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## New Home for Derby Winter Fest - 24th - 26th February 2011



This year Derby CAMRA's 10th Winter Beer Festival is moving! It's off to The Roundhouse, on Pride Park – but never fear it's not hard to get to - or home from! The festival will feature a massive range of interesting/exciting beers for you to try along with a few you'll probably be familiar with.

The Roundhouse was the first railway Roundhouse built in the world, built by the North Midland Railway in 1893, it was later used by the LMS (London Midland & Scottish Railway) and finally British Railways before closing and becoming derelict. It was then revitalised by Derby College and given a new lease of life in 2009.

### Beer

As always at the Winter Festival we'll be bringing you a vast variety of beer styles from around the UK, and perhaps further afield too this year. We always bring a wide range of styles to the festival from the more usual golden hoppy ales to the down right odd and exotic, with a few more in between for good measure. It's still a bit early to say too much more at the time of writing (three-and-a-bit months pre-festival) but don't worry there'll be something for everyone whatever your taste. We hope to bring you an update in the next issue of *Derby Drinker* and the beer list will appear on our website a few weeks before the festival opens.

To highlight the festival's local brewers we'll be having a whole area dedicated to LocALE beers (those brewed within 20 miles of the venue) that we think will be at least 38 breweries by the time the festival comes round...

### Cider

There won't just be ale at The Roundhouse – as a selection of ciders and perries will be hand-picked to showcase the very best available – making them quite literally the pick of the Winter Festival crop. The experienced staff

will be happy to guide you through your selection,

answer your questions and even occasionally smile (if absolutely necessary!). So if you've always wondered what all the fuss is about surrounding real cider and

perry; if you want to discuss the nuances of the October 2010 harvest; or if you want to savour the flavour and relax amongst possible the largest choice of cider and perry in Derby (at the time) come over and we'll be happy to try to assist you. A word of warn-

ing though absolutely no pear cider will be on sale as CAMRA does

not recognise the product – rather the more artisan product perry will be on sale. Perry is made from pears (specifically perry pears); it's uncarbonated, slightly sweeter than cider and delicately layered with the very kiss of summer breezes. We will also have delicious multi layered ciders which will delight your taste buds



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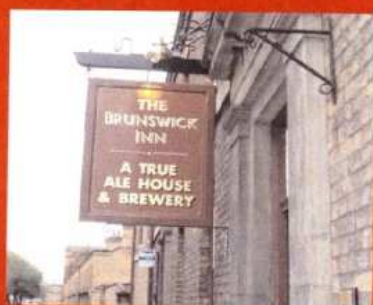
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If you would like discuss one of The Winter Festival's attractive sponsorship packages please contact **Gillian Williams** on **07847 504074** to discuss your Companies requirements.

## Other Drinks

As well as our wide range of real ales we also offer a couple of dozen bottled beers from around the world – albeit mainly Belgium, Germany and the USA. So if they're what appeals to you we've not left you out and if you fancy something a little different you could pay this bar a visit to see if you're tempted. As well as that we'll be offering a range of soft drinks for anyone who'd like one – we can't say a lot more about them right now as it's under discussion/consideration but rest assured they'll be available.

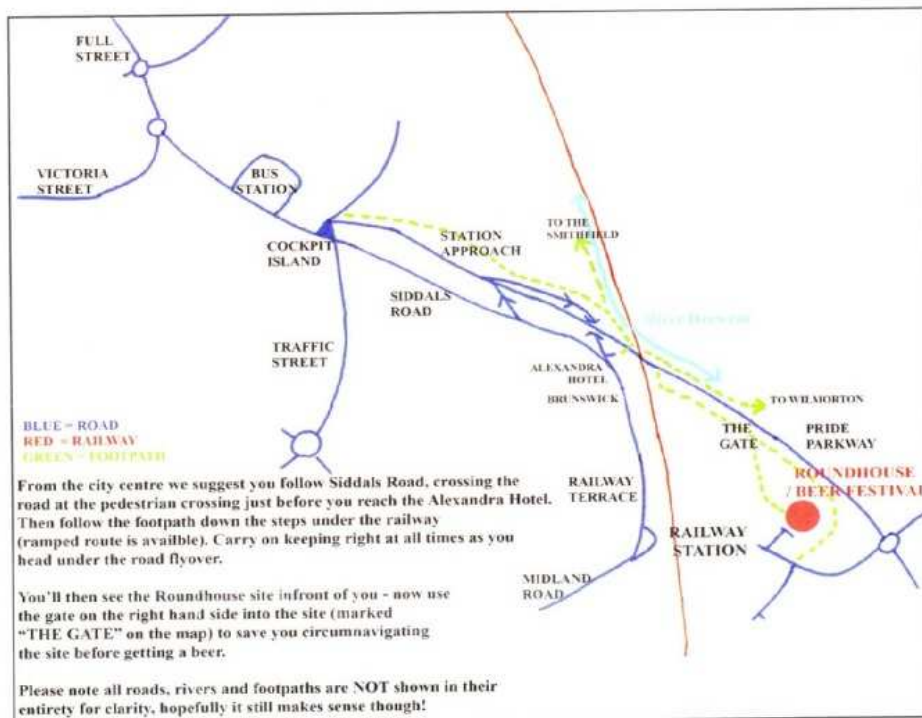
## Transport



How do I get there / Where is it? Has been one of the most commonly asked questions about the festivals new venue, well it's not hard we assure you. The festival venue itself is The Roundhouse, Roundhouse Way, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8JE. If that doesn't help here's a map and walking directions for the festival.

