the Darwin **LOSCOE STATE OPERA** will give a few performances throughout the afternoon.

SUNDAY LUNCH - TBA

Note 'We are working on this one'. As you may know Three Wheel Drive will not be appearing due to the sad and untimely death of guitar vocalist Jeff Nadin (see DD 127).

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Festival Beers & News

Four special ales have been commissioned for the 2009 Summer Festival and have been brewed by local brewers, namely Blue Monkey, Wild Walker, Full Mash and Bottle Brook breweries. Here we depict the four pumpclips, designed by Nick Newcombe, together with a brief description of the thinking behind the beers names, all based on this year's theme of Doctor Samuel Johnson.



Bozzy's Bitter (3.9%)

The Scotsman James Boswell (1740-1795) was Johnson's best pot companion and author of his famous biography published in 1791.



Bride Ale (4.8%)

The word 'bridal' is from 'bride-ale', drunk at a wedding feast. This bride, of course was Johnson's 'Tetty' (Elizabeth) Porter.



Tetty Porter (5%)

Tetty Porter was the name of Johnson's bride. They both came to Derby from Birmingham on horseback, to be married in St Werburgh's.



Werburgher (6.5%)

Unusually, old St Werburgh's was dedicated to an Anglo-Saxon princess who was later made an abbess and later still a saint. It was in the old chancel that Samuel wed his Tetty.

This years beer theme is East Anglia Breweries and we have selected 18 Breweries from this region listed as follows: Adnams, Buffys, Bartrams, Grain, Icen, Milton, St Peter's, Nethergate, Woodfordes, Wolf, Earl Soham, Fox, Fat Cat, Front Street, Elmtree, Humpty Dumpty, Spectrum and Tipples. Altogether there will be 39 beers from these

breweries, some in the Main Hall in greater quantities and some of the smaller ones in the Darwin. Rest assured they will be a good selection of different styles and strengths, hopefully including one at 9% ABV.

Local breweries will again be represented in the Main Hall together with the Festival specials (see above). There will also be a good

selection of local breweries represented in the Darwin Suite as well. Approximately 35 beers from Local breweries altogether.

Many thanks are due to our sponsors - beers from both Marstons and Coors will be represented again in the Main Hall, with Everards in the Darwin and Fullers in the Foyer. Thank you for your continued support.

Reasons to be Cheerful & Festival News

The 32nd Derby Summer Festival is getting closer. This year we're celebrating a 300th Anniversary, that of Dr Samuel Johnson. He was married in St Werburgh's church and was perhaps best known for compiling the definitive dictionary - The Dictionary of the English Language. He was a friend of Bosworth and also a frequent visitor to The Green Man in Ashbourne. An episode of Black Adder celebrated the great man with his dictionary being apparently burnt! We are fortunate to have a reincarnated Dr Johnson coming to the Opening Night of the festival on Wed 8th July. He will be accompanied by the Mayor, the Osnabruck Beer King Ferdinand and once again the new ram- Private Derby, the mascot of the Mercian Regiment. We are also inviting a German Carnival Dance group over to dance in the Market Place and in the festival, another first for the festival and Derby. There is of course the usual selection of great beers, specials, and for the first time an East Anglian section, then also a big range of ciders and continentals and quality entertainment. **Here are seven cheerful reasons to attend the Derby Beer Festival.**

1. One of the biggest, probably the best Beer Festival in the region is 32 this year.
2. The Mayor, the Osnabruck and Derby Beer Kings, the new Derby Ram, and Dr Samuel Johnson are all attending.

3. You can join CAMRA at the Fest and receive many benefits including free entry to all sessions of Derby Fest and many other CAMRA festivals.

4. The beer choice is awesome with specially brewed beers, most of our LocALES, a selection of

beers from East Anglia, and many unusual continental beers. In addition an award winning selection of ciders, including CAMRA'S 2009 Champion cider Gwatkins Yarlinton Mill and the champion perry - Broad oak. Everybody happy?

5. There is a great choice of entertainment every night and lunchtime and entry fees are kept reasonable. On popular nights our entry prices are often 50% cheaper than other music venues in town.

6. Drink in comfort. Unlike many other festivals we are air-conditioned, which keeps the drinkers

and the beer in top form!

