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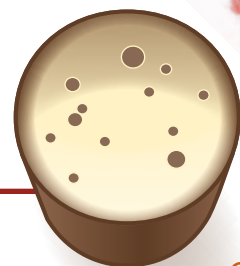


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"Cheers!"

Returning to the Roundhouse...

DERBY WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

**Wednesday 15th to
Saturday 18th February**



- ▶ 300+ real ales new and or rare to Derby
- ▶ Coldplay, Foo Fighters & Supergrass tributes
- ▶ FREE to CAMRA Members at ALL times
- ▶ See inside for details...



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CAMRA Members	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Non-Members	£3	£2	£4	£3	£5	£3	£5

All details subject to change. CAMRA members must produce membership cards to qualify for free admission
For the Derby CAMRA Young Persons discounts see our website for details at www.derbycamra.org.uk



Derby CAMRA's
11th WinterFest

DERBY WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

Coming soon to The Roundhouse, Pride Park - the 11th Derby Winter Beer Festival opens its doors on **Wednesday 15th February at 4pm** (having hosted a 2 hour Trade only session) with more real ale & other products than ever before.

Although the 2011 Derby Winter Beer Festival was amazing some changes have been made to ensure the 2012 Festival continues to satisfy your demand for quality real ales, ciders, perries and continental bottled beers. This means:

- ▶ **The Festival opens a day earlier (Wednesday rather than Thursday);**
- ▶ **The entertainment has moved into the Carriage Room - better acoustics**
- ▶ **A second stillage will be in the Carriage Room - more selection of choice**
- ▶ **There will be over 300+ real ales which are new and or rare to Derby**
- ▶ **A varied selection of real ciders and perries handpicked for your delight plus a quintessential selection of continental beer. Some wine and soft drinks will also be available.**
- ▶ **Judging of the Regional round of the Champion Winter Beer of Britain (2013 competition) for the following styles: Porter; Stouts; Old Ale/Strong Mild; and Barley Wine/Strong Old Ales.**
- ▶ **There will be an additional urinal block at The Roundhouse to relieve some of the pressure experienced by 2011 attendees at the venue's gents toilets.**

The plan is to ensure you'll have the perfect pint right up to the final whistle at 11pm on Saturday night.

There will also have a selection of stalls including the 'Famous' Derby Cheeseman's stall; Pipers Crisps; Beery Bits and Bobs - with their great T-shirts, hats, and badges; and the delicious Burton based chocolate maker Merry Berry Truffles.



The Festival is **FREE** to CAMRA Members at all times - and you can join CAMRA before entering the Festival to ensure you gain the most from your membership.

Date	Opening Hours	Admission Price	
Weds 15th February	4pm - 11pm	4pm - 11pm	£3
Thurs 16th February	11am - 11pm	11am - 4pm	£2
Fri 17th February	11am - 11pm	11am - 4pm	£3
Sat 18th February	11am - 11pm	11am - 4pm	£3
		4pm - 11pm	£4
		4pm - 11pm	£5
		4pm - 11pm	£5

If you are aged 18 to 21 a Young Persons offer on admission price is available. You must

show your proof of age with a photo ID and pay to get in and if you fill in a simple form and take it to the CAMRA Membership desk you will be issued with tokens, to the value of your entry cost, which you can use at the Festival.

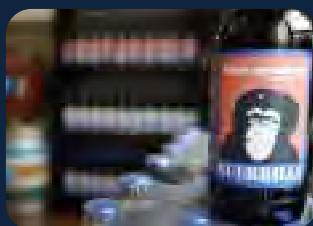
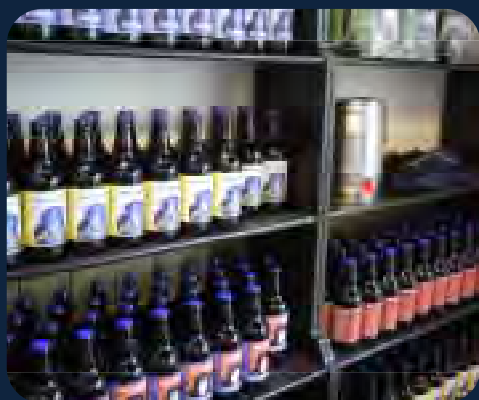
Combining new technology and tradition check out www.derbycamra.org.uk and our new Facebook page CAMRA Derby Winter Beer Festival 2012 to keep up to date with the latest news.

▶ Trade Session

If you are in the trade then why not come along to the trade session on Wednesday 15th February between 2-4pm. Email tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk for your free trade tickets.



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DERBY WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

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Can you lend a hand?

If you have some time spare and would like to Volunteer at Derby Winter Festival 2012 (even if it's just for a few hours) pre-register using the form on the Derby CAMRA website or send an email to winterstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk.

All volunteers who pre-register will receive a limited edition festival volunteer staff T-shirt. You could be part of the Foyer Team, working on glasses or serving on the bars. Remember you don't need to have worked at a Festival before - just fill in the staffing form and come along and join in as part of the unique, innovative and exciting atmosphere which will be Derby Winter Beer Festival 2012.

I stated this article by searching on the internet to see if the fact this is the 11th Winter Festival was significant and I discovered the number 11 can represent congruency which means the state of being in agreement & harmony (so the dictionary tells me). This word - congruency, more than any other sums up the Festival. So you are all invited to come and be a part of the agreement and harmony at The Roundhouse from the 15 - 18th February.

See you there - if not on Facebook beforehand!!

Cheers

Gillian Williams

Derby Winter Beer Festival Chair 2012



FREE buses to the Beer-Fest

As per last year we will again be running **FREE** buses to and from the Beer Festival at the Roundhouse.

The service provided by Harpurs will run between the following times:-

Wed 15th Feb	5.30pm - 9.30pm
Thu 16th Feb	2.00pm - 9.30pm
Fri 17th Feb	2.00pm - 9.30pm
Sat 18th Feb	11.00am - 9.30pm

The buses will be **on the hour and half hour** leaving from the bus pull in at the side of the Assembly Rooms and quarter past and quarter to the hour leaving the Roundhouse.