In summary though the festival is a 10/15 minute walk from the city centre, five minutes from the Brunswick and the Alexandra Hotel and two minutes from the Railway Station (use the pride park exit and it's in front of you!).

We're also laying on a FREE shuttle bus running approximately every 15 from the City Centre to the Festival. The buses will run from just before opening time until 21:30 (last departure from the festival). They will run from the Full St lay-by adjacent to the Assembly Rooms (tbc) to the festival itself and back



again. The buses will be operated by Harpur Coaches and should probably look a bit like our picture!

Once the buses have stopped running for the night there's still a number of options of how to get home if a stroll via a pub or two into town doesn't take your fancy. As the railway station footbridge is open to pedestrians by this time you can nip across the bridge and catch a bus from outside the Waterfall into the Bus Station served by Arriva routes 40, 44 and 45 and Kinchbus Skylink at night (more daytime). Or you can of course call a taxi from your favourite cab firm for a short hop in to the city centre.

## Times and Prices

	Admission	Reduced admission*
<b>Thursday 24th</b>		
14:00 – 16:30	TRADE TICKET ONLY	
16:30 – 23:00	£4	FREE
<b>Friday 25th</b>		
11:00 – 17:00	£2	FREE
17:00 – 23:00	£5	FREE
<b>Saturday 26th</b>		
11:00 – 17:00	£2	FREE
17:00 – 23:00	£5	FREE

\* Reduced admission is available to valid card

carrying CAMRA members and those lucky enough to be aged under 26, with a valid photo ID.

## Trade Session

If you work in the industry we hope you're aware of our 'trade reception' which has run every year until now – well we're axing it. Don't worry we're axing it for something bigger and better! This year we're running a Trade Only preview session on Thursday from 14:00 until 16:30 when the doors open to the public. This is your chance to get a sneak preview and free entry to the festival BUT only if you're (un)lucky enough to be in the trade.

## Food

The food operation at the Roundhouse should provide a refreshing change to that of the Assembly Rooms, there's not a lot to say really but you should be impressed, failing that try a nibble of cheese from cheese stall.

## Stalls

This year as a consequence of our move we're able to host some stalls from outside traders that have been missing so far at the Winter Fest. We hope to have stalls selling a range of Cheeses (yes we did say cheese!!), T-Shirts and a couple more but we wouldn't like to mention them now in case something falls through!

For more information or if you have any questions please visit our website: [www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk) or e-mail us sending it to [winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk) - otherwise we'll see you there!!

Cheers

Anna Dyson & Ralf Edge  
Festival Chairs





## Microbrewery Corner

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



### BUXTON & THE BATTLE OF THE BEERS

The new *Buxton Brewery*, run by Geoff Quinn and Pete Clark, has in just twelve months, gone from strength to strength. Production has increased six fold and their beers are now to be found in free trade pubs from Derby up to Stockport and across several adjacent counties. Validation of their popularity came in the recent 'Battle of the Beers' contest run by Chesterfield CAMRA as part of their Market Festival. This blind test contest of eight local brews, by a CAMRA panel, resulted in a hopper version of Buxton's *Kinder Downfall* being judged as the outright winner.



### COPPICE SIDE BREWERY – HEANOR

Yet another new brewer, Chris Turner, has started up in business in the county. Chris, formerly a print production director and long time real-ale lover, only launched Coppice Side brewery in the late summer but already his beers are getting wide appreciation in an increasingly discerning market. He was guided by Richard Creighton, of Leadmill Brewery in choosing

equipment, ingredients and techniques when setting up the brewery. The first beers from the 5 barrel plant are: Bitter Robin (3.8.2 % ABV), Coppice Gold (4.0% ABV), Deception (4.8% ABV) and Scary Crow (5.0% ABV), of which two, Robin and Deception were featured at the recent Nottingham Beer festival, where they quickly sold out.

### DERBY

Have new and old favourite beers out in time for Xmas. Crackers is a 3.9% brew, Gifted comes out at 4.3% and Silent Night Porter at 4.7%. White Christmas and Old Friend will also be around.