7. Free entry for oldies, military men and CAMRA members-We try to be helpful in these difficult times - Beer cheers you up!

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LocAles on Market Place for Belper Food Festival



For the second year running the Belper Food Festival has a Real Ale offshoot. In 2008 The Black Swan and Cross Keys joined forces to put a beer festival on the Market Place.

This time Neil McCready of the Black Swan (pictured) is in control. There will six local breweries

represented, Amber Ales, Derby Brewing Company, Derventio, Tollgate, Wild Walker plus one more, all supplying rack-fined beer in nines for the one day extravaganza, which takes place on Sunday 5th July from 11am to 6pm. Neil advises to "Come early it will all go!" and says the event will go ahead "Come hell or high water".

The pub has perhaps been overshadowed by the adjacent Cross Keys over the last year or two, and yet has consistently been a firm supporter of local microbreweries making it an under rated inn well worth a visit.

Entertainment comes in the form of Fantaisie Gypsy Jazz, warming up for Derby Beer Festival, and a barbecue will also feature. Hopefully a lovely Sunday afternoon isn't too much to expect in July. If so this could be just the place to sample some of our LocAles.

In search of Urban Greenery for Ale Fresco

It was while enjoying the relaxing drinking atmosphere of the CAMRA AGM and Members

weekend in Eastbourne that a few members came up with an old idea that needed implementing. Why not feature in the Drinker some of city urban greenery, in the form of hidden beer gardens, ponds or floral displays.

Subsequently the Editor has been sent this charming view of a Clementis spilling its way around the Brunswick Inn and its barrels in early summer glory.

So if you spot a gem of a pub garden, however large or small this summer while drinking ale

fresco, why not photograph it and send it in to *Derby Drinker*.

We shall print the best in the next edition. City pubs only please, it is havens of tranquility in our seas of turmoil we are in search of!



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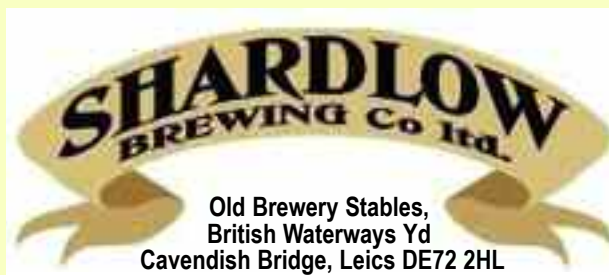
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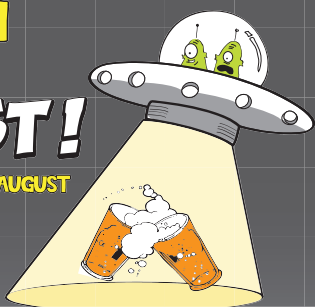
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Dubbed the 'Bridge to Nowhere', we reckon its existence is purely to facilitate a lovely shortcut for real ale drinkers to get from the Brewery Tap to the Silk Mill/Dolphin area and vice-versa. Good old Cityscape - maybe we should name it the Real Ale Bridge!

Auction of Glasses at Derby Beer Festival

A set of Derby Beer Festival glasses are to be auctioned at this year's event. The Beer King has agreed to make a special appearance to auction this complete set of half-pint glasses from 1978 to present.

It takes place on the Main Hall stage at 3pm on Saturday 11th July. An opportunity not to be missed to become one of the few to own a

unique piece of Derby heritage. Cash or cards accepted, the reserve must be met.

The Sales Stall Staff are looking for kind donations of any items that you feel you can let the Branch have. Any beer or brewery related items, including books, bar towels, CDs, DVDs, pump clips, programmes, glasses, previous year tee shirts (washed and in good condition please), beer mats, photos, memorabilia, in fact almost anything related to both Derby and beer will be very welcome.

If transport is a problem, we could even collect in the Derby area. Please ring Wendy on 07748193881 if you would like any donated items collecting free. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of any donated items goes directly to the Branch vaults to help to keep our Branch going for another year.

2009 Tee shirts on sale


Tee shirts for this year will be on sale at a discount price to anyone attending the June Branch meeting. Why not wear your tee shirt before July 8th and help to promote the Festival personally.

