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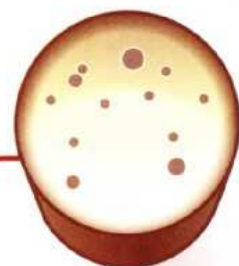


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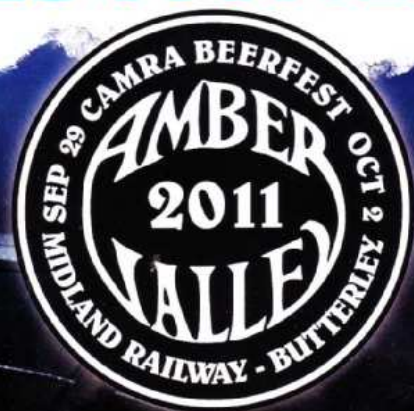
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## FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL

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# ▶ RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL

**80 real ales**, augmented by carefully selected traditional cider and perry will be the mainstay of a festival which has a stellar line-up of bands headed by the **Rollin Stoned** on Saturday night.

The Re-Entrants, a local comedy ukulele duo, will start proceedings on Thursday evening and Friday's entertainment begins with Derby folk/rock band, **Jiggery Folkery**, who celebrated their 250th gig at the Flower Pot in July.

Returning by popular demand to headline on Friday night, are **All The Kings Men**, who took the festival by storm last year with their classy repertoire of rock and pop covers.

Saturday afternoon sees those fine exponents of the 400 year old tradition of Morris dancing, the **Ripley Morris Men**, who are veterans of the beer festival scene.

Then, in the evening, comedy skiffle band, **Kick "N" Rush** are the prelude to the **Rollin Stoned**.

The Rolling Stones' cover are widely regarded as the pick of the Stones' tribute bands as they replicate every facet of the Stones' stage act. The power, menace and

sheer artistry of the music, allied to the flamboyant costumes so characteristic of the Stones, perfectly capture 1960s hedonism.

Culinary delights are assured with the Maharaja restaurant's Indian cuisine available for your delectation, and less exotic fare will be on offer, including a **Pipers crisp stand**.

A new innovation this year, designed for those with a sweet tooth, is the **specialist chocolate stall**.

Steam train enthusiasts will be able to travel to Swanwick Junction on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, courtesy of the Midland Railway, Butterley.

Subject to beer availability, the festival will be open noon to 3pm on the Sunday with ales at **£2 a pint**.

Grateful thanks to Wade Printers for their generosity.



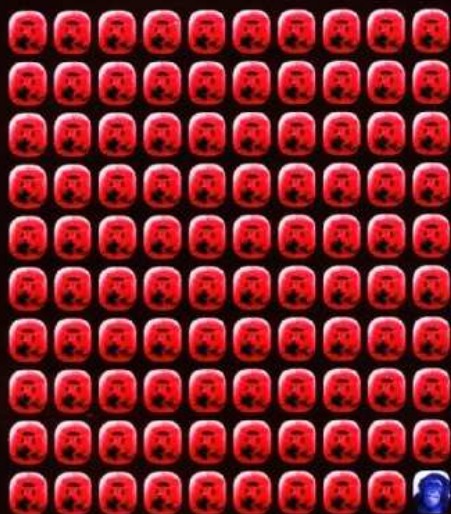
## ADVANCE TICKETS...

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# ► Amber Valley Branch Diary

► **Thursday, 29th September to Sunday, 2nd October** - 2nd Amber Valley CAMRA Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station, Ripley. Staff required- please contact Alison on 01773 570675 or [alisonhcox@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonhcox@hotmail.com)

► **Saturday, 15th October** - free bus surveying pubs in Codnor and Waingroves. Bus departs Ripley Market Place at 7.30pm, for Alfreton and Belper pick-ups, please 'phone Alison.

► **Thursday, 27th October** - branch meeting starting at 8.30pm in upstairs room of Poet and Castle, Codnor. There will be a discussion on the possibility of Amber Valley CAMRA branch autonomy and you can enjoy the first day of the pub's beer festival.

► **Thursday, 24th November** - AGM, upstairs room, Hunter Arms, Kilburn. Contact Alison 01773 570675.



## The Five Lamps has been included in the new 2012 Good Beer Guide, Reg Newcombe reminisces...

When I first knew this pub in the Fifties it was called the Saint Helen's after an erstwhile monastic establishment nearby, dedicated to the Turkish mother of Constantine the Great or, as others maintained, after the English daughter of King Coel of Colchester, popularly known as 'Old King Cole'. To dispel any confusion and mark a new phase, it was renamed in 2001 after the old-fashioned cast-iron lamp standard at the junction of Kedleston and Duffield Roads. Acquired

by Everards that same year, it was opened out in keeping with the current trend and stylishly refurbished.

Formerly a Home Ales house, The Five Lamps now offers a good choice of well-kept beers, mainly brewed in Derbyshire, and a varied menu based on local produce. The secluded smoke room where old-timers would puff on their pipes and read the papers has now gone,

but smokers may still puff away at the rear, whatever the weather.

The former landlord and prominent member of the LVA, Frank Monk, would not recognise the place today, but the only thing he might have missed, I think, would be the old smoke room with its complement of pipe-puffing old duffers.

Well before I began drinking (but long after the monks stopped brewing at the monastery) the St Helen's brewed its own beer; but what I drank here was Home Ales from Nottingham – an excellent bitter which some thought was even better than Shippo's, also from Nottingham (both now gone).

The present licensee, Graham Browett, formerly of the Black Swan at Crich, is a firm traditional beer man who offers a range of beers from regional brewers with a particular emphasis on beers brewed in Derbyshire. Real Ciders and Perries also feature. The Five Lamps has recently gained entry into CAMRA's National Good Beer Guide in recognition of the quality and consistency of its beers. Try the bitters from Buxton, Hartington and Chatsworth or the mild from Ilkeston.



