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FREE

Roundhouse drunk dry in 50,000 glass revelation



photo Ian Loasby

4500 eager punters were expected to attend the Roundhouse, but instead, nearly 7000 turned up at the new venue.

So rather than selling just the 120 kils of beer, 32 tubs of cider (18,500 pints) and 74 cases of bottled beer ordered, the customers drank their way through over 25,000 pints – that's 50,000 half pints (or 75,000 thirds)! It was, by any standard, a runaway success.

The logistics of scouring the locality for an extra 80 firkins

(9 gallon casks) of beer and then getting it into position and ready, for what turned out to be a LocALE festival on the Saturday, was a mammoth task. For which the cellar team, led by Dave Clark and Bill Dudley, Steve Crispin, Mark Draper and Martyn Reek deserve a medal - their task of recreating the bar wasn't completed until 3.30 am on Sat.

With that Herculean effort the festival managed to get enough stock to sustain having 27 beers on tap at 8.45 of the last session and amazingly, still 1 when the festival closed.

Nevertheless Festival

joint organizers, Ralf Edge and Anna Dyson, were at pains to extend a massive thanks to everyone who helped out not just with the beer, but also the manpower, and everything else, that went into running the event. It was, they stressed, very much a team effort.

Other comments made were 'Congratulations to all who took the initiative to move to the Roundhouse, you must have one of the best festival sites available' *Jim Ward* (Burton CAMRA); 'the beer was magic' *Clive Eley*, Ripley; 'Cheese counter and food very good, as was the proximity to trains' *Gordon Shaw*. On the debit side the lack of gents loos was regretted by many - perhaps that's what happens when a female organizer is involved. (was this a get-even for the years of queues for the ladies?) - and the acoustics were described variously as 'dire' or just 'too loud'.

Next year: the 2012 team has a few vacancies not least that of Chair / beer orderer as Ralf & Anna step down to concentrate on running the *Alexandra* and organising their wedding. (*in that order ?- Ed!*)



LATE NEWS

Festival winners

At the recent Leicester CAMRA Beer festival **Mr Grundy's 1914** was the best Speciality beer and joint 2nd overall; **Dancing Duck Gold** was the best Golden ale and **Rowditch's St Stephens** was 2nd in the Bitter class. **Muir House Magnum Mild** was the overall winner.

Derby goes National

With effect from 2014 Derby have been awarded the privilege of hosting CAMRA's National Winter festival. Until then the festival will continue at Manchester. Derby's bid succeeded after a visit by national officials to the recent Winter festival at the Roundhouse

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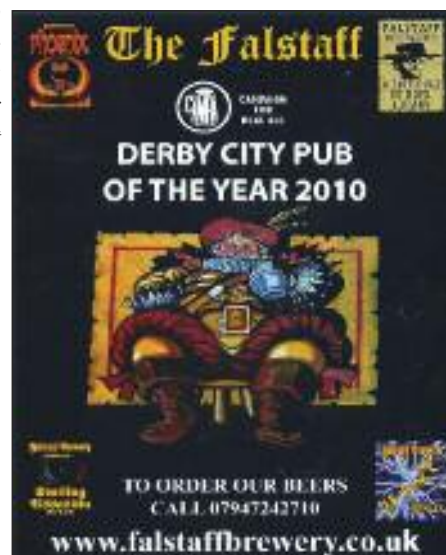
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are steaming ahead nicely. Busying themselves in pubs, homes and meeting venues across the city, committee members are working hard to make this year a success. The theme for this year will be '40 Years of CAMRA' which we certainly think is cause for celebration.

We can expect to see over 150 different types of Real Ales from rare to popular and local to National, something for everyone. It's not just the ale, there is going to be a great selection of ciders and continental drinks. It's not all about beer either, the committee were proud to present the Mayor with a cheque in March for £1000 towards his chosen charities which included the British Heart Foundation and St John's Ambulance. It was the 4th largest donation this past financial year.

Entertainment is all in hand, full details of the full line up will be revealed soon. Opening times are more regimented this year making it easier for visitors to know when they will be open. Admission prices are either the same rate as last year or lower



The opening reception on Wednesday evening is set to be a memorable one, the full details are being kept under wraps at the moment but we do know that we can expect something a little different happening in the Market Place...