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THE IDIOT'S LANTERN



CONSIDER! DEAR TOPER, THE "IDIOT'S LANTERN" (OR IF YOU PREFER "TELEVISION") AND ITS INCREASINGLY INTRUSIVE PRESENCE IN MANY A TRADITIONAL HOSTELRY.

I don't know about you Dear Toper, but if I wish to watch television I stay at home, and I suppose it is indicative of the endlessly repeated, lacklustre drivel that is broadcast most of the time that I don't spend more evenings at home. Howsoever, having decided to go out and socialize, I nowadays enter many a favourite hostelry only to find there-in an "Idiot's Lantern", blaring out some inane rubbish that seemingly appeals to no one save for the bar staff and a trio of avid viewers, who sit in open mouthed reverence before the great one eyed god in the corner, whilst nursing their half pints.



I often wonder what would happen if by some strange quirk of fate T.V. ceased to exist; I am quite sure that the Theatre, Cinema, live music and many other forms of "live" entertainment, would enjoy a renaissance; and many a pub that is now boarded up (courtesy of greedy Pub Co's and a Chancellor who stalks the land like some blood crazed hit man from the Temperance Movement) would suddenly become a viable business again.

In these days of financial crunch (unless you're an M.P. of course) some publicans are convinced that the installation of a gargantuan (out of all proportion to its surroundings) plasma screened, moron magnet, will bring in extra custom, especially during the airing of some top sporting fixture. Unfortunately those occasions are few and far between, what is usually on offer is some obscure sporting event of no local significance whatsoever, possibly a "Leapfrog Tournament", or perhaps a "Toe Wrestling Championship" (Watch out for those verrucas! Dear Toper) because the publican feels the need to get his or her monies worth from their subscription to their channel provider. It could be worse, our aforementioned trio of avid viewers might be watching so called "Reality T.V." – "I'm A Has Been Celebrity, Get Me Some Publicity", or some such tripe. But consider this Dear Toper, if our trio want to watch mindless exhibitionists cavorting and making fools of themselves of an evening, why

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not have the pub T.V. tuned into the High Street surveillance cameras (the police don't seem to have the manpower to monitor them), I'm sure our trio would be fascinated by the sight of the great cider swilling unwashed taking control of the Alcohol Free Zone, or some lager fueled underaged drunkard urinating in a doorway whilst his awaiting girlfriend vomits in the back of a taxi. And if our trio should decide that any of these things (and many more) constituted a crime, they could alert the police.

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Cider with Suzie

I'm sure that you don't need reminding that the Derby CAMRA Summer Festival will soon be upon us (July 8th to 12th at the Assembly Rooms). The cider / perry bar will follow the successful format of last year with the main bar in the Great Hall to the left of the stage and a smaller bar, selling different ciders/perries from the main bar, in the Darwin Suite. We hope to bring you a choice of at least 35, including many current and past champions. This year the order is being increased yet again, so hopefully we will be able to provide a good choice all the way through to Saturday evening.

CAMRA's National Cider and Perry judging has just been completed at the Reading Beer & Cider festival. The champion cider 2009 is Gwatkins Yarlington Mill. It is a deep reddish-brown in colour, medium sweet and with a terrific fullness of flavour. Dennis Gwatkins farms at Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, in the Golden Valley not far from the border with Wales. This is a proper working farm, mainly sheep but with some cattle and all manner of poultry. Dennis is a character who once met is never forgotten, short in stature with a big bushy gin-

ger beard and usually sporting a pair of red braces, whilst his father rides round the estate on horseback! Gwatkins specializes in single variety ciders and perries, in addition to Yarlington Mill Stoke Red, Kingston Black, Norman and Foxwhelp are usually available. Their Blakeney Red perry came third in the recent national competition. Add to this an excellent shop selling meat raised on the farm; this is a must if you are in the area.

The champion perry 2009 is Broadoak Medium. This is a soft, fairly pale perry, quite sweet and with a lingering, fruity finish. Broadoak represents quite a contrast with Gwatkins, since it is situated on Clutton Hill industrial estate, not far from Wells, Somerset. It is a large outfit, frankly more of a cider factory than a farm, producing Moonshine, Kingston Black and Bristol Port ciders as well as their award winning perry. The do off sales which are very good value, again, worth a visit if you are passing by.