Winter Festival Cider and Perry Bar



As always, most of the ciders and perries come from the traditional cider making regions in the west of the country. Still, there are exceptions. New to the festival we have Charnwood cider, a fairly new cider maker from Leicestershire, and Mad Hatters cider from Stockport, Manchester; an area not renowned for cider making! I will be interested to try both of these. From Kent we have the ever popular Double Vision cider and Impaired Vision perry, and of course from just down the road Three Cats from Morley; the very last of the 2010 pressing.

Also new to the festival is Gillows, a small, traditional Herefordshire cider maker from St. Owens Cross, and from over the Welsh border we have Springfield Red Dragon from Llangovan, Gwent. Still from Wales there will be plenty of Gwynt y Ddraig; Black Dragon cider, Pider and Two Trees perry. You can't visit Somerset without going to Hecks; we will have their single apple variety Browns Apple cider and single pear variety Blakeney Red perry, and of course traditional farmhouse scrumpy from Wilkins.

Not ignoring Devon we have Green Valley Rum Tiddly Tum from Clyst St. George near Exeter and the ever popular Autumn Scrumpy from Winkleigh. I could go on but I'm feeling thirsty; drinking cider beats writing about it every time!

Chris Rogers

The Beer...

"Hello all!"

Let me introduce myself as this year's Beer Orderer for the 2012 Derby Winter Beer Festival. I have scoured the land far and wide in an effort to present you with a range of interesting beers. Hopefully, you will not be disappointed and this year's event most definitely promises to build upon the successes of last February's first venture into the Roundhouse.

I've been questioned and quizzed on many occasions to date regarding the nature of the theme for this year's festival. In a nutshell, the short and simple answer is that there isn't one as such! I believe that too rigid a theme risks shifting the focus from range of beers to adherence to the chosen topic. All personal opinion, of course, but a belief I have applied in this case.

My aim is to let the beers do the talking and be the unrivalled focal point of this year's event. 300 craft beers which are new and/or rare to Derby. In order to achieve this magic number I have ordered firkins. Yes, when they are gone, they are gone but there are plenty more to try!

There has been a proliferation of micro-breweries in London of late, so I have selected 10 of these to showcase how vibrant and ever-expanding the beer scene down South is. **By The Horns, Moncada** and **East London Brewery** are some excellent examples.

Some other breweries to look out for include **XT** and **Aylesbury Brew-house** from Buckinghamshire, **Wilson Potter** from Manchester and **Magic Rock** Brewery from Huddersfield. The latter is probably one of the most exciting breweries to have started in the last 18 months and their beers have made an appearance at some of the best pubs in the country.

Some collaborations will be on show including a **Raw/Offbeat** combo called Red IPA and a **Raw/Steel City** combo entitled Raw Steel IPA. Check out the amount of Australian hops in the latter! Local brewery **Muirhouse** is contributing an Imperial Stout, **Buxton Brewery** is adding some new brews and there will be a special Simcoe hop IPA from **Rat Brewery** in Huddersfield. Don't panic!! I know some of you will be thinking, "I've never heard of any of these new -fangled breweries". Do not despair as there will also be a selection of old favourites, well-known breweries and local brews available. I can reassure you that there will be something for everyone and beers for all palates - Milds, Stouts, Old Ales, Bitters, IPAs, etc, galore!

All in all, I am striving to make this festival the best Derby has seen beer wise for many a year. If not, on my head be it! I look forward to seeing you all in February.

Chris Sherratt



Real Ale Music Scene.

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▲ UK Foo Fighters

▲ Coldplace (Shane Crofts as Chris Martin)

There could only be one place to go for this edition's Real Ale & Music fix and that's to the Derby Winter Beer Festival at the historic Derby Roundhouse (15-18 Feb)...

Yes, the 'Festival that Rocks' returns with a stellar line-up of bands that is sure to brighten up your Winter.

It all starts on Wednesday evening with a first for the Festival, an **'OPEN MIC'** evening curated by Johnny Salt on the keyboards with artists invited to play for a beer or two. It should be a great starter to the Fest so why not pop along and give the artists some support.

Then Thursday night it's a case of 'Welcome to the Pleasuredome' as The **MERSEYBEASTS** take to the stage playing the Liverpool Sound from the Sixties to present with covers from all the Merseyside bands you know and love. From the fabulous Beatles to Frankie Goes to Hollywood to OMD to Flock of Seagulls to Echo & the Bunnymen, Icicle Works, Lightning Seeds, Dead or Alive, Black, Space, The La's, Cast, etc You name a Mersey band and these guys cover them. With some fantastic songs from every musical decade

to sing along to and support from **LIL JIM** on his squeezebox it's sure to be an evening to remember.

Friday night will take you from the 'Pleasuredome' to 'Paradise' as Coldplay tribute, **COLDPLACE** battle it out with those fun loving Indie boys, Supergrass and their tribute **SUPERDUPERGRASS**.



Coldplay are now back at the very top with a No.1 single, "Paradise" and a No.1 album "Mylo Xyloto" and are playing sold out dates wherever they go. Their Glastonbury set was one of the highlights of the last year with the Pyramid Stage lit up in a truly

unique fashion. With some classic songs like "Viva la Vida, Yellow, Fix You, In My Place, Talk, Trouble and Speed of Sound" it promises to be a fantastic end to the evening.

While the start of the night will get you "Pumping on your Stereo" to those catchy Supergrass songs like "Caught by the Fuzz, Moving, Grace, Sun Hits the Sky, Richard III, Late in the Day" and "Alright". Both tributes authentically re-create the sight and sound of the originals so it should be a fantastic double header.