### DERVENTIO

Cleopatra has again proved to be a winner scooping Gold in the speciality ales section at the Midlands SIBA beer competition held at Nottingham Castle. It also came second at the 1st Erewash CAMRA Beer Festival. Derventio Brewery's monthly specials are doing exceptionally well due to the different varieties of hops and malt combinations. Christmas specials, Winter King and Mrs Claus both 4% abv are now available in cask only. The new beer for January will be Phoenix at 4% a beautifully hopped ale. The bottled beer range has been expanded to include a bottle con-

ditioned Barbarian Stout at 5.5%. Derventio will be running stalls at the Moorways Christmas Fair on 12th December and Kedleston University Antiques Fair on 18/19th December.

### FALSTAFF

Beer production stable at near maximum capacity of brewery. No beer name theme for 2012 yet, but the search for ideas has started.

### MR GRUNDY'S

*Trenchfoot* has been launched finally and is available not only at the brewery and their other outlet at Uttoxeter – the Bank House - but at a few nearby pubs such as the *Crescent* on Wild Street. Brian Collins, the brewer, says that the *Coffin Nail Stout* (5.0 % ABV) is to follow.

### ROWDITCH

*BSB* has joined the Rowditch range and was to be found alongside *RSB* (Rachel's Special Brew) the other weekend - see also *Dancing Duck* (q.v). A 4.7% golden ale has also been brewed in November.

### WIRKSWORTH

2010 has been another success year for the brewery which now sees them brewing to capacity. Following an initial trial over the festive period, off sales have been available to the public throughout the year. A selection of beers can be purchased in branded four-pint jugs direct from the brewhouse. Carnivals and farmers markets are also being supplied.

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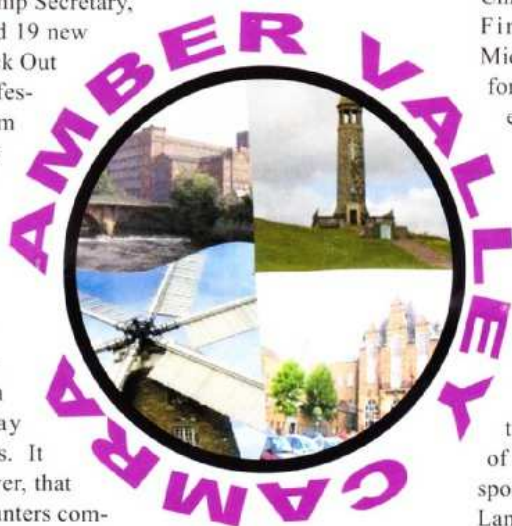


## RIPLEY RAIL ALE FEST IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The first Ripley Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station was a soar away success, despite some appalling weather, with 920 attendees. "Hope to see you next year" was an oft-heard expression, and Amber Valley CAMRA hopes to oblige. 54 beers completely sold out and only a gallon of cider remained at closing time on the Sunday afternoon.

The bands were very well received too, notwithstanding the power failure that interrupted a fine set by The Alma Boobies, and Membership Secretary, Gus Manning, recruited 19 new members. Cropton Black Out was voted beer of the festival with Dunham Massey Chocolate Cherry Mild runner up, followed by an old favourite, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild. Interestingly, all are of the dark variety, perhaps indicative of a shift in drinkers' tastes away from traditional bitters. It should be noted, however, that only a fraction of the punters completed the relevant form. Carey Organic from Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, triumphed in the cider category.

On festival Friday, former Amber Valley MP, Judy Mallaber, worked tirelessly all day, and she is pictured (above left) enjoying a beer with staffing officer, Alison Cox. On the same day, Judy's successor, Nigel Mills, put in an appearance but in a drinking capacity.



It's good to see our elected representatives taking time out to frequent our festivals.

Our thanks go to festival organizer, Nigel Heathcote, and a large supporting cast, some of whom worked 16-hour days. Those who stayed overnight deserve particular mention, so thank you, Chris Rogers, Nathan Dilley and Alison Cox. Mansfield CAMRA supplied

a lot of the equipment and half a dozen Derby branch members provided much needed assistance. Grateful thanks to the Queens Head, Marlpool, and Amber Ales who were our main sponsors. Also, we are indebted to Leadmill brewery for kindly donating the T-shirts and to Chris Burrows of Wade Printers. Finally, thank you to the Midland Railway Heritage Trust for allowing us to stage the event.

The second Ripley Rail Ale Festival has been provisionally booked for 29th September to 2nd October 2011.

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## AGM

The Hunter's Arms', Kilburn meeting saw Nathan Dilley elected as Chairman and Alison Cox elected as Social Secretary. Retiring officers, Pete Hounsell (Chairman) and Paul Eydon (Social secretary), were thanked for their good work in guiding the sub branch through its first two years.

## AMBER ACTIVITIES

Thursday 9th December 830pm, beer festival meeting at Queens Head, Marlpool.

Thursday 16th December 830pm, branch meeting at Poet and castle, Codnor (upstairs room).

Saturday 18th December 730pm, free bus departs Ripley Market Place to survey pubs in Belper, Broadholme and Alderwasley. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, please ring Nathan.