As well as the winners from Gwatkins and Broadoak there will be a wide range of favourites from previous festivals; Gwynt y

Ddraig Black Dragon from Pontypridd, Glamorgan, Hecks Port Wine of Glastonbury from Street, Somerset, Westcroft Janet's Jungle Juice from Brent Knoll, Somerset, Ostlers Scrumpy Black from Goodleigh, Devon and of course Three Cats from just down the road to name but a few. Each time we do try to find a few cider makers who haven't featured at Derby before. This year we have Orchards from Brockweir, Gloucestershire. Their Wye cider medium dry is a crisp, clean, refreshing drink, finishing second in the recent national competition. Pickled Pig from Cambridgeshire is a relative newcomer to the cider scene but is quickly gaining a following; made from a mixture of cider varieties and local apples it is a medium sweet and highly quaffable. We have a new local producer in Frank Woods from Branston, Burton-on-Trent. 2008 was his first year as a cider maker, his fruit is bought in from Herefordshire and he was ambitious plans for the future, we await his cider with interest.

Space prevents me from describing any more of the ciders and perries that you will be able to taste at Derby. A full listing will appear on the Derby CAMRA web site. Web sites may have their uses, but you can't drink cider on-line. A glass in your hand is better than a thousand words, and by now you know where to come for that.



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JUNE

THURS 11th JUNE BRANCH MEETING, ROWDITCH INN, UTTOXETER ROAD, DERBY

Tues 16th June, Social, **Poet & Castle**, Codnor

Tues 23rd June, Social, **Falstaff**, Society Place, Normanton, Derby

Sat 20th June MINIBUS TRIP TO SHREWSBURY 9.50am Full Street

Sun 21st June, **Cycling Social to Thulston**. Meet 12 noon Brunswick for 12.30 start then cycle to the **Harrington Arms**

Sat 27th June **Derby R.A.M** (Real Ale Mile) pub crawl starts **Royal Standard** 7pm then **Peacock** 7.30pm, **Bridge** 8, **Furnace** 8.30, **Seven Stars** 9, **Flowerpot** 9.30, **Dolphin** 10, **Silk Mill** 10.30.

JULY

THURS 2nd JULY BRANCH MEETING, FLOWERPOT, KING STREET

Wed 8th-Sun 12th July, **32nd DERBY CAMRA**

BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms

Tues 14th July, Social, **Pattenmakers**, Crown St, Duffield

Wed 15th July, Unofficial Social, **Dolphin Beer Festival**, Derby

Tues 21st Social, **White Swan**, Littleover

Tues 28th, Social, **Hollybush**, Makeney

To book on the Shrewsbury trip contact **Rob Davison** on 07966200135 Survey Minibus trips generally depart at 19:00 from the X3 bus stop on Full Street, Derby and aim to return back to Derby by 23:45 and future ones will be advertised here in subsequent editions. To book a place on the survey 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

White Bear Inn Remembered



The Editor is indebted to **David (the Smiling Assassin)** from the **Falstaff**, who has let him access some great old colour transparencies taken by his father in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Here we see the first colour picture I have ever looked at of the White Bear Inn on Derwent Row. The bridge to the left crossed the old Derby Canal towards White Bear Lock, while further west in the distance the council houses buildings can be seen on the opposite bank of the Derwent. The canal towpath was carried across the river at this point by the old Long Bridge which had been demolished about ten years earlier than our view.

This old brewpub which closed in December 1969 and was prob-

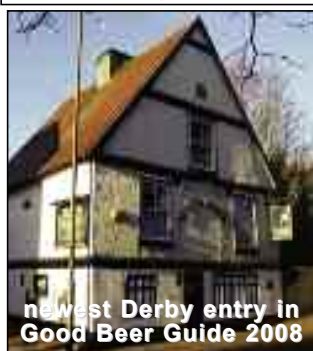
ably demolished the following year, was featured in an earlier edition of *Derby Drinker* in the series *Vanished Pubs* but this photograph panoramically gives so much information on how the area known as Canary Island looked at the turn of the 60s/70s. The White Bear has always been a difficult pub to place geographically as the site has been obliterated under the ghastly inner ring road but the houses in the far centre could be on Exeter Place, towards the Royal Standard and the viewpoint of the photographer would be one with his back to the Smithfield. The vehicle also places the vista firmly in that era and David assured me that the pub was on the verge of closure when his father decided to cap-

ture it for prosperity, thank goodness he was so motivated.