Festival Opening Times

DATE TIMES:

Wed 6 18.30 - 23.00
Thu 7 11.30 - 16.00 & 18.30 - 23.00
Fri 8 11.30 - 16.00 & 17.00 - 23.00
Sat 9 11.30 - 16.00 & 18.30 - 23.00
Sun 10 12.00 - 14.30

Admission Prices

Wed Eve: £3 Thu Lunch: £1 Eve: £5
Fri Lunch: £2 17.00-18.30: £3 Eve: £6
Sat Lunch: £3 Eve: £6 Sun Lunch: Free
Free Admission to CAMRA Members carrying a valid membership card

Carla Johnson

THROUGH THE EYE OF THE EDITOR

The last Drinker, in editorial terms, was meant to be a holding operation - until the appointment of a successor to Pip Southall. But no one has come forward, so this issue and the next (essential for the July beer festival) is more of the same.

Is there no one out there willing and able to pick up the challenge?

CORRECTION Thornbridge insist, contrary to what was printed in DD138, that all their customers including Wetherspoons were treated equally as regards the price increases which ranged from £15 per firkin, not as printed, £15 across the board. For which we apologise.

Wirksworth

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Six cask ale pubs, two are in the
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Microbrewery Corner

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



BUXTON GOLD

Buxton brews continue to thrive. Their latest coup is winning the **Gold Medal** at the Bradford CAMRA beer festival in March for the Best Strong Ale with their **Axe Head Double IPA** (6.8% ABV). In their short history the 'Buxton' brand has made a lot of headway, so much so that the *Wild Walker* brand, once Derby based, has been discontinued. To supplement the firms brewing skills

LEATHERBRITCHES MOVE

Wetherspoons have finally come clean, they want the *Green Man*, Ashbourne with vacant possession as soon as possible and that could be by March 31st.

So Ed Allingham, who ironically, is about to provide stillage for

three JDW festivals in the area, is looking for a new home. At first that was thought to be Darley Abbey Mills, but now a suitable warehouse in Ashbourne has been found and, given the necessary planning permission, Leatherbritches could be moving in by the end of May.

PLASTIC DERBY

After trialling plastic casks for 6 months, Trevor Harris has found one he is happy with; it's made from one piece and has a 10 year guarantee. On a lighter note his new beer for Easter will be *'Something for the Weekend'*. Can't wait to see what the pump clip looks like.

BURTON WATERS

In a similar vein to Derby Brewing, given the oncoming

Royal event, Burton Bridge's new April brew will be *'Night of the Garter'*. This follows their celebration of CAMRA's 40th anniversary with *'4 Founders'* the pump clip depicting Jim Makin, Michael Hardman, Bill Mellor and Graham Lees, the campaign's originators.

FOREVER AMBER ?

The Ripley Project William pub, the *Barnes Wallis* (formerly the *Woodman*), has changed lessee with Amber Ales giving way to Ashover Brewery. So a brewer turned publican gives way to a publican turned brewer. It seems that although the pub was viable, it just wasn't the sort of pub Amber wanted to run - not their style. On the brewing front Amber's *Chocolate Orange Stout* won Beer of the Festival at the Wirral/Birkenhead event and they have a new brewery assistant John Morton-Lomax.

ON COURSE

Back in production after a minor overhaul, the Brunswick Brewery have just produced, in conjunc-

tion with a group of Everard licencees another 'Gold Course' beer called *Inspiration* (4.8% ABV) an aromatic amber ale. For the brewery's own 20th anniversary in April James, their brewer, has produced *The Anniversary Express* (4.6% ABV)

PEAK MALPRACTICE

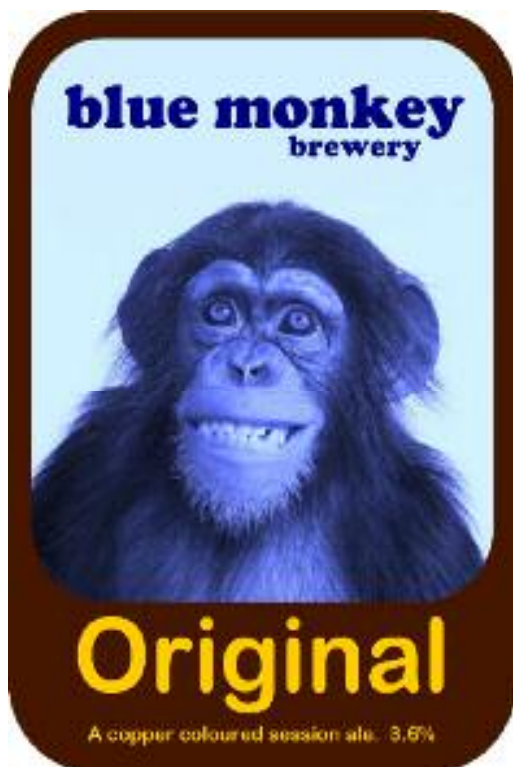
Derby CAMRA's Winter fest, inc the most recent, has never featured any Peak Ales much to the



disappointment of brewer Rob Evans. And doubly so given that *Noggin Filler* got a SIBA Award

at the Notts fest. Peak have now established a regular Derby outlet at the *Five Lamps*, Duffield Rd, much to the delight of Col Crawford (a fan - otherwise known as the *Beerhunter*) and some other discerning drinkers. Hasn't the news filtered through yet to the Winter fest committee?