Finally, Saturday night will witness perhaps the most eagerly anticipated performance of the whole Festival when the **UK FOO FIGHTERS** take to the stage performing a best of set from a group that are probably the biggest Rock band in the world at the moment. Fronted by the legendary Nirvana band member, Dave Grohl the 'Foo's' have grown from humble beginnings to be one of the best live acts around, headlining major Festivals and

sell-out Arena tours everywhere. So what better time to have one of their tribute bands on than this with songs like "All my Life, Best of You, Everlong, Monkey Wrench, Times like These, The Pretender, Rope and Walk, it's definitely a night not to be missed. Support will be from local covers band **STEAKCLUB** just starting out on their musical journey but these youngsters will certainly leave you wanting more.

So there you have it folks, another cracking line-up of entertainment and one that's sure to keep you Rocking around the Roundhouse.

For further information and updates on the Festival entertainment check out the Website www.derbycamra.org.uk or e-mail Gareth Stead at winterents@derbycamra.org.uk

► Open Mic Night - Artists Needed

We are holding an Open Mic evening on the Wednesday night of the Beer Festival. If you fancy playing then you will get free entry to the Festival and beer vouchers after you've played. You must inform us of your attendance beforehand though as we will not be expecting anyone on the night. So if you want to play then get in touch - winterents@derbycamra.org.uk

► City Charter Fest

Derby CAMRA's City Charter Summer Beer Festival will be taking place this year from the 11th - 15th July in the Assembly Rooms and the theme will be 'Celebrating 50 Years of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust'. We will have more details in the next Derby Drinker.



▲ Derby Winter Beer Festival 2011





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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 is available a lot cheaper from selected local pubs.

▶ To find out which local pubs are stocking it log on to www.derbycamra.org.uk

New Zealand Hop(e)

Rumour has it that the former Good Beer Guide listed New Zealand Arms on Peel Street in Derby will soon return to its glory days again. Its current empty handpumps are expected to flow again quite soon with beer from the nearby Dancing Duck Brewery mooted to be a regular feature. A mini refurbishment is due to take place with the pub aiming to open mid to end of February. We await further news with interest and hope that the rumours turn out to be true as the New Zealand of old was a cracking place to visit.



Pre-register for Members' Weekend and AGM

CAMRA's Members' Weekend and AGM is taking place at the Riviera Centre in Torquay on 30th March - 1st April 2012. It boasts a large number of quality pubs and has 10 fantastic breweries, many of which will be providing us with their beers for the Members' Bar.



Trips will be announced soon, please keep checking the CAMRA website for updates.

As well as visiting recommended pubs and organised trips, the Weekend will give you a chance to discuss our future policy and direction.

Pre-register your interest today. As a pre-registered member you will receive the Members' Weekend Handbook before the event.

You can pre-register online now. Joint members please note that you must both log in and register individually.

Closing date for pre-registration is Thursday 1st March 2012.

We hope to see you there!

For more information please visit www.camra.org.uk/agm

AGM Travel Offer

National Express is offering 15% off return travel to Torquay from across the UK to the CAMRA AGM, from 30th March to 1st April 2012. To book your tickets for terms and conditions, please visit www.nationalexpress.com/camra.

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BACK TO THE FUTURE AT THE HOLLY BUSH

By Robin Hutchison

The sepia-tinted wanted poster that hangs in the corridor of the Holly Bush Inn in Makeney has greeted generations of regulars. Reminding them that he frequents the premises, it warns travelers that the notorious highwayman Dick Turpin is also known to operate on the nearby turnpike.

As heritage goes, it's impressive - particularly if 18th century highwaymen are your thing. Yet for the pub's latest custodians, Chris and Alex Wilbraham, it's indicative of an establishment that's been trading on old glories for too long.

Chris, 35, who drank his first pint in the Holly Bush after delivering papers there as a child, has no wish to hold its past to ransom but is keen it embraces the present as well the future.

He said: "It has a lot of history, a lot of tradition and has always had a good cellar - but it wasn't really happening before we took over in October. It was dirty and even the real Real Ale enthusiasts were drifting away."

The Bush, as it is known locally, is the husband and wife team's

first venture as landlords, having given up a tool hire business in Wirksworth and a career in the HR department at a leading supermarket. And the prospect excites them.

Mum-of-two Alex, 31, said: "This is a lot of people's favourite pub but we also know that we could really put them off if we tried too hard. I think it would be a massive mistake if we didn't work with the building and the people who've been enjoying it for so many years. We're confident that if we put a bit of life and love into the pub it will come back threefold."

Their first job was to shut the 17th century building for two days, in order to give it its best clean since Turpin and his pals propped up the bar. Neighbours who'd been put off in recent years were then invited back for an opening night of their own, before CAMRA member Chris got to work stocking the bar

It now boasts eight real ales at any one time, including Martson's Pedigree and Ruddles County served by the jug, with as many as possible produced in Derbyshire. Three weeks after getting the keys they put on their first beer festival. It proved a roaring success with regulars, as well as newcomers attracted by their once unimaginable

presence on Facebook and Twitter.

But the couple's eyes were opened to the pub's real potential when an invite to the Rolls Royce Male voice choir for an evening of mince pies and mulled wine had the old place groaning like a Christmas hamper.

Alex recalls: "I came up the road and saw car after car parked up and wondered what the problem was, but it was just the sheer number

of people who'd gone to the pub. It was absolutely bonkers how many were packed in. We'd never seen anything like it and as a result we were rammed throughout Christmas and New Year."

Chris and Alex currently rent the pub from owner and former landlord John Bilbie, and are understandably cautious when asked if their intention is to take it over. "We've made a big commitment to this and really want it to work. But you'll have to ask me in a year's time if I want to buy it," laughs Chris.

In spite of Chris' understandable reticence, the pair have big plans. A brass band has already been booked for the Queen's jubilee celebrations and it's hoped details of local walks on the pub website will make it a hub for hikers. They also plan to hold a beer festival at the end of March, a festival of traditional games around the 2012 Olympics and have revamped the food menu with the help of chef Darren McCready, who has joined them from nearby Makeney Hall.

More exciting still, is the news that Chris has planted a crop of cider apples on the site of the Strutt Estate's former orchard and is hopeful it will start producing a commercial crop within five years.

Getting the blend of the old and new right will be the couple's biggest challenge and they are very conscious that change, gradual or otherwise, will not be welcomed by all. But it seems unlikely they'll fail through lack of hard work or ambition.