Please let us know if you can pinpoint it exactly and there will be more gems to come from this fascinating archive.

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AMBER ALES

AMBERFEST at Amber Ales Brewery 19-21st June. The new shop and tasting room opens on June 19th at Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich right opposite the current brewery site. Here you will be able to sample and buy directly from the brewery. Opening hours are being extended Thursday/Friday 2- 6pm and Saturday 10am-1pm.

To celebrate there will be a three-day beer festival celebrating the best of Amber and other local microbreweries. The theme will be Revolutionary ales including many new beers. The first brew of Samuel Slater (4.1%) sold out in less than two hours at The Marble Arch, Manchester plans are to brew it all year round.

New Beers include Derbyshire Gold (4.1%abv) and Chocolate Orange Stout (4.0%) started out as a special brew, made for Terri at The Waggon & Horses, Alfreton. Hop Devil IPA 6.5% - a take on the American craft ales, with a full malt base and as many high Alpha American hops as they can pack in through continuous hopping during the brewing process. A new series of ales is called Botanic Ales each featuring an unusual flavour, plant or fruit. Watch out for Elderflower Blond; Jasmine IPA and Chilli Pale over the summer months along with the usual seasonal specials of Summer Bock & Amber Wheat.

BRUNSWICK

The brewery have just redone Pilsner, 5.0% cask lager, not been done for a couple of years. Rambo has been brewed and is bedding down in the cellar till Christmas, and will be available from December.

There is another Everards gold course planned for mid June, which will be a new beer briefly available at the Brunswick, and then in various pubs throughout the Everards estate during June/July.

DERVENTIO

Derventio are producing Cleopatra (5%) their apricot beer for cask ale again this summer. This is following on from its success at winning Bronze at Nottingham Beer Festival and very successful bottle sales. Following the March launch of Pompeii (4.3%) a cherry flavoured fruit beer, another new cask beer has been brewed and is now available. This is Nero a 3.9% abv session ale, full of character with a subtle use of Crystal Malt and generous helpings of First Gold and Boadicea hops.

In June the brewery will be running bars at the Derbyshire County Show and the Kedleston Antiques Fair and is also busy with brewery tours and corporate events at Trusley.

FALSTAFF

To celebrate the brewery's 400th brew, Supernova is about to be brewed, aiming for 12% ABV. Three milds, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor and Taurus were made available to coincide with CAMRA's campaign for Mild in May. Brews for the Babington Arms in Derby continue with the planet theme, Uranus being the latest. Falstaff's own theme, constellations, also continues.

The brewery are currently bucking the trend of the recession with sales up and brewing maxed-out at 3 brews per week. Brewer disappointed with Budget increase in Excise Duty above inflation but acknowledges CAMRA's campaigning and lobbying on Excise Duty and low cost alcohol by supermarkets.

WIRKSWORTH

To support CAMRA's National Cask Ale week the Hope & Anchor in Wirksworth held a Wirksworth Brewery Day. On Saturday 11th April all of the handpumps were dedicated to Wirksworth Brewery



Wirksworth Brewery Day at the Hope & Anchor with brewer Jeff Green and landlord Kevin Dowson

beers to provide local drinkers and tourists the chance to sample traditional real ales brewed only 100 metres away. Jeff Green opened the brew house for the day to a constant flow of visitors and was also on hand to perform 'meet the brewer' sessions. The event was a huge success and Kevin Dowson from the Hope & Anchor and Jeff were both very pleased with the support.