Spotlight on... Original



A classic, copper coloured session ale.

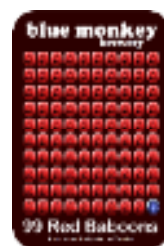
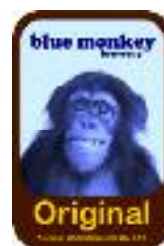
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GREATER CHOICE FOR RIPLEY REAL ALE DRINKERS

It's conceivable that, back in 1958, Harry Webb (Cliff Richard) and the Drifters (Shadows) could have popped into the *Midland*, Ripley, for a pint of Shipstone's when they performed at the nearby Regal nightclub. For the past 8 years, however, Pub People Company has run the Nottingham Road hostelry but only recently has the *Midland* become the focus of attention of real ale aficionados. This is on account of the half dozen brand new handpulls that dispense the likes of Blue Monkey, Castle Rock, Derby and Amber Ales brewed in the town. Card-carrying CAMRA members enjoy 15p a pint discount, and Ripley is rapidly becoming a destination of note for the discerning drinker.

Cross Keys, Turnditch, Revival In the 1970s, The Cross Keys, Turnditch, in the pleasant Ecclesbourne valley, was a popular Bass house run by mine hosts Ralph and Jean Allcock. More recently, trade had fallen off but now thanks to Derby based Bespoke Inns, the 'Keys' is again worth seeking out on the A517. I called in recently to find three handpumps dispensing a Derby Brewing Company beer, Marston's Pedigree and Amber Ales AVB. This delightful, dark, Ripley creation of 3.6%abv was in excellent form and I'd have stayed for another though, unfortunately, I was driving. An added attraction is a happy hour between 5 and 6 when beer is £2 a pint.

Awards Evening

On March 10th, branch Chairman, Nathan Dilley, presented Amber Valley CAMRA's annual Pub of the Year awards. The first pre-

sentation was to the runner up, the renowned *Old Oak* at Horsley Woodhouse, which has been the recipient of many CAMRA awards in recent years. The second presentation was to the winner, the *Hunter Arms*, just down the road in Kilburn, which has been rescued from oblivion by Mark and Paula Showers, who moved north from Torquay to buy the Church Street pub. Two years ago the former Bass house was closed, facing an uncertain future, but now it's a thriving real ale free house thanks to the hard work and enterprise of this charming couple. Our photograph shows Nathan, left, with the staff and management.

Survey Trips

After a slow start, these monthly outings are now exceedingly popular, which is hardly surprising given that they are free. We would ask you, therefore, to contact Alison well in advance to secure your place, and we would like to remind you that the evenings form an important part of

branch activity as the scores recorded form the basis for Good Beer Guide selection. Please remember to record your scores in accordance with the National Beer Scoring Scheme and

either enter them online at home, or hand your score sheet to Alison.

Inn Brief

Terry, at the *Red Lion*, Fritchley, should have opened a stables bar by now which, at weekends, will serve half a dozen carefully selected real ales plus traditional cider. The *Talbot Taphouse* in Ripley offers 15% off on Mondays which can equate to as much as 45p a pint. The newly crowned Amber Valley Pub of the Year, the *Hunter Arms*, Kilburn, has dropped its CAMRA members' discount in favour of a buy 10 pints and get 1 free loyalty card. April sees a full roster of beer festivals, starting with the *King William* at Milford running from the 14th to the 17th. From 21st to the 25th April, the *New Inn*, *Riddings*, and the *Talbot Taphouse*, Ripley, both stage festivals. On the long Bank Holiday weekend at the end of the month, the *Black Horse*, Somercotes (20 ales) and the and the *Thorn Tree*, Waingroves (16 ales) both join the festival fun. On the 28th & 29th May, the *Greyhound*, Whitemoor Lane, Belper, is staging its first beer festival. Other festivals: *Poet & Castle*, Codnor 27th



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Amber Activities

8.30pm, Thursday, 7th April, beer festival meeting at *Hunter Arms*, Kilburn.