And, as Chris points out, that ambition is crystal clear: "We want to put this pub back on the map, where it should be. We want to make it the best pub in Derbyshire."

You can follow the Holly Bush on Twitter @HollyBushBEER or visit their website at www.hollybushinnmakeney.co.uk





Not a good time to open a pub?



Thornbridge Brewery opened three in 2011...

Thornbridge brewery has expanded their pub estate with three new openings in 2011.

After a £100k+ refurbishment the brewery agreed a lease with Enterprise Inns in October and opened the Hallamshire House, Commonsides, Sheffield. This partnership follows the brewery's success in agreeing a ground breaking free-of-tie lease with Enterprise in November 2010 for the Greystones in Sheffield which has recorded a 400% increase in turnover since it was taken over. The Greystones rapidly established itself as a successful community pub and its "Backroom" venue has hosted many sold out nights for the best in UK and International music and comedy.

In early November Thornbridge opened a Sheffield city centre freehold called DaDa. The bar focuses on the brewery's full range of keg, bottle and cask beers and well as a revolving list of selected beers from breweries the Thornbridge team are fans of. The bar has space allocated to temporary art exhibitions covering everything from works by local

established artists to those wishing to showcase their work for the first time.

The final addition in 2011 has seen the purchase of a freehold lease on the Coach and Horses in Dronfield from Sheffield Football Club - the world's oldest team. The brewery had supplied the beer for the pub for the past four years but will now take over its full running. It will undergo a refit in early 2012 and re-open under the day to day management of Ellie Brightmore.

Simon Webster, Thornbridge's Chief Operating Officer, comments on the openings and a successful 2011 "Running a brewery and pubs is hard work in what are difficult economic times. We have a simple formula with a focus on quality products and service of course but also ensuring the pub meet the needs of its "community" be these local residents, or those coming to our pubs for the beer, music or art we support.

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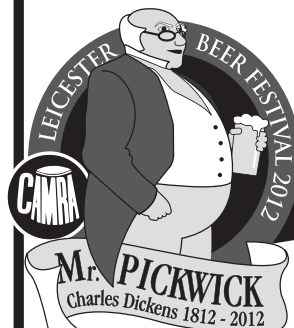
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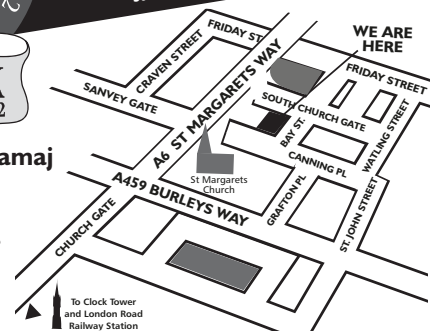
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► CAMRA on the hunt for Britain's best club for 2013

The Campaign for Real Ale is today asking beer drinkers from across the country to consider whether their club has what it takes to be considered as CAMRA's National Club of the Year for 2013.

In partnership with the trade publication Club Mirror, CAMRA is inviting self-nominations for the competition before the entry deadline of **Thursday February 16th 2012**. While the current Club of the Year competition draws to a close with the countdown continuing until an overall winner is announced in March, CAMRA and Club Mirror are keen to kick start next year's competition in order to attract more entrants than ever before.

Under the rules of the competition, any club whose membership is open to all, and serves top quality real ale, is eligible to enter into CAMRA's Club of the Year competition. Unlike CAMRA's Pub of the Year competition, club members and officials are not required to be CAMRA members to nominate their own club as an entry. However only one club can be entered from each of CAMRA's 200 or so branches therefore if more than one club in a branch area has to be considered then the local branch will decide which one will be put forward into the competition.

CAMRA's partner in the competition, Club Mirror, reaches clubs throughout the UK – from sports clubs to working men's clubs – and will be including the CAMRA Club of the Year within its own exclusive Awards, the Club Awards 2012. Now in their 20th year, these Awards are the highlight of the club calendar. All nominations, complete with club name and address and no more than a 200 word explanation as to why a particular club should be considered, can be sent by email to ian.charlton@blueyonder.co.uk



DERBY CAMRA Pubs of the Year 2012

Late news has reached us that Derby CAMRA has selected its Pubs of the Year for 2012. The **City Pub of the Year is the Five Lamps** on Duffield Road with the **Country Pub of the Year being the Royal Oak in Ockbrook**. The Five Lamps has also been named the overall Branch Pub of the Year for 2012. Both pubs will be presented with their certificates at the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival trade session in the Roundhouse on Wednesday afternoon 15th February. Full details of the awards will appear in the next Derby Drinker.

Nelson Sets Sail Again



The Nelson Arms at Middleton by Wirksworth was another new pub to open towards the end of 2011. It has been bought by Alan Johnson, a former regular at the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse as a retirement project. It re-opened serving Pedigree and three changing guest beers on handpump. The Nelson looks certain to be a viable business as one holiday let is already available and a holiday cottage to the rear is currently being renovated. The old, stone-built pub also benefits from a daytime, hourly 6.1 bus service between Derby and Matlock, that stops right outside.



◀ **Club Mirror's Annual Award for Steward of the Year 2011** was shared by two of Derby's leading suppliers of real ales in clubs, Jonathan Smale of the Spondon Conservative Club (*pictured right*) and Paul & Denise Walton of the Nunsfield House Club.