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# Breweries in Focus

Two new breweries join Derby's microbrewery revolution

## Middle Earth Brewing Company



Derby is living up to its reputation as 'Real Ale' capital of England with yet another microbrewery that has now started trading. Middle Earth Brewing Company has been set up by award winning Rowditch Brewer Steve Twells and active CAMRA member Carla Johnson. The first brew which is a 3.9% hoppy pale ale is going to be named **Prancing Pony** and will be available in local freehouses from August this year.

The second beer will be **Dragon's Gold** a 4.1% pale ale with lots of cascade hops used. Both ales featured together at the National Brewery Centre Beer Festival in Burton-upon-Trent.

Steve is currently training Carla to do her dream job which is brewing solo, along side overseeing the day to day running of the business.

Twelly will still continue to brew for 'the ditch' to supply the very popular St Stephen's.



For more information on Middle Earth please see [www.mebrewco.com](http://www.mebrewco.com) or call Carla on 07905 604230



**BLACK IRIS**  
BREWERY

The closure of the Headless Brewery at the Flowerpot a few months ago was the first real chink in the armour of the microbrewery revolution in Derby which was a bit of a shame as they had managed to get their

**beers showcased at the Great British Beer Festival 2 years in a row.**

However the kit they left behind hasn't remained idle for too long as a new brewery, **Black Iris** has emerged to continue the boom. Alex Wilson, Nick Folkard and Jim Grundy have had ambitions of opening their own brewery for a while and when ready-made premises became available it seemed the ideal time to do so. Alex and Nick worked previously at Castle Rock pubs where their love of Real Ale and seeing how it was brewed at Castle Rock got them interested in having a go themselves so they started experimenting with their own homebrews. Alex then undertook a course at Brewlab in Sunderland where he got the chance to brew his own beer and do hands on stints at Mordue and Bull Lane breweries.

Both will be doing the brewing and the kit at the rear of the Flowerpot pub will allow them to brew about twice a week. The first brews from the plant rolled off the line just in time for the PotFest at August Bank Holiday where Black Iris Bitter 4.3% ABV, Peregrine Pale a 4.6% ABV pale hoppy beer and Irongate Stout a 5.5% ABV dry bitter stout where on sale.

The advantage of brewing behind a pub is that a ready-made point of sale exists although the brewery itself will be run as a separate concern. Their beers will also be on sale at the Smithfield in Derby and through the local free trade including many local beer festivals. Alex and Nick have a number of recipes up their sleeve and they are planning a range of interesting beers including dark ones which they are both big fans of. Brewery tours are promised at a later date.

For more information on Black Iris see [www.blackirisbrewery.co.uk](http://www.blackirisbrewery.co.uk) or call 07816 148913





# Like to own an Andy Capp?

The wonderful thing about CAMRA's National Breweriana Auction is the opportunity to own something special as well as a slice of history. This year's Auction is returning once again to Burton on Trent's Town Hall.

Amongst the lots this year is an **Andy Capp/Manns Brown Ale paperweight**; a lovely **water jug from the Star Brewery** in Eastbourne which closed in 1967; a pottery ash tray from Portsmouth United Breweries (stopped brewing in 1962); a Rayments brewery tie (brewery closed by Greene King in 1987); a Simpkins Old Ale show card (sold out to Greenalls in 1985) and an old Ind Coope Allsopp mirror.

But if you are looking for something more unusual, then maybe an old wallet advertising Reid's Stout and Watney's Ale or a pocket-sized Bass world atlas from the 1920s/30s is up your street.

If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, the auction is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get some great bargains plus many of the items on sale can appreciate in value. And, of course, like any CAMRA



event, there is some good beer on sale all day, in this case provided by the local Old Cottage Brewery.

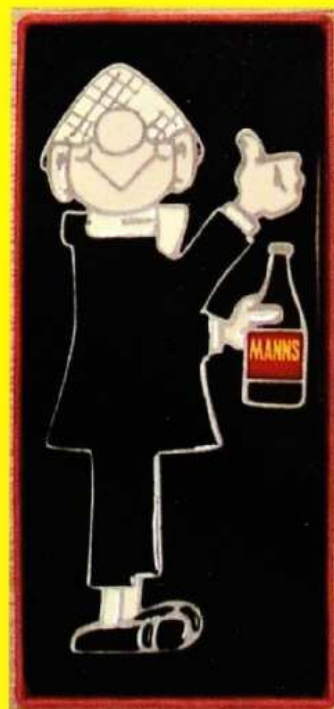
The event takes place on Saturday 15th October at Burton Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton on Trent, DE14 2EB so there are plenty of good pubs to sample too. Burton on Trent is easily accessible by train and the Town Hall is walkable

from the station. The event starts at 11am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there.

You can even have a pint or two of Old Cottage Brewery beer; the bar is open until the end of the day.

Local MP, Andrew Griffiths, who is also chair of the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group, who will open the proceedings at 12.20pm after which the bidding will commence.

Entrance is by catalogue (£2.50), available on the day, or £3.50 in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 01923 211654 (answerphone) or [baustin@supanet.com](mailto:baustin@supanet.com). If you can't get there, postal bids are accepted, just contact Bill.



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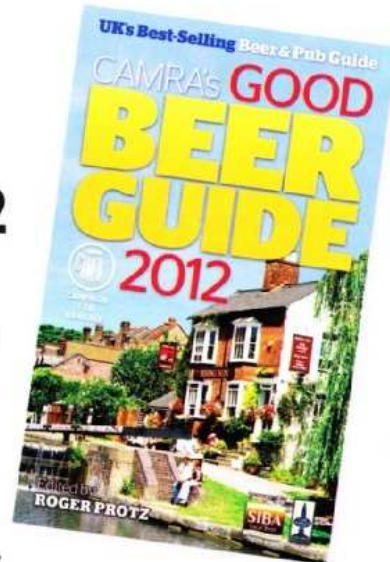


## CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2012

Britain's best-selling guide to good beer and good pubs is now out and will be available from selected local pubs around the area as well as local book stores and online. Now in its 39th edition, it is fully revised and updated, with details of more than 4,500 pubs across the country serving the best real ale.