7.30pm, Saturday, 16th April, free survey trip from Ripley Market Place, surveying pubs in Horsley Woodhouse, Denby and Kilburn.

7.30pm 21st May free survey trip to Somercotes from Ripley Market Place

For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, please ring Alison on 01773 570675.

Erewash Valley CAMRA Branch

It's been quite a busy period for our branch over the last few months with a good turnout for the AGM which was held at the *Spanish Bar*, Ilkeston with Anna putting on her usual good spread (thank you Anna). We now have a new chairman, Stephen Boa, and a few new committee members, and can now look forward to the

coming year and our next beer festival which will again be held at the **Westgate Centre, Long Eaton** on September 16th & 17th.

On February 16th a group of 13 members set off on the 27 bus from Ilkeston to survey the following pubs the *Hutt* at Ravenshead, the *Griffin*-

Papplewick, *Queens Head*-Watnall, Larksnest-Watnall, the Stag-Kimberley and finishing at *The New Inn*-Newthorpe. All were very welcoming and a good day was had by all.

On 7th February Barry Hewson on behalf of the Erewash Valley Camra presented Kerry & Martin Dodsworth of *The Stumble Inn*, Long Eaton with the most improved pub award of 2010. Also attending was licensing enforcement officer PC Mark Dunn and Erewash Borough Council licensing manager Carolyn Singleton. In my early drinking days during the 1960's - 70's this pub was called *The Wheatsheaf* a Hardy Hansons house and was usually avoided by myself, thanks goodness that's all changed and it's now a welcoming place and a well needed and a good addition to the Long Eaton area.

At the north end of the valley at Marlpool, Heanor at a very packed house on Friday 4th March the *Queens Head* was presented with the branch's winter seasonal award which was pre-

sented by our chairman Stephen Boa a cosy pub to say the least although it didn't needed any fires that night, on the night there was a range of 21 beers from of the bar and down the cellar all in tiptop condition normally there is only 15 available?

Congratulations to Stefan Rutherford and his friendly staff who have changed the whole real ale outlook in the Heanor area, let's hope it rubs off elsewhere.

Meetings - Monday 9th May *Wilsthorpe Tavern* Long Eaton, Monday June 6th *Good Old Days* Ilkeston

Trips - Saturday May 21st Long Eaton, Derby to Glossop by rail and bus meet 9.40am for 9.50am Transpeak at Derby bus station or 9.50am train Derby to Matlock transfer to Transpeak Matlock railway station Bay1 10.37am a Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket is required.

More information Mick Golds 0115 9328042 or Carole Golds 07887 788785



Queens Head Marlpool, left to right Josh manager, Stephen Boa Erewash Chairman, Nikki barmaid and Stefan Rutherford owner

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Summer break up looms for Punch

The UK's (and Derby's) biggest pub company Punch Taverns will be dismantled over the next five years by its new management. It will be split in two hiving off the managed pubs under the Spirit Group by the end of the summer. The plan also is to sell 2650 pubs thereby reducing the combined total to just under 4000, a 1000 more than announced last October. Punch have 3000 'core' tenanted/ leased pubs and 2,200 'non-core'/ leased pubs; Spirit have 950 managed pubs and 400 leased pubs. All the 'non core' pubs and the Spirit leases will be sold. (ref: 'Split brings down the curtain on Punch domination' *The Times* March 23rd)

Greene King/Belhaven
In a continuation of the consol-

idation of operations following the 2010 reorganisation, core Belhaven beers will soon start to appear on the price lists for Greene King (GK) tenants and free trade accounts, and Belhaven cask beers will also be promoted on the GK seasonal beers list.

Transfers from Tenancy
GK's plans to increase their managed estate by 210 pubs while reducing their tenanted estate by 380 were announced last Oct. A number of these changes are now taking place. What appears typical is that in anticipation of the changes, tenants targeted for transfer to managed pubs were switched to attractive short term one year tenancies, so that on the termination of the tenancy agreement, the transfer could take place. Some disputes over claimed verbal promises to tenants are now coming to light. It is anticipated that GK will dispose of a number of "low end" tenancy pubs, as they continue to reposition their estate towards food oriented retailing. **Andy Shaw**

CAMRA Discount Pubs

As you may be aware, CAMRA is a national organisation with over 120,000 members. This is made up of a number of local branches, of which Derby is one. In the Derby branch area there are hundreds of members, all of whom are thirsty drinkers.