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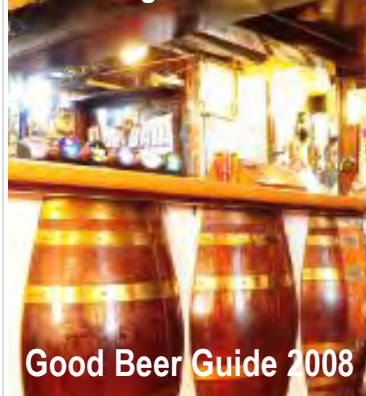
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Cider with Suzie



National Pub of the Year

Doing the rounds of some hostelrys around Derby I recently encountered three selling real cider. Firstly the newly re-opened **Queens Head** at Little Eaton. This Derby Brewing Co. pub has been elaborately refurbished, and though there is a strong emphasis on food it features a rotating real cider on hand pump, Sheppys from Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset when I was there. The quality was good, as were the Derby ales I tried. Secondly the **Five Lamps** on Duffield Road, Derby. Amongst an impressive range of beers were three real ciders from Westons. Nothing wrong with Westons if it is well kept, and here the 5% First Quality was fine. Thirdly, **Mr Grundy's Tavern** on Ashbourne Road, Derby. Naturally their own beer features prominently but they also have a rotating real cider on hand pump; Three Cats from Morley when they can get it but when I was there Crossmans from Hewish, Somerset, a traditional Somerset farm cider.

These are three good pubs, similar in some ways with a strong commitment to real ale and good food but able to provide real cider as well. At all three the cider choice is restricted,

but it is better with a limited turnover of cider to maintain the quality rather than to put on a wider range than the turnover will support. They are doing it right.

What is Wassail?

On a completely different subject, the ancient ceremony of Wassail is held in January; the exact date is obscure but 17th of January looks to be favourite. "Wassail" translates literally as "Good Health", and the purpose of the ceremony is to encourage the apple trees to produce a good crop of fruit later in the year. It involves dressing up in costume, possibly on the theme of the Green Man, processing around the trees, placing toast soaked in cider in their branches, banging pans (or discharging shotguns!) to ward off evil spirits and reciting special Wassail poetry. Now, you may not believe in evil spirits, or that ceremonies like this could possibly affect the apple crop in around nine months time, but you never know; it may do some good and certainly can do no harm. Anyway it is a good excuse to have a party, act a bit daft and consume plenty of cider. I'm all in favour of it!

Cider at the Derby Winter Beer Festival

Finally, I hope you all know by now that the Derby Winter Beer Festival will be held in the Roundhouse, off Pride Parkway, opposite Derby Station from **15th to 18th February**. We intend to feature a wide range of ciders and perries, hopefully with something to suit all tastes to banish the winter blues. There will be a mixture of old favourites along with a few ciders not previously seen at Derby. This year the cider bar will be in a different room from the music, so you will be able to talk cider in peace if you wish. In view of your prodigious thirst for cider and perry last year this year we have increased the order and with back-up supplies available can guarantee that there will be cider available right up to the end on Saturday evening. More details can be found elsewhere in this Derby Drinker; a full listing will be posted on the Derby CAMRA Website and will appear in the Festival Program. See you there.

AshoverCiderCompany

In early 2010 a group of friends in the Old Poets Corner decided that it would be a great idea to use the many apple trees around the parish to make cider. The apples are left to fall onto the ground each year and rot, we thought that they could be put to much better use.

A 36 litre press was acquired and many weeks studying cider books and listening to cider makers then took place to come up with a plan.

In late October and November any willing volunteers (and some who were not so willing) were roped in to help collect apples by the ton from around the village of Ashover.

This led to some interesting moments; scrumping can be a harsh word when used to normally respectable people! Once several tons were to hand, the great day arrived and we began scratting, and pressing the apples.

Our brew-master, Michelle (Pippin) Rafter ensured that the technical bit was spot on and began the experimental Ashover cider number 1.

We had great fun chopping, picking, pressing, washing, picking, scratting, pressing and picking the apples (yes there is a lot of picking involved). It was a real community activity with all generations involved taking turns in the different parts of the process and there was a lot of laughter and good-natured moaning in the day's events.

All I can say is, do you know how many apples it takes to get a gallon of apple juice!

We have blended many different types of local apples and have produced a limited amount of the finest hand crafted artisan cider. Well that's the plan, the proof will obviously be in the drinking.

This year we are very much learning the craft but we hope to continue and to keep doubling



the press, perfecting the drink and even plant some more traditional cider orchards around Ashover. As we acquire more kit and experience the amount available for sale will quickly grow. So please bear with us our cider will be slowly developing and we are always keen for any feedback (if you are lucky enough to get some to taste this year!).

So... are you doing anything with apples on your trees?

Mick Philbin





Branch Diary

► **Sat 11th February**
Surveying of pubs in
Holbrook and Heage.

► **Mon 13th February**
Good Beer Guide
selection meeting in
Holly Bush, Marehay,
8.15pm.

► **Thurs 23rd February**
Branch meeting at
the Wheel, Holbrook.
8.30pm.

► **Mon 27th February**
Pub of the Year
presentations at Old
Oak, 8.30pm and
Hunter's 10pm.

► **Sat 17th March**
Surveying pubs in
Codnor and Riddings.

Contact Jane Wallis
01773 745966 or
email mick.wallis@btinternet.com

Holly Bush Goes From Strength To Strength

That timeless classic, the **Holly Bush, Makeney**, has increased its trade since Chris Wilbraham took over in the Autumn, to the extent that it no longer closes on weekday afternoons. Eight real ales are served by enthusiastic staff and Chris himself is congeniality personified. You can, of course, kill two birds with one stone in these parts by also paying the **King William on the A6** a visit. It recently featured Bees (Norfolk) Porter, which was outstanding.

Another **Holly Bush, at Marehay, Ripley**, is open again and the early signs are encouraging for the former Good Beer Guide listed Shipstone's house. At the nearby **Marehay Miners Welfare Club**, handpumped Sam Smiths has been spotted on the bar.

King William, Milford on the A6 ►

Kilburn Pub Takes Gold... Again

From abandonment to consecutive **Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year** awards; that's the stunning success story of the **Hunter Arms, Kilburn**. A dozen competition judges assessed the nine Pub of the Year finalists, which had been nominated by Amber Valley CAMRA members, on a broad criteria over a five week period and, as last year, the Hunter's triumphed. In 2009, Mark Showers, a Canadian, and London born Paula who had originally met in 1990, bought the closed Hunter's and started re-establishing the pub's customer base with a mouth-watering range of beers frequently featuring Blue Monkey, Thornbridge and Oakham breweries. A beaming Mark said "given the stiff competition, I'm delighted to receive this recognition, especially as it's the second such award. It's been made possible by the hard work of Paula and our dedicated staff"



▲ Hunter Arms, Kilburn



▲ Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse

The runner up, the **Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse**, has been at the forefront of the local real ale scene for longer than the Hunter's, with the weekly mini beer festival that is the RuRad bar continuing to attract custom from far and wide. Richard and Tracey Creighton have been justly rewarded for their hard work and enterprise at a homely pub that offers excellent value for money.