Wednesday 29th December 730pm. Christmas crawl of Ripley meeting at Barnes Wallis, Maple Avenue.

Thursday 27th January 830pm, branch meeting at Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse.

Contact Nathan, 01773 570675

## Mandrake Root

## Changes at the Pot, uncertainty for the Smithy?

As we go to press worrying news reached DD that Alistair Moffat and

Sylvia Manners have been made redundant from the Flowerpot with Lol Stevenson taking over running the pub. The Headless

Brewery has been mothballed for now also. Big Al was an institution at the Pot, searching Scottish beer and cheese amongst many other things and finishing his day off with a four pint jug. He will be much missed at branch, national and a personal level, by your editor. Lol told DD it was 'Business as usual' but rumours are circulating that sister pub the Smithfield may have an uncertain future. These are two of the flagship Real Ale pubs in the City and we shall follow developments accordingly.

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# 1ST LONG EATON BEER FESTIVAL

Over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd October the branch held its first beer festival in Long Eaton at the Westgate Centre which could prove to be an ideal venue for the future, the last festival which was in 2008 was held at the Ilkeston co-op Regency Suite which was closed directly after the event, unable to find a suitable venue for 2009 a festival was therefore not held.

This years event was successful with a near sell out of all beers and complete sell out of ciders, fruit wines and bottle beers, the first beer to go was Long Eatons Muirhouse Shunters Pole, and the public voted Cow Juice 6% stout from Nutbrook has the winning beer of the festival, second beer to go was Derventio Cleopatra an apricot flavoured beer which went down well with the ladies, entertainment was provided on both nights with Govannen, a three-piece Irish band on Friday night and Treebeard on



many thanks to you all.

A good night was had by all who turned for the presentation at the Navigation, Breaston for its summer pub award, congratulations to Peter and Lisa Wadworth (below) and their very efficient bar staff for running this very popular and friendly pub, the Harvest Pale did not last the night.

## PUB NEWS

I am informed the Jolly Colliers at Heanor is closed, as is the Steamboat, Trent Lock, a recent visit to the Great Northern, Langley Mill I spotted

Batemans XXXB amongst the usual Greene King beers and there should be guest beers in the future. Good news - the Gallows Inn at Ilkeston after being cask less for some considerable time is now selling Fullers London Pride has a regular beer and a rotating guest beer which on my visit was Coppice Side

Saturday night a very entertaining group.

A good turnout of volunteers to man the bar and other positions enabled the event to run smoothly,

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Scary Crow. The Durham Ox, Ilkeston is under new tenancy.

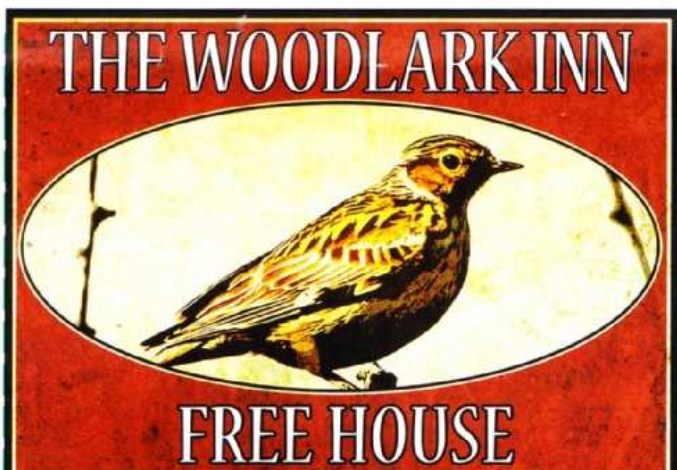
## DIARY DATES

Monday 6th Dec BM Dewdrop Leicester Social Trip Sat 11th Dec. Contact: Mick Golds 0115 9328042

## 2011 MEETINGS

Monday 10th January BM The Queens Head Marpool, 8.30 pm start  
Monday 7th February BM The Stumble Inn Long Eaton 8.30pm start  
AGM The Spanish Bar Ilkeston 8.00pm start Date to be confirmed

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With Thursday still to be finalised, Friday will see a tribute to one of the bands of the moment, Kasabian who were voted Best British Band at the Brits and who's recent album, *West Ryder Pauper Lunatic Asylum* was regarded as one of the albums of the year. There live shows are truly awesome and well worth attending. What better time to have their tribute band on than this as **Kazabian** recreate perfectly the sight & sound of the real band's energetic live shows. Support will be provided by Winter-Fest favourites, **Verbal Warning** with their unique brand of Old Skool punk rock covering bands like the Clash and the Pistols as well as performing their own stuff.