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

If you're interested in taking part please contact me, Steve Boa, on 0115 8499967 or anyasstephen@googlemail.com

Derby pubs

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Lamb Inn, Melbourne - 10p off a pint and 5p off a half.
Oakover Arms, Mappleton - 10% off.
Red Lion, Hollington - 20p off a pint
White Post, Stanley Common, a 20p discount for card-carrying members.

Erewash pubs:-

Seven Oak, Stanton by Dale, 20p off a pint
Poacher, Ilkeston, 15p off a pint

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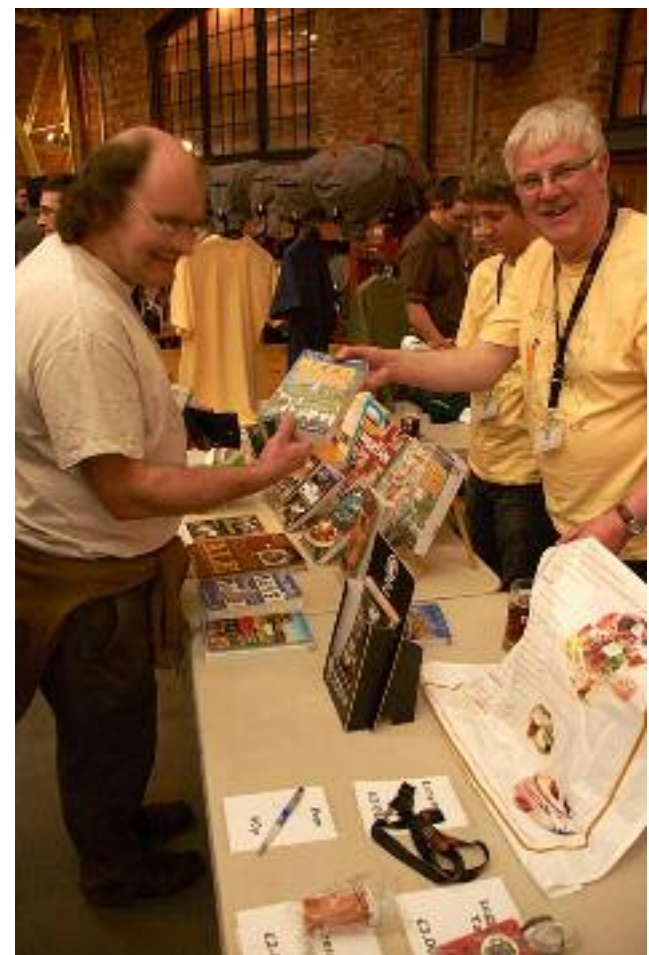
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Scenes at the Derby CAM
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Beer Quality – Burton are the tops

The recent plethora of CAMRA festivals over a three week period (ie at Burton, Derby, Leicester, Loughborough plus those at Bristol and London) gave a good opportunity to test whether CAMRA know what it's really all about, ie can they serve a decent (or even an excellent) pint?

Whilst this was true of Derby, notwithstanding the late deliveries of un-racked beer at the festival's back end, and of Burton; I'm not so sure about Leicester or London.

For both of the latter, the absence of any cooling at all, meant that after three days the beers, in general, were at best mediocre – as one organiser of the London Drinker Festival admitted. And a trip to the *Harp*, on Chandos Place nearby for a pint of Harvey's *Sussex Best Bitter* shortly afterwards, confirmed that view. The experience was not a good advert for the campaign.

In Leicester's case the *Ale Wagon* on Charles Street, was certainly serving better ale quality (Hoskins *Hob Bitter*) to that

found, in general at the festival.

Burton festival however was 'cracking'. Beer quality (plus the range - not the usual dearth of dark beers - and variety) was almost universally top notch, even on the third day (barrel ends excepted) as might be expected from a festival run by (mainly) experienced ex-brewery staff.

This year Burton, in my view, set the local gold standard for beer quality, just ahead of Derby.

So the acid test for festivals is: can you walk out of the festival and get a better pint in the nearest real ale pub? If the answer is yes, then the festival has failed to do its job ie to show that CAMRA know what a good pint should taste like.

The Beer Punter

ps memo to the Assembly Rooms: is your cooling system up to scratch yet for the CAMRA festival in July or has the Council's cut back put maintenance on the back burner? Last year, the once much-vaunted boast to be able to 'create a snow-storm' in the Hall, was far from evident.



photo: Ian Loasby

Another satisfied customer?
(at the 10th Derby Winter Fest)

LATE NEWS

Budget: Alcohol duty escalator left in place and opportunity missed to re-instate a sensible tax ratio between high and low strength drinks. So nothing for pubs, brewers or pub users. And elsewhere there are no Govt plans to prevent loss-leader alcohol sales by the supermarkets - SNAFU

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William Worthington brewery opens

The new 22.5 barrel brew length plant was opened officially on Dec 15th by Mark Hunter, Molson Coors (UK) CEO. The actual first brew - intended to be M&B Mild - was a few days before. Due to site problems brought about by the severe weather, the ABV of the 'mild' ended up at over 6.3%. It is in store.