From country inns to urban style bars and backstreet boozers, all selected and reviewed by over 125,000 CAMRA members, this is your definitive guide to finding the perfect pint! The RRP is £15.99 although it will be available a lot cheaper from local pubs.

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FRI	7-10-11	LANCASHIRE HOTPOTS + The Re-Strains	COMEDY FOLK	£10.00
SAT	8-10-11	THE HUMANS (NATYLOU & BEL PEREGRIN)	ALT ROCK	£15.00
FRI	14-10-11	THE HUMMO BROTHERS	BLUES	£10.00
SAT	15-10-11	CHRIS FARLOWE + The Human Beaker Band	BLUES	£13.00
FRI	21-10-11	JOHN COOPER CLARKE	PUNK POET	£14.00
SAT	22-10-11	THE ELO EXPERIENCE (ELO)	TRIBUTE	£12.00
THURS	27-10-11	JACKIE LEVEN	ROOTS	£9.98
FRI	28-10-11	FRED ZEPP (Led Zeppelin)	TRIBUTE	£8.00
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SAT	5-11-11	MARCUS BONFANTIBAND	BLUES	£9.98
THURS	10-11-11	JOHN OTWAY	ROCK	£10.00
FRI	11-11-11	BLACKFOOT (from USA)	ROCK	£14.00
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# One over the eight *by Robin Hutchison*

**Drinkers nursing hangovers from a successful summer festival recently woke to the news that another brewery had opened its doors in Derby.**

In the first week in August, the Tolkien-inspired Middle Earth Brewing Company brought out a 3.9% bitter called Prancing Pony, quickly winning orders from half a dozen freehouses.

With the popular Flowerpot pub set to be given a new lease of life by the Black Iris Brewery it raised the **total number of producers in the city alone to eight.**

Twells at the Rowditch on Uttoxeter New Road, argues not.

She says: "If we're the real ale capital of the country, why shouldn't we have a healthy numbers of beers from micro-breweries produced locally?"

"I think it is always nice to have your own pub if you can do that, but the ever-growing number of festivals and freehouses provide great opportunities."

Carla, who gave up her job in the NHS to answer the call of the cask, believes variety is the spice of life for an increasing

"What real ale drinkers love is choice. They are not brand loyal like lager drinkers and prefer to go out and try different beers of an evening.

"I also feel that new breweries help to push the standards up for us all.

"The less good ones may fall by the way side but others will pull their socks up – and that can only be good for the consumer.

"I think the phrase 'saturation' is plain wrong because the majority of brewers I'm talking to are struggling to keep up with demand. And long may it continue."

Alex Wilson of Black Iris, who used to work at Castle Rock's Lincolnshire Poacher pub in Nottingham, believes the key to success for new start-ups is the strength in numbers offered by the Derbyshire Brewers' Collective.

He says: "You have companies there who are in competition theoretically. But it isn't seen like that as we're all in it together and would rather help each other out.

"This also taps into the debate about food miles at the moment, with more and more people wanting to sample locally sourced and produced food and drink.

"It's great to have our own pub to sell in as a small brewery but it's not the be-all and end-all."

Whilst some disagree, it seems Derby's new and not-so-new brewers are happy to jostle for elbow room at the bar.

***And with competition as healthy as this, how long will it be before Derby drinkers find themselves being tempted by one over the eight?***

*"If we're the real ale capital of the country, why shouldn't we have a healthy numbers of beers from micro-breweries produced locally?"*

But amid the hops and hoopla at least one dissenting voice has questioned whether the arrival of more competition is sustainable in the long-term.

In an interview in the Derby Telegraph prior to the festival, Nick Thompson, who runs the John Thompson Inn and Brewery at Ingleby, Melbourne, suggested the market for micros was "reaching saturation point."

He also claimed it was essential that brewers have their own pub to provide a guaranteed route to market.

As unpalatable as it may be to a consumer group like CAMRA, does it prompt the question that people can have 'too much of a good thing'?

Carla Johnson, who runs the four-barrel Middle Earth plant with her partner Steve

number of drinkers.

"People don't want to eat the same meal every night so they don't want to drink the same beer every night.

"And it's not only people in Derby who are benefitting. There are more and more people from further afield discovering the different beers and breweries on offer in this area. The more the merrier."

Rachel Matthews, whose Dancing Duck Brewery began production in December 2010 and has now supplied over 150 pubs, also believes competition is a good thing.

She said: "There are plenty of people out there who drink real ale and there are plenty of more people out there who have yet to discover it.



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With Pedigree and London Pride as regular beers, one real cider and several guest ales always available, including beers from Dancing Duck, Derby Brewery, Falstaff, and other local brewers the club is first choice for many drinkers in the area, having over 1500 members. Other activities are bowls and amateur radio. The club also fields men's and ladies' teams for darts and dominoes in local leagues. Despite a challenge which led to a recent licensing review resulting in restricted use of the outdoor area, the Club is also in line for a Club Mirror Award at the 2011 presentation in Manchester. Club Mirror is the independent newspaper for the world of clubs.

*The results of the regional round of the CAMRA competition will be announced in September. Full membership is open to residents of Alvaston, Boulton and Shelton Lock but associate members may live anywhere.*

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# Derby**CAMRA** Branch**Diary**



**Everyone is welcome at Derby CAMRA  
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Here is a list of forthcoming events:

## ► September

**Wednesday 28th Social** - Brunswick Beer Festival, Station Approach, Derby - 8.30pm onwards.

## ► October

**Thursday 6th 'Cask Ale Week' City Survey** - Meet at the Babington Arms, Babington Lane, Derby - 8pm. Tour will have moved on by 8.30pm.

**Saturday 8th Derbyshire Cider Tour** - Supporting Cider Month we have an opportunity to get to some of the best Real Cider/Perry outlets in the county, (don't worry they serve beer to!) The plan is to congregate at the Brunswick then the Alexandra Hotel from 3 to 3.30pm onwards. The mini bus will leave the Alex at 4pm to take us to the following pubs, spending approximately an hour at each.