Saturday will then see a clash of truly heavy-weight proportions as Manchester favourites, Oasis &



Stone Roses go head to head when their tributes, **Definitely Mightbe** and **Adored** take to the stage. Stone Roses, godfathers of the 'Madchester' scene set the early nineties alight with some fantastic tracks, *I Wanna be Adored*, *Fools Gold*, *Sally Cinnamon* and *I am the Resurrection*. Oasis followed in their wake to quickly become the biggest band in the country with eight number-one singles and eight number-one albums, spawning a string of classic tracks like *Wonderwall*, *Don't look back in Anger*, *Lyla* and *Champagne Supernova* and until their recent split were still pulling in massive audiences all around the world. Both tributes authentically re-create the sound of these iconic bands and it will make it a night to truly remember ensuring the Festival closes on a real high note. Support on the night will be provided by the Replicators doing a set of well known covers.

So with a line-up like this, the Roundhouse is going to be the place to be this Winter so why not get yourselves down to the 'Festival that Rocks'. Watch out for further line-up announcements in the next *Derby Drinker* or e-mail [winterents@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:winterents@derbycamra.org.uk).





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## Winter-Fest Trade Session

The Winter-Fest Trade session will be bigger and better than ever before and will include the Beer of the Festival announcement and the Derby Branch Pub of the Year presentations.

It will also be a chance to sample all of the beers ahead of the public opening session. It will take place in the Roundhouse from 2pm-4.30pm on Thursday 24th February 2011. If you are in the Trade and would like tickets to this prestigious event then please e-mail [tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk) <<mailto:tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk>> or contact Gareth Stead on 07900 407086.

## CORRECTION

The Brewery Upsurge article in DD 136 stated, incorrectly, that the number of Derbyshire breweries 'has grown from 6 to 37, a six-fold increase'. The actual current GBG 2011 figure is 31, which is a five-fold increase. Our apologies.

## Rachel's Duck Dances into Derby

Rachel Mathews, is a new name on the brewing circuit, but she has already made a mark locally as the skill behind the *Rowditch Brewery's RSB*. Now she is on the point of launching her own brewery, the *Dancing Duck Brewery*, just off Ashbourne Road, Derby.

Why Dancing Duck? 'Duck' dates back to when Rachel, from Wolverhampton, first came to the area 14 years ago with her husband Ian, and was taken aback to being addressed as 'mi duck'. And 'dancing', Rachel and Ian say, comes down to the fact that having a beer should always be about enjoying yourself.

A passionate home brewer, Rachel then trained for 16 months with *Blue Monkey* at their Ilkeston base, where she got valuable

hands on experience when the outfit was winning awards by the score. And, had John Hickling been willing to sell her the plant, she would now be setting up there. But Ilkeston's loss is Derby's gain.

So now Ashbourne Road has two breweries again (once it had *Wealls* and *Strettons*) and both have brand new kit. But there the similarity ends as *Mr Grundy's* 3.5 bbl kit was shoe-horned into a large hotel bedroom whereas the 10bbl 'Dancing Duck' plant occupies a spacious former car body repair shop with room to expand.

Rachel's first two beers will be 'Gold' (4.7% ABV) a fairly bitter ale using *First Gold* hops and 'Twenty Two' (4.3% ABV) a brown beer using crystal and chocolate malt and Cascade hops ('twenty two' otherwise being two little ducks). A third beer, provisionally called 'Ey up' (as in 'Ey up/Ay up mi duck') a light hoppy beer will follow later. Rachel isn't yet sure whether to use the 'Ey Up' - per Rick

Scollins or the alternative 'Ay up' - often now used.

Later in the day a stout is promised, but Rachel insists it will be quite different from *Blue Monkey's*

deservedly popular *Guerilla*, that she once brewed. Rachel hopes to have her first beer on sale before Christmas, but failing that to have it available at Derby CAMRA's Winter Ale festival in February at the Roundhouse.



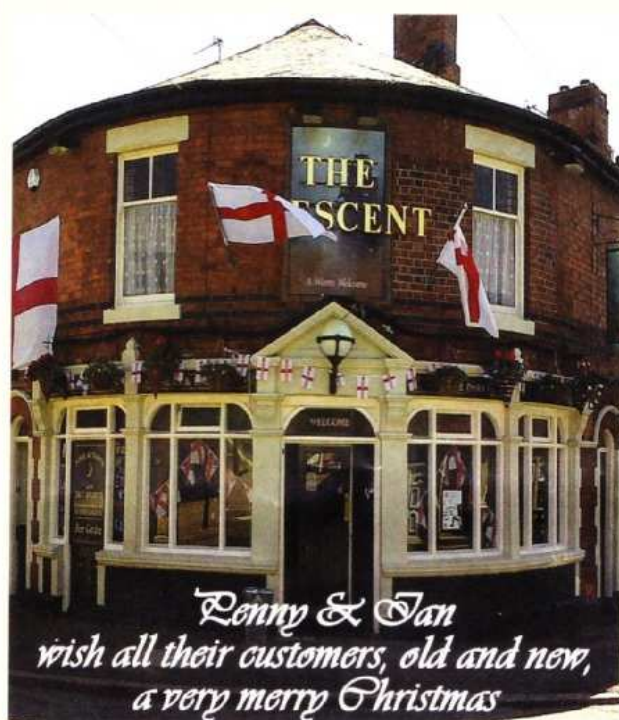
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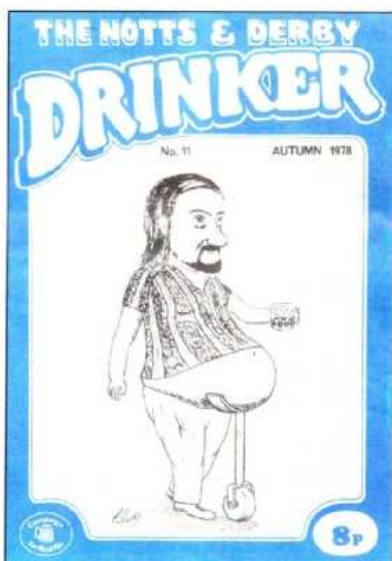
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## What is CAMRA LocAle?