In the first 6 weeks of operation 490 brls were brewed, compared with 290 for the whole of 2010! The anticipated annual 2011 barrelage, based on the existing plant, is 3000 barrels ie a 10 fold increase on 2010. However Steve Wellington, Head Brewer, has been asked



recently by the firm's accountants how this level could be increased yet again and he advised that putting in another three 50 brl fermenters would take

away the present restriction on capacity and this would allow the annual capacity to rise to 5000 brls. The cost of the equipment is not regarded as significant (by the accountants)!

To date production has centred around draught *White Shield*, *Spring Shield*, *Red Shield* and to a lesser degree *M&B Mild*. *Spring Shield* is the first of a set of seasonal brews; the second, unsurprisingly, will be *Summer Shield*. *Spring Shield* is a light golden beer similar to *St Modwen*. In addition the brewery produces beers for the bar in the National Brewing Centre such as *Allowance Ale* and *Brewery Tap* plus a small number of old favourites, *Worthington E* and *P2*. The No 1 Barley wine has yet to be brewed this year. *P2 Imperial Stout* won the 'beer of choice' awarded by the Parliamentary Group for Beer.

Sales other than to the larger chains eg Nicholsons are restricted as the Molson Coors web site does not yet mention any of the cask ales produced by the William Worthington Brewery, thereby denying smaller potential customers, eg freehouse pubs, the opportunity to order. But the same customers can order their keg beers. This restriction is obviously an inhibitor.

No mention was made of taking in any of the



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contracted out beers, unsurprising given that the plant is working at capacity with a full time staff of just two (as it has been for some time) plus two part timers.

The bad news is that Steve Wellington is very likely to retire soon, probably in July. In my judgement this will remove the best person to operate this brewery, whose future as any source of innovation let alone heritage brewing, will then be in doubt. **John Arguile**

Derby – Real Ale Capital of Britain

The Derby Branch of CAMRA has released the results of its Annual Beer Census of the City which confirms Derby's status as Real Ale Capital of Britain per population head.

The census took place in February, involved 8 different pub crawls and saw a record number of Real Ales available on any one given night. 270 were counted (up 21 on last year) with 161 different ones available (up 2 on last year) and these came from just 60 pubs averaging 4.5 Real Ales per pub.

Star pubs of the night included the *Flowerpot* with 21 beers, the *Babington Arms* with 16, the *Brunswick* with 15 and a host of pubs with 11 including the *Alexandra*, *Mr Grundy's*, *Old Silk Mill* and the *Standing Order*.

Marstons Pedigree is still the most dominant brand in the City available in 34 pubs followed by **Bass** which has increased its availability this year to 16 pubs. But local ales are well represented with beers from the City's six breweries widely available - **Brunswick**, **Dancing Duck**, **Derby**, **Falstaff**, **Mr Grundy's** and the **Rowditch**. The final two beers from the now mothballed Headless Brewery at the *Flowerpot* were also available on the night. Some of the different beers found were: *Abbeydale Dr*, *Mortons Antifreeze*; *Jennings Soggy Bottom*; *Milestone Lemon & Ginger*; *Roosters Orange*

Blossom; *Saltaire Cheeky Kriek*; *Spire Dark Side of the Moon* and *Wentworth Vanilla Stout*.

The average price of a pint was found to be £2.72 excluding the *Wetherspoons* pubs or £2.61 including them (8p up on previous year). However in reality a lot of pubs were hovering around the £3 a pint mark with some now regularly topping it. The dearest pint of the night was found at the *Alexandra* Hotel - £3.20 for Thwaites OBJ although at 6.5% ABV this can be slightly excused as most of their other beers are more than reasonably priced. The cheapest pint outside of *Wetherspoons* was £1.57 for the **Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter** at the *Abbey* or £1.45 if you include the *Wetherspoons* pubs.

So there you have it, a few stats to bear in mind while crawling around Beer City once again proving that per population head Derby has more Real Ales available than any other City.

Derby CAMRA Chairman, Gareth Stead said "For Real Ale enthusiasts Derby is one of the best places to drink in the Country and people come from far and wide to sample its delights. The City's pubs truly provide a Beer Festival everyday of the year and long may it continue".