Both pubs are serviced by the Amber Line bus route with stops conveniently situated right outside.

Results in full (scores out of a maximum 1300): Hunter 1066, Old Oak 1003, Dead Poets 939, Holly Bush 938, Talbot Taphouse 919, Bee Hive 870, Black Boy 840, George and Dragon 830, Thorn Tree, Waingroves 805.

Discounted Beer Offers

With a crushing 7.2% alcohol duty hike on the horizon in April, some Amber Valley pubs have taken pre-emptive action in order to preserve their patronage. These include the GBG listed **Beehive at Peasehill**, which offers real ale at £2 a pint. Another GBG pub, the **Talbot Taphouse on Butterley Hill** is courting custom by offering an impressive 15% discount on Mondays. 20p a pint reduction on Amber Ales is always available to card carrying CAMRA members. Monday is also discount day at the **Travellers Rest, Kilburn**, though it galls me to report that on Christmas Day, the Chapel Street pub was subject to an attack by mindless morons who smashed the downstairs' windows. Members may also receive 20p discount at the **George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Belper**. The **Thorn Tree on Ripley Market Place** offers a free pint if you sign up at www.thorntreehotelpub.co.uk The **King Alfred, Alferton** and the **Midland, Ripley**, both offer card schemes which after the purchase of ten pints, you receive one free pint. Savings at the bar are always welcome but let's hope that, for the sake of quality and enjoyment, real ale continues to be brewed up to a specification, rather than brewed down to a price, in these difficult times.



Ripley Rail Ale Festival

Amber Valley CAMRA is pleased to announce a key committee appointment for the third festival, which has been booked for the last week in September, at Butterley Station. The vastly experienced Chris Rogers has been appointed the new Festival Chairman. Chris has played a considerable part in the running of past Burton CAMRA Town Hall festivals, and, is of course, director of Three Cats Cider. Nigel Heathcote, the architect of the festival, will continue with his valuable input.

Mandrake Root

EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

By Mick Golds

THE GENERAL HAVELOCK GRAND REOPENING

Probably the biggest event for some time in the Erewash valley has been the reopening of this ex Shipstones pub once Finn McCoul's then closed for a while and then resurrected under its original name **The General Havelock** thanks to

the Rutherford brothers, a grand opening on November 16th saw the mayor of Erewash councillor Kevin Miller officially declared the pub open and a large gathering consumed a good selection of micro beers upstairs and down stairs in the cellar, the pub will shortly be having a competition to find a name for their popular cellar bar, Steff, Andrew and the their team will decide on the winner from entries submitted and the prize will be a **FIRKIN** of beer and a cellar party.

One of our branch members Vincent Goona who distributes the Derby and Nottingham drinkers in the Heanor area is also a accomplished artist and a painting chosen by Stefan now hangs on the chimney breast in the back room and a official ceremony was conducted by the mayor on the same night has the opening.



GRANTHAM CHRISTMAS PUB CRAWL

22 Erewash, 1 Nottingham and 2 Leicester members were met by 2 members of the Grantham branch in **The Tollemache** an excellent Wetherspoons pub good selection of micro beers, next port of call a 15 minute walk across town to **The Lord Harrowby** a very friendly and welcoming pub of the beaten track, on our arrival a small buffet was laid on for us, many thanks to John & Lynda

Senior for their hospitality, during the rest of the afternoon we visited **The Beehive, The Castle, Blue Pig, The Chequers**, and the excellent **Nobody Inn**, finally finishing up in the **Railway Club** and on our return trip back to the station we just missed Oliver Cromwell on its journey from York to Kings Cross a disappointment for the railways fans amongst us, thanks to everybody who came.



FUTURE DATES

► BRANCH MEETING

6th February 8.30pm White Lion Tamworth Rd Sawley

► **AGM** - 5th March 8pm Spanish Bar, Ilkeston.

Further information see our website or contact Secretary Anyas Boa 0115 8499967

SNIPPETS AND PUB NEWS

► **Presentation** of certificate to Sue & Chris Rogers winners of the Cider at the Erewash beer festival (see photo).

► **Charity beer festival** at Wilford Village, South Nottinghamshire on 4-6th May 2012 in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young for further details see web www.realalefestival.co.uk or email info@realalefestival.co.uk.

► **New brewery** - North Star Brewery Gallows Inn Industrial Est. off Furnace Rd, Ilkeston

► The Paxton Brothers held their first **beer festival at the Dewdrop, Ilkeston** in December hopefully it was a successful event sorry we weren't there (on holiday)

► **Draycott pubs reopened** - Travellers Rest 4-5 guest beers, Coach & Horses.

► **Heanor pubs reopened** - Jolly Colliers selling Deuchers IPA, Courage Directors, and nearby Cross Keys now demolished another Green King pub bites the dust

► **Butchers Arms Langley** now reopened selling Coppiceside and Leadmill beers.

► **Marlpool Ale House**, Marlpool, nr Queens Head is open Fridays 3.00-9.00pm and Saturday & Sundays 12.00-9.00pm.



New pub for Swadlincote

NEW PUB
OPENINGS



A new pub has opened in Swadlincote, The Tall Chimney, situated at The Pipeworks, in Coppice Side. The establishment is named after the massive former Hepworth's chimney that forms the impressive backdrop to The Pipeworks. Pub chain Hungry Horse spent £2.5 million on converting the distinctive former Hepworth's factory building into a family friendly outlet and pictures of Swadlincote past and present adorn the walls. The Real Ales come from the Greene King range.



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.