After the success of the first Wirksworth Brewery seasonal beer

Bunny Hops at Easter Night Watchman is the latest beer from Wirksworth Brewery hoping to bowl over local drinkers. The 4.6% ruby coloured beer is brewed to coincide with the Summer cricket season and will be available during June, July and August, just in time for the Ashes series against Australia. For more details or to place an order please contact Jeff Green on 01629 824 011 or visit www.wirksworthbrewery.co.uk

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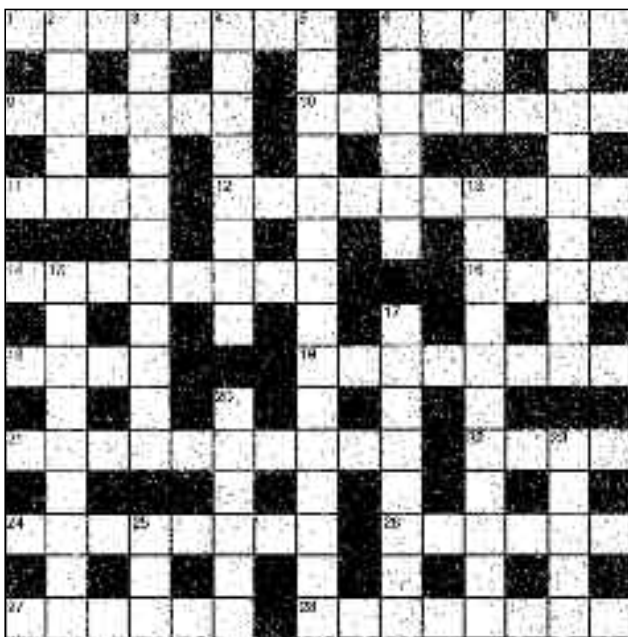
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SOLUTIONS to CROSSWORD No 12 by Wrenrutt

ACROSS

1. ATOM BOMB 6. POPLAR 9. LASSIE 10. EMPERORS 11. SKYE 12. HOKEY COKEY 14. WOK MANIA 16. EBOR 18. ADEN 19. TEA CADDY 21. WINSTANLEY 22. ITCH 24. FERRY INN 26. AUGURY 27. ADHERE 28. EMBER DAY

DOWN

2. TRACK 3. MASTERMINDS 4. OVERHANG 5. BREAKFAST BLONDE 6. PAPAYA 7. PAR 8. A TRUE WORD 13. OPERA SINGER 15. OLD BIG EAD 17. MARY LAMB 20. SATIRE 23. CURIA 25. RUE

Last Orders

Roy Calladine

Roy Calladine, former long-serving landlord of the Cliff Inn at Crich, died on 30th April, 2009 aged 68. He was at the Cliff until April 2002, when his health was fading, and the pub was a *Good Beer Guide* regular for most if not all of his time there.



The Cliff won awards for its beer quality as the of our finest Hardy & Hanson's pubs for miles around.

CAMRA East Midlands Regional Director remembers him in typical fashion: "All I can say is that he poured me a pint of Peak Perfection on gravity from

the cellar, when it was getting to be hard work for him to get up and down those steps and it was one of the best drinks I have ever had. Sheer magic and he wouldn't even take any money for it."

28. National brewer, not King, by short railway creates lush plant growth (8)

DOWN

2. Bus agent includes said and written language norms (5)
3. Describes ponderously clumsy or oppressive traits (5-6)
4. Rome inhabitant with facial twitch doesn't sound much like this! (8)
5. Maladjusted trading liars ail the government's pub-killer (8.7)
6. Behold in anger, being covered in milled edible powder (6)
7. Benign goblin of Scandinavian folklore in Finnish, perhaps, and about sin (3)
8. Embarrassed crossword compiler or dog (3.6)
13. Card game which turns up trumps (5-3-3)
15. Nautical behind, queen, local electoral district: subsequently American (9)
17. Dominant female in hive or boardroom (5.3)
20. In kissing without extremes find a drink (6)
23. What bottle-conditioned beer or wine should be if decanted properly (5)
25. Global brewer, no rupees: sound of a dove (3)

Access to Chambers Dictionary, Good Beer Guide 2009 and a well-stocked mind recommended. send completed entries to the Editor stating where you picked up Derby Drinker.

The winner of the draw for Crossword No 11 is Phil Robinson of Loughborough who picked up his copy of Derby Drinker in the Unicorn Inn at Newton Solney.



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