CAMRA LocAle is an initiative that promotes pubs which regularly stock at least one real ale which is brewed by a local brewery that is within 20 miles

driving distance. The geographical shape of the Derby and Amber

Valley Branch area means that some breweries are within 20 miles of some parts of the branch area but not others.

The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues. The scheme was created in 2007 by CAMRA's Nottingham branch which wanted to help support the tradition of brewing within Nottinghamshire.

Everyone benefits from local pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale...

- Public houses as stocking local real ales can increase pub visits
- Consumers who enjoy greater beer choice and diversity
- Local brewers who gain from

increased sales

The local economy because more money is spent and retained locally

The environment due to fewer 'beer miles' resulting in less road congestion and pollution. Tourism due to an increased sense of local identity and pride - let's celebrate what makes our locality different.

If you are a customer or landlord of a pub within our branch area that you think would be interested in joining LocAle contact **Atholl Beattie 07772 370628**.

Pubs which have joined the LocAle scheme are listed below:-

### Derby

Bridge Inn  
Brunswick  
Falstaff  
Flowerpot  
Green Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
Hope & Anchor (Wirksworth)  
King William (Milford)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Mr Grundy's  
Old Talbot (Hilton)

Royal Oak (Wirksworth)  
Royal Standard  
White Post (Stanley Common)

### Amber Valley

Black Swan (Belper)  
Brewery Tap (Ripley)  
Cross Keys (Turnditch)  
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Consider! Dear Toper, that fast approaching commercial juggernaut, known as the 'Season of Goodwill', whereupon Santa and his ever growing army of grasping "Little Helpers", will no doubt yet again attempt to part us from our hard earned cash. Yes, Dear Toper, no sooner have the Nation's painstakingly constructed effigies of that hapless would be political reformer Guy Fawkes, been reduced to cold grey ash, than the various commercial outlets up and down the land seize greedily upon their next feeding frenzy - Christmas!

The pub trade will of course be playing its usual part in the seasonal hysteria, which in many a town and city centre reaches its till

chinking crescendo upon Christmas Eve, where-on hordes of usually temperate office workers finish work early, and along with mobs of wild eyed, tinsel crazed, last minute shoppers clutching their overpriced festive treasures, they descend upon licensed premises like a swarm of once a year locusts, only to depart a couple of hours later for home (there to fall asleep in front of T.V. screens awash with mawkish American seasonal drivel) leaving behind them a trail of spent streamers, half eaten mince pies and sausage rolls trodden into pub carpets, and pools of vomit and urine oozing onto the high street from ill lit shop doorways! And, what is more, the whole grizzly spectacle is usually over by 7.00 in the evening!

when the last buses of the day clatter off to the suburbs laden with tired and queasy revelers, leaving the town centre deserted save for the local under clad youth element, who will, with all the impetuosity of their tender years (to say nothing of their lager fuelled stupidity) have no qualms whatsoever about forking out the equivalent of half a day's wages (or more likely benefits) for an extortionate taxi ride home during the early hours of Christmas Day.

I wish I could say that the hallowed confines of the local real ale hostleries were exempt from the ever rising tide of Yule hysteria, but alas Dear Toper, I can't, for there will I expect, be the usual plethora of seasonally named ales on offer such as, "Santa's Spit", "Pine Needle Porter" and "Rudolph's Yellow Snow", all of which (and many more besides) will be popping up in hostleries well into February - or even March! having spent Christmas languishing in that Never, Neverland, "The Depot of Lost and Forlorn Ales", where-in unwanted and overlooked casks wait like the tragic inmates of some Dickensian orphanage, hoping for some rich and benign uncle to return from a far flung foreign shore and claim them; although in the case of the casks they are more likely to be claimed by some over thrifty landlord putting on a spring beer festival! Spring however, is still some way off, so in the meantime, have yourself a Merry Christmas Dear Toper!

D.T.