This is the latest list of LocAle pubs:

DERBY

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

AMBER VALLEY

Black Swan (Belper)
Cross Keys (Turnditch)
George Inn (Ripley)
NEW! Holly Bush (Makeney)
Hunter Arms (Kilburn)
King Alfred (Alfreton)
King William (Milford)
Poet and Castle (Codnor)
Red Lion (Fritchley)
Talbot Taphouse (Ripley)
Waggon & Horses (Alfreton)

SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)
Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)
Green Dragon (Willington)
Harrington Arms (Thulston)
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)
Lawns (Chellaston)
Miners Arms (Carsington)
Nunsfield House Club NEW! (Alvaston)
Okeover Arms (Mappleton)
Royal Oak (Ockbrook)
Royal Oak (Wirksworth)
Shakespeare Inn (Shardlow)
White Hart (Duffield)
White Post (Stanley Common)
White Swan (Littleover)

Contact: Atholl Beattie
LocAle Coordinator
07772 370628 athollbeattie@btinternet.com

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, Fritchley	All Real Ales £2.50 a pint
Red Lion, Hollington	20p off a pint
Talbot Taphouse, Ripley	20p off house pints
Wardwick Tavern, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
The Wheel, Findern	10p off every pint of real ale
White Post, Stanley Common	20p off a pint
White Swan, Littleover	20p off a pint

► EREWASH AREA

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

Derby Real Ale Tours	10% off each tour
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FREE advertising for pubs joining the scheme

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► BLACK IRIS

Two recently brewed beers have been dark in appearance, Trans-Atlantic Porter and an Imperial Stout. The latter should be available in February.

► BLUE MONKEY

Blue Monkey will be taking delivery of two new fermentors in April, to increase their production capacity by 7000 pints per week. And after the success of Blue Monkey's 'Organ Grinder' pub in Nottingham, they have announced that they are looking to open several more. Meanwhile Blue Monkey's new brewery shop had a cracking Christmas trade, selling several thousand bottles of beer on the run up to Christmas, it offers a full range of Blue Monkey beers in bottles and one gallon mini-casks.

► BUXTON

It's all go at the moment with the arrival of both a new brewing assistant from Marble Brewery and new fermentation vessels. I have also been informed that a new website has gone live at www.BuxtonBrewery.co.uk. No less than seven beers will be available at Derby Winter Beer Festival, so keep a look out for some of the following beers; Tsar Imperial Stout and their Imperial Black IPA.

► DANCING DUCK

They are hoping to open their 2nd pub venture in February when they take on the New Zealand Arms in Derby, just around the corner from the brewery. Meanwhile at their 1st pub, the Exeter Arms, myself and wife Sharon should hopefully be running it by the time you read this.

► DERVENTIO

The guys at Derventio have not only kindly sponsored the Staff T-shirts at our forthcoming festival but have also offered to brew a 5.5% festival special. They are also sponsoring casks of beer from several new micros. Cheers guys!

They have also brewed a special for the Victoria Inn, Midland Place, Derby called 'Cloughies Pride'. This is the first in a series of new

ales brewed especially for The Vic with the other ales, named 1884, 1946, 1972 and 1975 being available soon.

► FALSTAFF

After the rip roaring success of the Name That Film series of beers, Jim has decided to introduce a Name That Band collection for 2012. More information can be found on their website and Face Book page.

► LEADMILL/BOTTLEBROOK & COPPICE SIDE BREWERIES

Their new pub venture, the Butchers Arms, 127 Hand's Road, Heanor re-opened recently. This is a cracking old pub, formerly H&H, then GK and now under the joint ownership of Coppice Side and Leadmill/BottleBrook breweries. It is an old white painted cottage with a large expanse of grass out the front. They are doing up the back room to host live music. 10 beers are promised on the bar with guests alongside their own ales.

► MIDDLE EARTH

November and December were quiet months brewing wise as Steve and Carla spent much of it cleaning the brew plant. The New Year brings a new beer called Black Rose Stout. Rivendale and Honey Dragon will also be available in the free trade in the coming months.

► MUIRHOUSE

Richard has been very busy indeed. His beers have been seen in Sheffield recently. I am pleased to announce that a 7.5% Imperial Stout has been developed for the delectation of the festival goers in February. Brewery tours are proving to be very popular. If you fancy a beery Friday evening at a brewery then email rmuir@muirhousebrewery.co.uk.

► MR GRUNDY'S BREWERY

Lord Kitchener will be available to try at the Winter Festival. This is their attempt at an authentic India Pale Ale.

► NORTH STAR

I also received more information on the new North Star Brewery which will be at Unit 6, Gallows Industrial Park, off Furnace Road in Ilkeston DE7 5EP. Installation of the 10bbl plant will be the last week in January, commissioning of the plant in early February and commercial production in mid - February. Over the first 10

months owner Richard Bower plans to be launching 6 different beers:

1. Our traditional 4.1% bitter which has a lovely full flavoured taste. Full on malt flavour but with good hop balance and a satisfying fruit finish.
2. Our dark strong beer, 5.6%, this has intricate fruit flavours, a rich beer balanced with good hop notes but also bursting with toffee and malt.
3. Special bitter, stronger at 5.2%. This has rich orange peel overtones but once again is a good balance of malt and three hop varieties.
4. Classic porter 5.0% very dark ruby in colour, powerful chocolate and coffee aromas and flavour initially followed by a hop and bitter finish.
5. Stout, 4.8%, full on rich roast malt flavours combine with a slightly fruity finish to provide a very satisfying feel to this beer.
6. Pale Ale 3.8%, full on citrus hop flavours combine well with a caramel maltiness to give a good balance to this ale.

Beer numbers 2,3 and 4 in the list are pencilled in for the Derby Winter Beer Festival.

► NUTBROOK

Their own brewery bar will be making an appearance at the Derby Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse with its uniquely styled handpumps. (see below)



► WENTWELL

George has brewed a new beer called Little Tick. As per usual it will have a vintage photo on the pump clip. This beer will be making one of its first appearances at Derby Winter Beer Festival.