1. **The Arkwright Arms**, Sutton Cum-Duckmanton
2. **Old Poets Corner**, Ashover
3. **Poet and Castle**, Codnor
4. **Queens Head**, Marpool (current east midlands Cider Pub Of The Year)

Returning to the 5 Lamps, Derby for 10.30pm. Cost is £10 each; contact the Social Sec, Dean Smith to secure a place. I need your name, a contact number (ideally mobile), membership number and a £5 deposit to secure a place. Bring your own pocket money, and enjoy!

**Wednesday 12th Derby Branch Meeting** - Thomas Leaper, Irongate, Derby - 8pm.

**Saturday 15th CAMRAmble** - A walk of 7 or 4 miles. Meet at 11:45 bus stop J2 on Corporation Street for the Trent H1 or 12:00 in the Three Horseshoes, Morley Smithy. Across track and field to the home of Nutbrook Brewery which offers beer for sale at the Oakfield Farm Shop. A short road walk leads to the White Post at Stanley Common, then across track and fields to The Bell at Smalley (the drop out point for the shorter walk). Bell Lane, then and a short road walk, leads to the final destination - The Queens Head at Marpool with ample return bus options from nearby Heanor Market Place.

**Friday 21st Survey** - Dalbury Lees, Osmaston, Long Lane Area - 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD.

**Wednesday 26th 'Surburbeer'** - Markeaton Hotel, Allestree - 8.30pm onwards. If it's your local please join us.

**Contact the Social Secretary, Dean Smith by e-mail - [Socials@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:Socials@derbycamra.org.uk)**





# Derby City Charter

This year we are thrilled to say there was a positive buzz around the Derby City Charter Beer Festival. A Marston's horse & dray travelled from the Alexandra to the Beer Festival to mark the opening ceremony. This was a great success as the market place was lined with crowds of drinkers that were eagerly awaiting to get into the Assembly rooms.

*"The number of admissions increased by almost a thousand"*

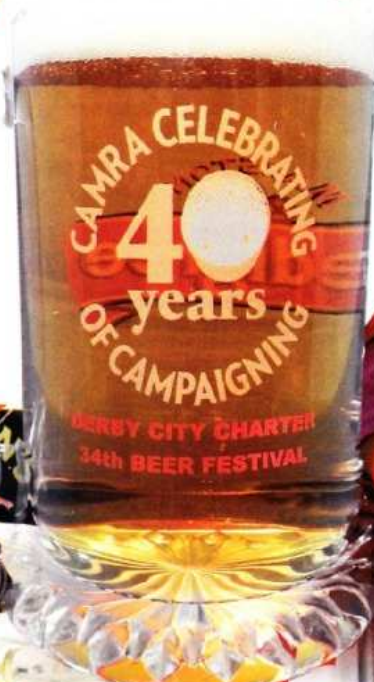
Visitors welcomed the small changes that were made to improve the overall feel of the festival. Real ale fans were thrilled to have a choice of over **225 different beers in over 350 casks** and this isn't including the vast choice of continentals or the thirty eight different ciders!

The number of admissions increased by almost a thousand, with a total of **8,703 through the door** excluding the invited guests at the trade session.

There has been positive feedback on the array of entertainment on offer from string quartets to Cajun acts, blues bands and festival headliners, Kings of Lyon who went down a storm.

The chocolate and crisp stalls were new additions to the festival and greeted very favourably by both the visitors and the volunteers! The CAMRA membership stall signed up **ninety one new members** to join the campaign which is in its 40th year. Over **5,700 commemorative 2011 souvenir glasses were sold** this year which is a brilliant result. Beer of the festival was Dark Star American Pale Ale with Fyne Ales Jarl voted runner-up. In third place was Ascot Anastasia's Excile Stout.

Of course this years success is in the hands of the **250 volunteers** that worked long hours to make the festival work. A huge thank you for the dedication goes out to the bar staff, cellar team, Tango team, green room, sales & membership to name but a few that helped to put the event together.





# Beer Festival



## DERBY CAMRA WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

We hope to see everyone back next year so that we can do it all again!  
Before then though we have the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival to look forward to in the Roundhouse from 15-18 February 2012.



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# East Midlands Cider Pub of the Year presentation

The Queens Head in the Erewash Valley branch area of CAMRA is no stranger to awards. Within the last four months it has received not only branch pub of the season and branch pub of the year but has now been especially recognised for its commitment to real cider.

The pub, on the corner of Breach Road, Marpool, is set back from the main road between Heanor and Ilkeston and started life as a Shipstones pub before being owned by a large pub company who could not make it pay and had allowed it to be turned into an Indian restaurant. It was then shut for a while and reopened almost two years ago when brothers Andrew and Stefan Rutherford decided to run the sort of pub they would like to drink in. The result was a lavish, not to mention expensive, labour of love. The brothers have spent £250,000 renovating the interior, with several drinking areas around a central bar. What they wanted was a permanent beer festival, so there are at least 15 beers and 15 ciders on at any one time. You drink them in immaculate surroundings, uninterrupted by music, TVs, dartboards or gaming machines.

Friday 15th July saw The Queens Head receive its award for the East Midlands CAMRA Cider pub of the year. In CAMRA

terms, the East Midlands area covers Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland & Northamptonshire making this a much prized award.

The certificate was presented by branch chairman Stephen Boa to a packed pub of locals and CAMRA members alike. Stephen joked that with there being so many ciders & perrys available that evening he had ran out of fingers and couldn't count them all and the final figure of 27 was agreed upon with the help of bar manager Dan.

There was an excellent range of ciders available including old favourites from Wilkins and Hecks as well as a local from 3 Cats Cider, Morley, Derbyshire.

Outside the weather was kind to us and allowed the spectacular, free, hog roast to go ahead and soak up the fine real ales & ciders that were consumed by all.

It was also announced that Stefan & Andrew will soon be opening a sister pub in nearby Ilkeston. The pub on Stanton Road, formally known as Finn M'Couls will be returning to its original name of The General Havelock and after a major re-fit, will be run on much the same lines as The Queens Head, featuring a wide range of beers & ciders in comfortable, traditional surroundings.