## THROUGH THE EYE OF THE EDITOR

Just a quick word from Yorkshire to my Derby readers! I feel a bit of an imposter editing this as I have only had about ten pints of ale since leaving Derby on October 29th (most of those when our good friends the Elliotts visited York!). Anyway it will be good to see the discount scheme taking off - Elaine and I single-handedly persuaded the introduction of a 10% reduction for CAMRA members at the Last Drop in York recently so it can be done!

A word of thanks to all that came to my Leaving Party. Special thanks to all who helped out: Lol for the ale, Steve Collo, Cog, Tim and Kenrick for the sounds (it was a blast!), Martin & Denise for the food, Shelley for the organisation, all the staff at the Rowing Club, Derby CAMRA for the gifts, Les for his poetic tribute, the Rowditch for my final send-off and Christine for bringing the events which precipitated my departure into play in the first place!

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In some areas of the country, publicans offer a discount to card carrying CAMRA members, often in the region of 10-25p per pint of Real Ale or Traditional Cider. This scheme is very popular within the nearby Nottingham area with upwards of 20 pubs taking part. A list of the participating pubs is printed in every issue of The Nottingham Drinker.

The Derby branch is trying to collate a list of pubs in the Derby area that are currently offering, or would like to offer a similar discount.

If you wish to take part in this scheme, your pub would be mentioned in every issue of *Derby Drinker* and *Mild & Bitter* (Derby member's only monthly news letter), listing the discount you give. As well as this you will be included on the Derby CAMRA website and the National CAMRA website, this will help visitors to this area locate your pub. A5 empty belly posters can be provided to advertise the scheme in your pub. A sample membership card can be provided to ensure that this discount is only given to the people who it is aimed at.

This scheme will hopefully benefit you by raising awareness of your pub and encouraging CAMRA members to drink in other pubs out of their comfort zone, whilst the discount may encourage others to join CAMRA.

If you're interested in taking part, please contact me on 0115 8499967 or [anysnstephen@googlemail.com](mailto:anysnstephen@googlemail.com)

Stephen P Boa

Here are a few of the trailblazing pubs which deserve your support, let us know if we have missed yours out!

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# Derby CAMRA Branch Diary



Everyone is welcome at Derby CAMRA socials, meetings and trips. Here is a list of forthcoming events.

## DECEMBER

Thurs 2nd Branch Meeting, Beaconsfield Club, Wilson St, 8pm

Mon 6th, Winter Fest meeting, Brunswick, 7.30pm

**Thu 9th – Christmas Show & Social - Flowerpot, King St, Derby, 8pm.**

Tue 14 - Social, Green Dragon, Willington. Catch the 8.10pm Trent Villager 3 bus from the bus station, 8.30pm if travelling direct.

Wed 22nd - Social - Falstaff, Silverhill Road, Derby, 8.30pm onwards.

Mon 27th – Social - Horse and Groom, Elms Street, Derby If you like your punk tunes get along to see Verbal Warning.

## JANUARY

**Fri 7th – Survey – Melbourne, Ticknall (free mini bus).**

This trip will also pull in a couple of other venues in the vicinity (TBD).

Meet at the Cathedral Green coach stop 7.00 PM. Return by 11.30 PM. To book a place on the trip please let me know your membership number and contact telephone number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Thurs 13th, Branch Meeting, Station Inn, Midland Rd, Derby, 8pm

**Sat 15th – Survey – Middleton-by-Wirksworth and Wirksworth (public transport).**

Meet at the bus station for the Trent 6.1 at 4.50 pm – and walk the last ¾ ml uphill to Middleton-by-Wirksworth for the Rising Sun Inn (arr 6 pm). Then back down hill to Wirksworth taking in the Lime Kiln and some of the pubs in the town e.g. Black Boy, Hope and Anchor, Red Lion. There is also a bus at 5.50 pm if anyone wants to come up later for just the Wirksworth part of the evening. Then finally finish off at the Royal Oak before catching the 9.50 pm bus for home. The final leg can be broken up with a stop in Belper or Milford if people so desire.

**Fri 21st – Survey/Social - Etwell and Hilton (public transport).**

Meet at the Bus Station to catch the Trent V1 7.10 PM to Etwell then the 9.25 from Etwell to Hilton. Return bus 11.23 from opposite the Old Talbot.

Thurs 27th - Silk Mill, Full St, Derby. 8.30pm onwards.

**Saturday 29th – Leeds (by public transport).**

A fantastic city for the discerning drinker, with 9 GBG listed pubs and 1 National Inventory pub, no trip to Leeds would be complete without visiting the Whitlocks First City Luncheon Bar or the Victoria Family and Commercial. Take a look at the article in the 2006 GBG, perfect pub crawl. I will be working up the finer points of the itinerary in due course. All being well it should also be an opportunity to catch up with Pip. Meet at the railway station 9.30 am for a 9.44 train – return train about 9pm with the option to stop off at the Station ap in Sheffield on the way home. Cost wise the best option seems to be group ticket or wayfarer to Sheffield and then a std return Sheffield to Leeds – should work out about ~£16 rather than the std price of £28.