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graphical 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.

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

- Public houses 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 that have joined the LocAle scheme are listed below:-

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Royal Oak (Wirksworth)
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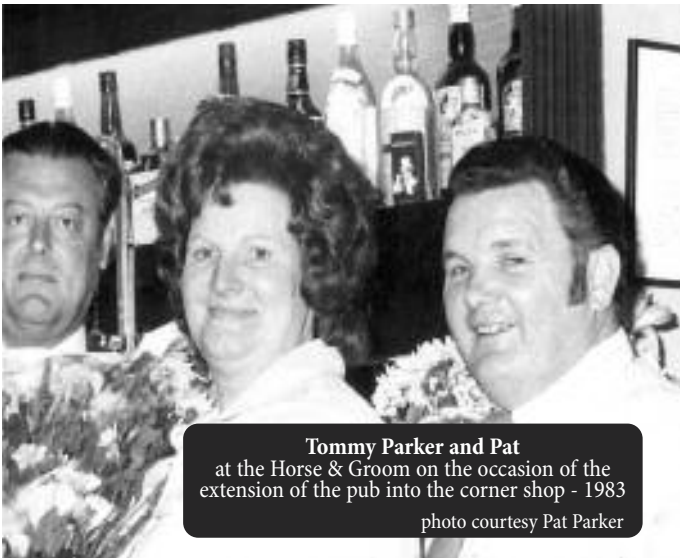
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Tommy Parker 1938 - 2010



Tommy Parker and Pat
at the Horse & Groom on the occasion of the
extension of the pub into the corner shop - 1983
photo courtesy Pat Parker

The obituary for Tommy Parker appeared in the last issue
of Derby Drinker (DD138)

Ron Morgan 1939 - 2011

Ron Morgan, the owner of Shardlow Brewery, has died aged 71 after a long illness. After a successful career in steel erecting and later crane hire Ron bought the *Spring Cottage* at Overseal in 1980 and revived the pub, selling it on around 1985.

Ron acquired the Shardlow Brewery in 1996 from its founder Simon Platt. Simon taught Ron's son Kevin how to brew the existing recipes, but as a passionate real ale drinker Ron wanted to develop a new beer with particular appeal to drinkers of Bass and Pedigree. This emerged, after rigorous testing, as Reverend Eaton, named after the founder of the earlier brewery on the same site

at Cavendish Bridge, just in Leicestershire. Reverend Eaton is still the brewery's flagship beer.

In 2000 Ron bought the Blue Bell at Melbourne which is still the brewery tap, a managed house; A session there when Ron was in was always highly convivial and rarely brief.

Ron was a very gregarious and generous man whose funeral service filled Ticknall church to overflowing.

Ownership of the pub and brewery remains within the family. Kevin and his nephew Simon Morgan continue to brew the beers.

Julian Tubbs

Derek Taylor 1938 - 2011



It is with deep regret that I have to report the passing away of Derek Richmond Taylor, a well known and much-loved character amongst Derby's pub going fraternity, who died at home in late January. Derek's ready wit and impish sense of humour will be sadly missed, but there was also another side to the man, for Derek was a highly intelligent, well read and sensitive individual, with a firm grip on current affairs (and a respected metallurgist at Rolls-Royce). In an age when genuine characters are becoming few and far between, we can hardly afford to lose our Dereks, and I for one lament his passing, as I

am sure do many others; indeed when entering some of his more favoured hostelrys I still half expect to see him sitting there smiling wryly. Cheers Derek, it was a privilege to know you

Peter A. Elliott

Derek was a friend and keen reader of DD and would often berate me in city hostelrys with the opening shot "Apostrophes!!" vexing his anger in humour at the misuse of them! He was also affectionately known in some pubs as Sir Richard Attenborough - a remote resemblance leading to a nickname that stuck!

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

April

Wednesday 6th

Rowditch, 246 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby.
8.30 pm onwards.

Tuesday 12th

Country Pub of the Year celebration at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. Minibus from Cathedral Grn, leaves 7.30 return by 11.00pm. Names to Social Secretary to secure a place.

Thursday 14th

Derby CAMRA Branch AGM
Flowerpot, Derby. Meeting starts at 8pm

Weekend 15th – 17th

CAMRA Members Weekend, Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield. Members are encouraged to pre-register for the event (See *What's Brewing* and CAMRA main web site for more details.)

Tuesday 19th – 'Suburbeer' – Spondon

White Swan, Moor Street - 8.36 - 9.20 pm
Malt Shovel, Potter Street - 9.30 - 10.35 pm
Suggested timings using the Spondon Flyer

Tues 19th (continued)

from the Derby bus station, 8.30 pm (buses are every half hour). Return bus 10.47 pm.