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# Cider with Suzie



You probably know that every year CAMRA runs a National Pub of the Year competition; you may not know that it also runs a National Cider Pub of the Year competition. Any pub selling at least one real cider / perry on a regular basis is eligible although high quality and a decent range are necessary to progress in the competition. Nominations can be made by individual CAMRA members or by branches. Judging at a regional level for 2011 is now complete. **The East Midlands winner is the Queens Head at Marlpool (see opposite).** Under the ownership of Stefan Rutherford this pub has been transformed from closure and dereliction to a well appointed, popular drinking establishment. The range of cider and perry is truly impressive, going right through from popular brands such as Westons through favourites like Gwynt y Ddraig Black Dragon to small, traditional cider makers such as Crossmans. When I visited recently the Wilkins dry cider and the Swallowfields Moorcroft perry were both excellent. The stock is all kept

in the cellar, ensuring that it is always served at the correct temperature. The beer range is also extensive; Oakham beers are generally available along with Whim and a host of others.

## The West Midlands winner is the Coopers Tavern in Burton-on-Trent.

This pub has been a classic ale house for far longer than I can remember, but under the present landlady, Mary Bagley, real cider began to appear. This has been so successful that the Coopers has now been judged to be the West Midlands Cider Pub of the Year for the last four years. The cider and perry selection rotates, with up to six available at any one time. The pub is unusual in that it sells as much perry as cider; this is very welcome because very few pubs sell real perry these days. Broadoak perry is usually available; when I visited the Gwatkins Yarlinton Mill cider was on fine form. The beer is pretty good too; I tried the Thornbridge Kipling. Both these pubs are worthy winners of their respective regions and well worth a visit; we wish them well in the next round of judging.

## SAFE DRINKING

On a different subject you can hardly fail to be aware of the idea of "units of alcohol" and a "safe drinking limit". This has been set for a woman at 21 units per week. (Sometimes a figure of 14 is quoted so the authorities clearly can't make up their minds, but we will stick to the higher figure as it makes my point.) Now 21 units per week is 3 units per day (you are not allowed to carry forward un-drunk units) and this equates to just under one pint of 6% cider per day (the precise figure is 523ml). Not a lot to unwind with after a stressful day. Unfortunately there is worse to come. We all know that we are going to have to work until we are older, and you might be hoping to put your feet up with a glass or two of cider when you finally are allowed to retire. I have now read a recommendation that the safe drinking limit should be halved for those over 65! This means, if you are not too drunk by now to follow the arithmetic, that the safe drinking limit for a woman over 65 is a smidgen under ½ pint of 6% cider. The article concluded with a note of menace that all GPs should be urged to monitor the alcohol intake of the over 65's to identify those at risk. Rock on old age!

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# CAMRA LocAle®

**The LocAle Scheme is a National CAMRA initiative to promote pubs that regularly stock local Real Ales.**

Pubs on the scheme usually display the logo either on the handpump or on a poster or sticker. Within Derby & Amber Valley the radius is 20 miles from pub to brewery.

Five new pubs have joined the LocAle Scheme since the last issue of the Derby Drinker but sadly the Old Talbot (Hilton) a GBG entry for the last two years, and supporter of LocAle has closed. However Derby Branch loss is Erewash gain as Dave Rieley ex- landlord of the Old Talbot, has opened the Travellers Rest on Derby Road Draycott and aims to continue to support local breweries.

**This is the latest list of LocAle pubs:**

## DERBY

Alexandra  
Brewery Tap/Royal Standard  
Bridge Inn - Mansfield Road  
Brunswick  
Falstaff  
Five Lamps  
Flowerpot  
Greyhound  
Mr Grundy's Tavern  
Old Silk Mill

Hunter Arms (Kilburn)  
King Alfred (Alfreton)  
King William (Milford)  
Poet and Castle (Codnor)  
Waggon & Horses (Alfreton)

## SURROUNDING AREA

White Swan (Littleover)  
Bell (Smalley)  
Green Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)  
Royal Oak (Wirksworth)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Okeover Arms (Mappleton)  
White Post (Stanley Common)

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*If your pub regularly stocks local Real Ales and you would like to join the scheme then please get in touch. All accredited pubs will receive posters, stickers and handpump crowns to display and will receive free publicity in the Derby Drinker and on the Derby CAMRA website.*



# CAMRA Discount Pubs

**All over the Country there are hundreds of pubs offering discounts to card carrying CAMRA members and these trailblazing pubs deserve your support.**

Look out for the posters in these pubs to see what's on offer. Below you will find a list of discounts available in the local area, if you know of others that are not listed here then please get in touch.

## ► DERBY & AMBER VALLEY AREA

Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Coach & Horses, Derby	15p off a pint
Five Lamps, Derby	20p off a pint
George, Ripley	20p off a pint
George & Dragon, Belper	20p off a pint
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Oakover Arms, Mappleton	10% off
Portland Hotel, Derby	All Real Ales £2.50 a pint
Red Lion, Hollington	20p off a pint
Talbot Taphouse, Ripley	20p off house pints
White Post, Stanley Common	20p off a pint

## ► EREWASH AREA

Seven Oaks, Stanton by Dale	20p off a pint
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## NATIONAL Cask Ale WEEK

1st-9th OCTOBER 2011

**National Cask Ale Week is a campaign organised between CAMRA and Cask Marque**

The main objective is to get more people trying real ale and encourage more pubs to organise real ale events throughout the week. If you would like to get your pub involved in the week and organise an event to support it then you can order promotional material through Derby CAMRA [derbycamra@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:derbycamra@derbycamra.org.uk)





# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

**It seems quite a long time since I made the last report, so here we have some of the highlights and news of the last 3 months.**

Firstly I was unable to report on the much deserved winter award given to the **Queens Head Marpool** has the presentation missed the press date by a few days, Stefan has done wonders with this pub and hopefully his new venture The General Havelock previously called Finn Mc'Couls Ilkeston will have successful has the Queens Head, this pub in its early life was a Shipstones outlet and to see it resurrected will please many including myself and will be a good addition to the already excellent selection of pubs within this area of Ilkeston.