## FEBRUARY

Tue 1st – Winter Festival Keg Run.

**Friday 4th – ABC The Annual Beer Census.**

**Saturday 12th – Nottingham Caves and Ale (by public transport).** Hosted by our very own Peter Elliott! Meet at the Brewery Tap at 12 Noon and we will catch a Red Arrow to Nottingham.

**23-27th 10th Derby Winter Beer Festival**

## MARCH

**Saturday 5th – Winter Festival Thank You Trip – Oxford.**

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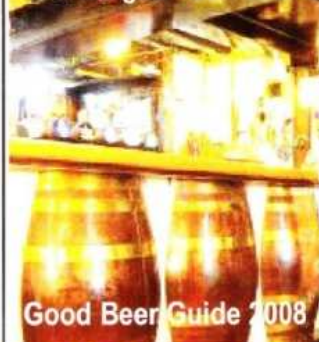
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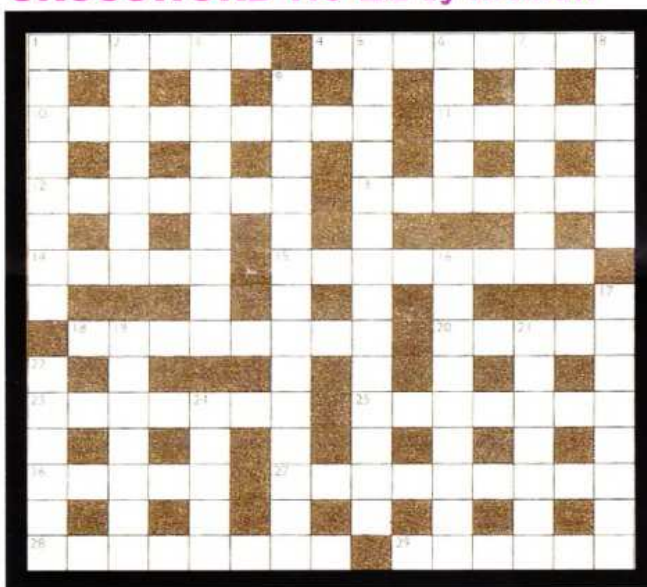
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## CROSSWORD No 22 by Wrenrutt



### ACROSS

1. Anagram? It affects, partly and reflectively, an Arabic name (6)
4. Dick and Neil can sort this Roman road out between them (8)
10. Might as genial a state of painlessness be so? (9)
11. Molten rock - something to do with gamma radiation? (5)
12. Socialist woman in Cornwall associated with Keltek Brewery (7)
13. Welsh Metaphysical poet, By George! (7)
14. Damon, a backward wanderer? (5)
15. Lakeland brewery with thirst-quenching bluebirds (8)
18. A feline, thick-bodied, hairy Lepidoptera! (4-4)
20. A trope for a "Dear *Derby Drinker* reader" (5)
23. Poetic, Old English Brownhills brewery, begetting a noble bitter (7)
25. Dance cancelled: fluent, but not the safest way to

16. Where the Thatched Cottage is in Lincolnshire (9)
17. Fired with pot, I made a killing (8)
19. Citizen of an imaginary perfect state? (7)
21. Willy, stupid! (7)
22. Embarrassed, red-faced state (6)
24. I tune into good advice for what pubcos ought to do with their pubs (5)

*Access to Chambers Dictionary is recommended. Send completed entries to the editor stating in which pub you picked up Derby Drinker. Correct grids will go into a draw for a £10 prize. Winner of Crossword No 21 is Lorraine Bamford of Blackburn, Lancashire who picked up her copy of Derby Drinker in the Brunswick.*

## SOLUTIONS to CROSSWORD No 21 by Wrenrutt

ACROSS 1. SCHIST 4. GREEN MAN 10. ABDOMINAL 11. INCUR 12. TWOSOME 13. INSPIRE 14. RIKKI 15. TOGETHER 18. CROMLECH 20. GUEST 23. CONCERT 25. NORFOLK 26. CLOUD 27. LIEGELESS 28. ASFORDBY 29. STEELY

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- leave a pub (4.3)
26. University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology initially (5)
27. Composite portrait of a criminal producer ---- (8)
28. ---- Producer of cognac, best served in a Gold Cup at Newbury? (8)
29. Jack leaves hurt state which becomes hardened (6)

### DOWN

1. Left leaves outrageous equivalent for right, so becoming sweet-scented (8)
2. Confused sot with with dram's a type of Russian rule formerly (7)
3. Derby tavern with a new brewhouse (2.7)
5. Drive these through poor arguments to demolish them; a pub in Derby (5.3.6)
6. Belgian province and its eponymous capital, found back in a rum and coke (5)
7. The Greek Spanish painter (2.5)
8. Lose the thread for a shortage (6)
9. Worthless, I face around going directly like a bird (2.3.4.5)



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