Wednesday 27th

Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby. 8.30 pm onwards.

May

Saturday 7th

Derby Mild crawl - mid afternoon start (in conjunction with the Nottingham CAMRA MILD TRAIL)

Saturday 28th

Nottingham CAMRA Mild crawl morning departure. Southern Area - West Bridgeford (part of Nottingham CAMRA's MILD TRAIL)

June

Saturday 11th

East Midlands Regional Meeting
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Social Secretary: Dean Smith

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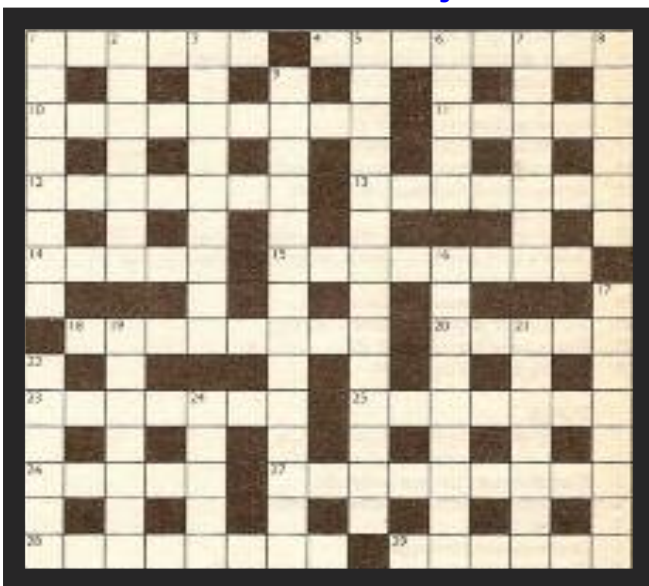
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ACROSS

- 1 Fir tree plantations (6)
- 4 & 20 Best and biggest 'pub' in Derby 24th to 26th February (3.10)
- 10 If you're in pothole mixed-up you get the messages (2.3.4)
- 11 Disapproval before holy person gives one a lift (5)
- 12 Ship goes to pot for a drunkard (7)
- 13 A socialist branch of the Thrush family (7)
- 14 Rob a man for president when the Navy's gone (5)
- 15 Audibly stop a horse entirely in sorrowful state (8)
- 18 Resent, in postscript, for gifts (8)
- 20 See 4
- 23 Entirely unique (1.3 -3)

- 25 With gift of, partly, glossolalia (7)
- 26 Tantalus's daughter, who finished up permanently stoned! (5)
- 27 Entirely surrounded with paper? (9)
- 28 See tides swirl around an area of North East England (8)
- 29 Mad Orestes inwardly loves intensely (6)

DOWN

- 1 Item colouring artists' works (8)
- 2 Beautiful Russian woman has a tan (7)
- 3 Spain's the setting for actors (9)
- 5 Describes someone not liking their girlfriend to be stared at (14)
- 6 A bird is fanatical (5)
- 7 Pertaining to a wife (7)
- 8 Eat dog: a sign of elderly childishness? (6)
- 9 Derbyshire village, home of the Old Yew Tree (5.9)
- 16 Nameless condition not touched (9)

- 17 Sheltered positions where one won't get the wind-up (3.5)
 - 19 A Surrey light session bitter: 'Shere' bliss! (7)
 - 21 Softly into a loan-shark for an appropriator (7)
 - 22 Agent N's mild from Soham (6)
 - 24 Look for signs in women's talk (5)
- Access to Chambers Dictionary and the Good Beer Guide 2011 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 22 is A Reynolds of Smethwick who picked up a copy of *Derby Drinker* in the Wellington, Birmingham.

SOLUTIONS to Crossword No 22 by Wrenrutt

Across 1. FATIMA 4. ICKNIELD 10. ANALGESIA 11. MAGMA 12. REDRUTH 13. HERBERT 4. NOMAD 15. CONISTON 18. PUSS-MOTH 1 20. TOPER 23. BEOWULF 25. REEL OFF 26. UMIST 27. IDENTIKIT 28. HENNESSY 29. INURE

Down 1. FRAGRANT 2. TSARDOM 3. MR GRUNDYS 5. COACH AND HORSES 6. NAMUR 7. EL GRECO 8. DEARTH 9. AS THE CROW FLIES 16. SUTTERTON 17. PROFITED 19. UTOPIAN 21. PLONKER 22. ABLUSH 24. UNTIE



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