Recently 16 members from Erewash and Nottingham branches embarked on an ambitious **trip by train and bus to Glossop** calling at Buxton after picking up train passengers at Matlock station on the Trans peak bus after leaving Buxton our first stop on the 61 bus was Hayfield and unknown to us we happened to pick their carnival day what fun that was, eventually when the bus finally came we went on to Little Hayfield The Lantern Pike (the birth place of Coronation Street) we picked up part of the party who had walked from Hayfield, then on to Glossop our first port of call was The Crown a CAMRA inventory pub being a Sam Smith pub only 1 beer available at the usual Sam Smith low

price some members could not believe it the other 2 pubs visited were the Norfolk Arms and The Star unfortunately The Globe does open before 6.00pm even on Saturdays very disappointing when the last bus is also at 6.00pm.

On the return journey we vacated the bus at New Mills had a pleasant hour in the Robinsons pub whose name now eludes me as by now we were getting quite well oiled.

We departed by train from New Mills to Sheffield half a dozen of us left the train at Chinley and walked to the Old Hall Tavern which the good beer guide says a 10 minute walk (if you run) nearly missed train at Chinley back to Sheffield where most of them visited the Station Bar enjoyable but long day. **Mick Golds.**

## FUTURE DATES

► **Cider and National cask ale week crawl** - Saturday 1st October start Dewdrop 3.00pm.

► **Meetings (8.30pm starts)**  
- Monday 3rd Oct Red Lion, Heanor.  
- Monday 7th Nov Hole in Wall, Long Eaton.

► **Future Trips**  
- Saturday 15th Oct Waingroves and Ripley area see web for full details.  
- Saturday 10th Dec Christmas crawl round Grantham again see web.

► **More Information**  
Trips - Mick Golds 0115 9328042 or 07887 788785.  
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## Last Orders

**Trevor McCandless** was a well known figure in Derby being a regular at the Brunswick for many years pulling Trevor Harris's leg and always having a good laugh with the lovely but formidable Jill who died a few years ago. He also frequented other pubs and loved the Smithfield and Flowerpot as well. In recent years he spent his time travelling between Ballater in Scotland, Madrid, Avila in Northern Spain and Derby as he loved its "proper" pubs and their regulars and would look forward to getting back to the place he felt most at home.

would be up here sampling the beers and pubs around the City and working at both Summer and Winter Beer Festivals. He practically never missed a session's work for over 10 years and was always willing to help out where ever he could. He became a permanent fixture at Beer Festivals and made so many friends and acquaintances along the way not just from those who worked with him but visitors alike. He was a great character, always smiling with a good sense of humour and he always had the time for everybody.

Stuart also loved live music and when he wasn't at a Beer Festival or in a pub he would be at a gig watching his favourite bands.

He had been to see the likes of Alice Cooper, Hawkwind, The Enid and The Hamsters more times than any of us would care to remember and always had a story or two to relate about them. He was a well travelled man and had been on a few round the world trips with experiences most of us can only dream of. Stuart touched so many lives that he will be remembered with extreme fondness by those that knew him and we will all raise a glass or two to his memory, Cheers Matey !!!



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# MICROBREWERY

## CORNER

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

### ► BOTTLEBROOK/LEADMILL

Brewing has recently recommenced and one of the first beers out of the fermenter was Russian Imperial Stout weighing in at around the 8% mark. More beers will follow. These can be sampled at the Old Oak in Horsley Woodhouse. This excellent pub is easily accessed by using the Trent Barton Amber Line bus service, so don't forget to use your Mango Cards!

### ► BURTON BRIDGE

Septembers monthly beer is called Top Drop for the start of the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. It is hopped with New Zealand Green Bullet, features Johnny Wilkinsons famous drop goal and is 4.5%. Octobers beer will be Balaclava Ned featuring the last survivor of the charge of the Light Brigade, also at 4.5% and hopped with hops from one of the former Russian satellite states. Finally the Bridge Inn will be holding its September beer festival in the brewery yard on the 29th, 30th and Oct 1st. Beer and Bangers

### ► BUXTON

Buxton has gone from strength to strength and evidence of this is their participation in the IPA Day in August. Their beers appeared at both The Grove in Huddersfield and The Port Street Ale House in Manchester. In addition to Black Rocks and Axe Edge, a new IPA has been brewed called Wild Boar weighing in at 5.7%. Surpassing this hefty brew is a Russian Imperial Stout named Csar at a pleasing 9.5%. Something a little more 'sessionable' is also being brewed in conjunction with Charles Farram Hop Merchants. This particular beer is single hopped with a new variety called Archer and comes in at 4.1%. Hopefully these should appear at The Five Lamps in Derby.

### ► COPPICE SIDE

Trade at this particular brewery has been building steadily with three local Wetherspools being regular accounts namely The Red Lion at Ripley, The Red Lion at Heanor and The Roebuck in Nottingham. Two new brews to mention are Owd Miner a copper beer at 4.0%

and Coppice Light a 4.5% blonde beer. Chris the Brewer acknowledges that none of this progress could have been achieved without the help and guidance of Richard Creighton from Leadmill.

### ► DANCING DUCK

A test/experimental brew called Brown Clough appeared recently at The Exeter. This is in addition to the four current brews in the range. Nice Weather 4 Ducks won Gold medal for "Best beer from a new brewery" at Peterborough Beer Festival. A 4.5% Oatmeal stout will be launched for the Nottingham beer festival and a 5.5% IPA for the Battle of the beers in Chesterfield late October.

### ► DERBY BREWING COMPANY

Derby Brewing Company's new pub in Little Eaton, the Queens Head looks like opening sometime in November after a refurb.

### ► DERVENTIO

Derventio is looking at new premises and hopefully by the time this goes to press the Brewery will be relocated out at Boars Head Mill, Darley Abbey Mills. The myth range of beers is selling well this year along with the regular Cleopatra. The seasonal beer Centurion 4.3% has made a welcome return and the Brewery will be bringing back Et Tu Brutus 4.5% in the Autumn. The September special Troll 4.3%, which is described as a reddish beer, already has pre orders. With regard to bottled beers, the Brewery has recently won an export order to New Zealand and on the domestic front continues to sell well through the ASDA supermarket chain.

### ► FALSTAFF

Forthcoming Name That Film beers will be Phil 4.3%, Maximus 5.3%, Elliot 4.0% and John MacLane 4.2%. In addition, The Babington Arms continue to serve the Hitchcock range of beers.

### ► LEATHERBRITCHES

Plans to brew in Ashbourne are still delayed by planning queries over environmental issues. In the meantime, the brewery is brewing on the Tap. House plant, at Smisby, and is also producing the tap house beers for the brewery.

### ► MARLPOOL

Andy has been brewing for a year now and he is still part-time at this stage. A Tap Room has recently opened at the Brewery and is available on Friday 3pm-6pm, Saturday 12pm-6pm and Sunday 12pm-6pm. It features two Marlpool brews and one guest plus local bottled beers. It seems to be very popular and is a great addition to an already burgeoning craft beer scene in the Amber Valley and Erewash area.

### ► MUIRHOUSE

This brewery goes from strength to strength. Richard has now gone full time with brewing been done twice a week. Two new beers, along with the five regular beers, have been brewed on the new plant at Ilkeston, these being Pirates Gold and Last Post. Brewery Tours will be offered at the Brewery once a month. For further details please email [rmuir@muirhousebrewery.co.uk](mailto:rmuir@muirhousebrewery.co.uk). Richard has been conducting brewery swaps with RAW in the North and Julian Church in the South. This should further widen the range and choice of beers available on the Derby scene.

### ► NAKED BREWER

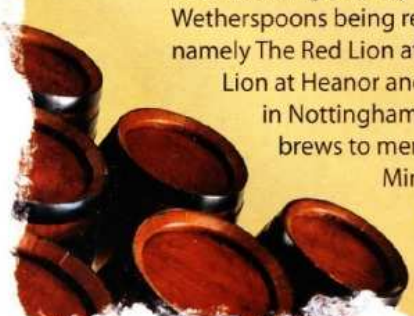
To celebrate one year of brewing, a beer festival is planned at The Corner Pin (the brewery tap) in Westwood. Sarah, the Brewster, was invited to feature one of her beers on the New and Upcoming Brewery bar at this year's Great British Beer Festival.

### ► PEAK ALES

Over the summer, Peak Ales seasonal, Summer Sovereign has gone down extremely well! Now they are going into the Autumn months Peak Ales will be brewing Paxton which will be ready from October, named after Chatsworth's head gardener many years ago. In other news they have a new full time brewer, Tom Neale.

### ► WENTWELL

George has added a new beer to his portfolio. Farmhouse Bitter 4.1% is described as a 'traditional style' ale. A new Three Barrel plant is awaiting delivery all the way from the new hot bed of craft artisanal brewing -Italy! It is hoped that when this comes on stream the beers will be more widely available.







# Dear Toper...

(Back by popular demand!)

## "Discounts for all"

**C**onsider! Dear Toper, the changing mix of pub clientele. When I was a callow youth (some time ago, it must be owned) few women dared to venture alone into the smoke filled confines of their local hostelry (particularly the bar) lest they be thought "wanton harlots" - or worse! And so, subsequently many pubs tended to be "male only" preserves. Nowadays of course there is a welcome mix of the sexes in most hostelries, something that I for one very much approve of, as a pretty face and a pint go together well.

Yes, Dear Toper, time has moved on in licensed premises; pity one can't say as much for national radio, where-on it would seem that for an hour each day the anachronistic wing of the feminist movement are well and truly stuck in the segregated past - and loving it! Real women are out there gracing former male only preserves not sitting around a microphone talking about it!

Another group who help to make up many a modern city pub's clientele mix are the ever shifting, transient population of "Uni-brats," who, no doubt lured into the sacred confines by the various student discounts on offer, are presumably quenching their raging thirsts after getting out of their damp, cloying beds at midday to spend the afternoon complaining about being lied to by politicians. For Heaven's sake! If everyone believed everything that our scumbag politicians told them democracy would collapse tomorrow; a healthy cynicism practiced by voters is essential to the whole process. Presumably the various student discounts offered by pubs are loss leaders designed to attract potential customers of

the future, if so, one is forced to wonder why there are so many O.A.P. offers advertised in pubs (cheap lunches etc.) as lowering prices to fill a pub with whinging coffin dodgers can hardly be seen as an investment for tomorrow!

As the licensed trade is about as far from being a "not for profit organisation" as a pork pie is from appearing on some trendy vegetarian restaurant's over-priced menu, one can only assume, that the various discounts are being subsidised by you and I, Dear Toper.

What I for one should like to see, is more in the way of discounts for the Great British Toper, who day in and day out keeps the Great British Pub going! Consider that Dear Toper!



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# Music Festivals finally embrace Real Ale

by Gareth Stead

If there was ever any doubt about the current popularity of **Real Ale** then you need look no further than the big summer **Music Festivals**.

Having been a regular Music Festival goer for over 15 years one of the things that has always been a big disappointment is the total lack of Real Ale at the major events. For so long the bastions of the large corporate fizz machines, any thoughts of a decent drink at these events had to be confined to a carry keg or two in the tent afterwards. But this year that all changed as the big boys finally gave in to Real Ale.

**V Festival, Leeds & Reading** and the **Isle of Wight** all saw Real Ale surface for practically the first time, giving Festival goers an alternative to what they have been forced to drink for many years. And having been to every **V Festival**

Suffolk (home of the Latitude Festival) provided a 3.8% ABV golden beer, Pure and 5% ABV brown beer, Scarecrow and the same brewery also provide the ales for **Leeds & Reading, The Isle of Wight Festival** kept it local supporting the Island's economy with a Festival special brewed by Yates Brewery. It proved so popular that it sold out every day of the 3 day event forcing a re-stock every morning. With Foo Fighters, Kasabian & Kings of Leon headlining it proved a great opener to the Summer's music festivals. Now I must point out that Real Ale at the big Festivals is not something entirely new as the Granddaddy of them all, **Glastonbury** with its green, eco credentials has had Real Ale for years but

very much ploughed a lone furrow amongst the big boys until recent times. The small to medium sized Festivals however have much better track records when it comes to Real Ale and many have embraced it adding to the appeal of these events.

In Derbyshire we have been quite lucky with the likes of **Bearded Theory, Indie Tracks, Off the Tracks** and **Y-Not** (headlined by the mighty Feeder and the Wirral riddler, Miles Kane), providing a selection of ales for their more discerning drinkers. However there is still room for improvement as the likes of **Download, Rock & Blues** and **Mychoone** need to

join the party and finally give music lovers what they really want, besides the bands of course. Around the area Nottingham's **Splendour Festival** had local ales from Castle Rock Brewery although running out by mid afternoon is something that the organisers will need to address for next year. And in Leicestershire the **Summer Sundae** and **Glastonbudget Festivals** have provided a wide variety of choice over the years.

This year's Music festivals have been a real pleasure to attend not only for the bands on show but also for having something palatable to drink while singing out of tune, at the top of my voice, to the major music anthems. I hope for more of the same next summer and hope that those still without Real Ale will finally catch-up. It is not difficult to provide as many microbreweries will be more than willing to deliver and if you need help or expertise then your local CAMRA Branch will gladly provide assistance. Mansfield CAMRA supplied the stillage at this year's Y-Not Festival where beers from Thornbridge were on offer so you only have to ask.....

*In the next DD we hope to start a regular feature on Real Ale and Music, so if your pub puts bands on and serves Real Ale then please get in touch, [derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk)*



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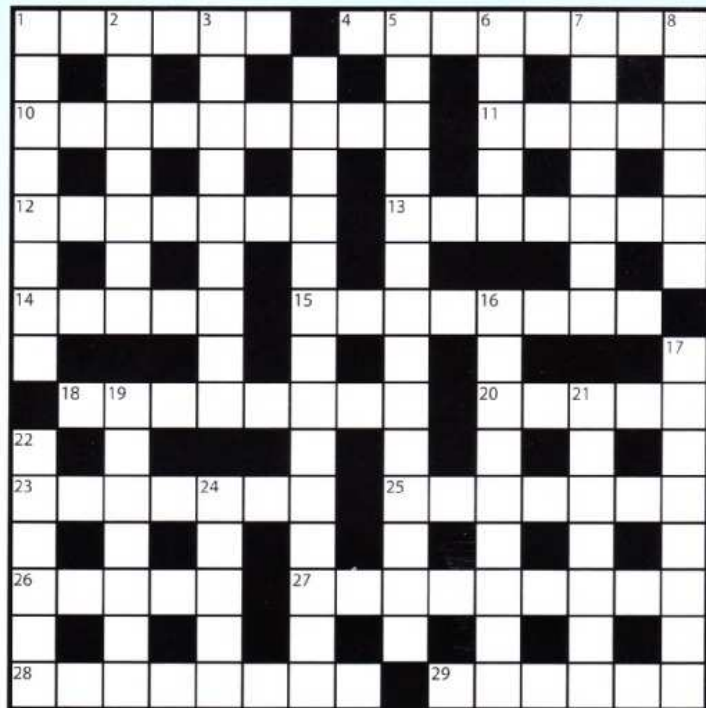
No.25 by Wrenrutt

## ACROSS

- 1 Sees, sounding like quotes (6)
- 4 Shamefully indecent, I'm unassuming (8)
- 10 Tell raver, once sorted out, to become a sales rep. (9)
- 11 Skim Buenos Aires in which to permeate (5)
- 12 A grain's processed, surprisingly, for a wine punch (7)
- 13 Lose dog, confused for Cambridge Bitter's brewer (7)
- 14 "Stolid", I goes, shaken up for idiots (5)
- 15 Nethergate's coriander-flavoured bitter (5.3)
- 18 Don't look so hard for Birkenhead's brewery (8)
- 20 Let in, or confess! (5)
- 23 Shake my beginning in a choirboy (7)
- 25 Name of the cluster of south Pacific islands (7)
- 26 See 28
- 27 Julian Church's Parson's Nose town (9)
- 28 & 26 The respected Kentish brewery, possibly England's oldest (8.5)
- 29 Slimmer, but could describe a certain Pisan campanile! (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Annul or reserve is teased out here (3.5)
- 2 An instrument to grapple with (7)
- 3 Someone who speculates about a subject's general principles (9)
- 5 Leicestershire battlefield town, home of the Olde Red Lion Hotel (6.8)
- 6 Reverse the sign I wobbled to find what's due hidden (5)
- 7 Involve in or rob with an extra mile (7)
- 8 Like braided hair (6)
- 9 Someone delighted, if they find what they're looking for? (8-6)
- 16 Rene Edale? She'd make a domineering boss (9)
- 17 An odder unknown person (8)
- 19 Raise at levee alternatively (7)
- 21 It's brave to get one of these in dispatches (7)
- 22 Manx race in stars: showy performances (6)
- 24 Tree, or Barrowden's session beer (5)



## Solutions to Crossword No. 24

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### ACROSS

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|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. MAWKIN     | 14. SYRIA    | 26. TASTE     |
| 4. OCKBROOK   | 15. TITFIELD | 27. BRAINLESS |
| 10. RICCARTON | 18. BOWSPRIT | 28. NINETIES  |
| 11. ADDER     | 20. NEGRO    | 29. TEA SET   |
| 12. YEW TREE  | 23. UNBOWED  |               |
| 13. TITANIC   | 25. ODCOMBE  |               |

### DOWN

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1. MERRYISH       | 8. KIRSCH          |            |
| 2. WICKWAR        | 9. STREET CREDIBLE |            |
| 3. IN ARREARS     | 16. INNOCENCE      |            |
| 5. CONSTITUTIONAL | 17. SOMERSET       |            |
| 6. BEAST          | 19. ORBISON        | 22. BUXTON |
| 7. ORDINAL        | 21. GIMLETS        | 24. WHEAT  |

- Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2011) recommended.
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