Dear Toper...

"Fares Please"

Consider! Dear Toper, a sentiment frequently expressed in CAMRA publications, "In praise of Public Transport". Unfortunately so called "Public Transport", is often far from praiseworthy. Trains are overcrowded, overpriced and overdue - and as for buses!

Recently I waited a full half hour, one cold, damp, miserable evening, for a bus that supposedly runs every ten minutes, before resigning myself to walking; needless to say I was late for my assignation in a city centre pub. I wish I could say this was an isolated occurrence, unfortunately it is not. The complaints procedure is laughable, whether you phone the so called "Hotline" or put your grievance into writing the result is the same, you are fobbed off with some pathetic excuse usually concerning road works (that aren't even upon the route in question) and the traffic jams resulting from them (even if your grievance occurred late in the evening when there were hardly any other vehicles about).

Another problem with Public Transport is some of the people who use it. Imagine for a moment Dear Toper; there you sit on your way to the local beer festival, the bus is full of people coughing and sneezing as if trying to outdo one another in spreading disease and there is also the annoying tinny buzz of someone's overloud headset to contend with. As if that isn't enough, all of a sudden your nostrils are assailed by a pungent aroma that grows in revolting intensity as a recently boarded individual, for whom the words "soap" and "water" are a complete mystery as in the use of said items, slouches down the central aisle in search of a seat; and you just know (as surely as a wheelie bin left upon the pavement outside a property week in week out signifies that it is the abode of some work-shy, drugged up, scrounger on benefits) that the newcomer is going to sit down next to you! And so he does, squeezing himself into the cramped space (why are the seats designed for midgets?) so that his greasy anorak rubs up against you and his elbow digs into you every

time he scratches some part of his scabby anatomy. The walking culture dish mercifully alights at the next stop, but only to be replaced by a gormless youth in a reversed baseball cap (a sure sign of an idiot), grubby tracksuit and filthy once white trainers and sporting self harm

tattoos upon his hands, one of which grasps the ubiquitous lager can whilst the other toys with the equally ubiquitous mobile phone, which he now begins to speak into:

"That you Chantelle?"

Presumably it is she for he continues thus, "I'm on the f----- bus, bin to the housin' place. Told 'em that f----- dump aint big enough for us an' the four kids just like what the social worker said to. Three bedrooms just aint gonna be big enough now, what with you bein' off school expectin' again! I told 'em the rent's no problem social will pay it". Here he pauses to listen to an anguished plea from

his paramour then remarks testily, "Whada you mean stop off at the supermarket 'cos you've run out of lager? You tellin' me you've drunk twenty cans since this mornin'?" Here he pauses to listen again before resuming in a conciliatory tone, "Oh, so the kids drank 'em. Well I suppose they felt entitled seein' as it was the family allowance what paid for the booze! Gotta go now darlin', here's the supermarket stop". And so he alights leaving you to ponder upon the price of a pint and as to how much of that is tax and as to just what it is spent upon.

As I have pointed out before in this august journal, there are still some deluded folk out there who actually believe that because it is called "Public Transport", it is somehow publicly owned or run for the benefit of the public. It is not: it is for the most part a money making enterprise run by greedy operators who are bent on maximizing their profits at the public's expense. It is public in the same way that a public school is, inasmuch as it is open to those members of the public who can afford to pay for it! Consider that Dear Toper.

D.T.



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Here is a list of forthcoming events:

► FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd - Annual Beer Census crawls around Derby

Tuesday 7th - Good Beer Guide selection meeting
Falstaff, Derby - 8pm

Thursday 9th - BRANCH MEETING
Wardwick Tavern, Derby - 8pm

Wed 15th - Sat 18th - WINTER BEER FESTIVAL
Roundhouse, Pride Park

Thursday 23rd - Social
Old Silk Mill, Derby - 9pm

Wednesday 29th - Social
Queens Head, Little Eaton - 8pm

► APRIL

Thursday 12th -
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

Flowerpot, Derby - 8pm

► MARCH

Thursday 8th - BRANCH MEETING
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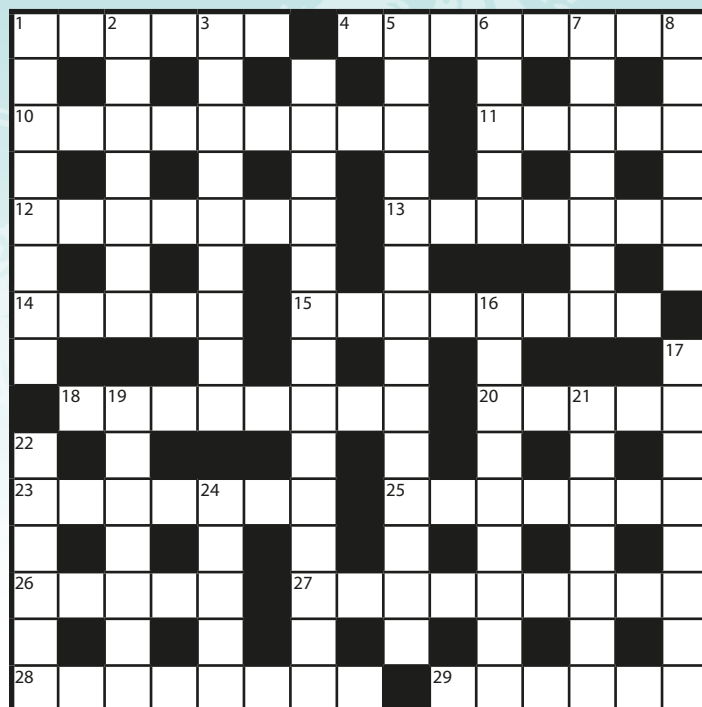
No.27 by Wrenrutt

► ACROSS

- 1 About spears? Not much (6)
- 4 Coastal village home of the *Captain Cook Inn* (8)
- 10 It's not only inexpensive but filthy too! (4.5)
- 11 Opera in a Surrey brewery? That's ridiculous (5)
- 12 Actors' crowds' fruity muttering (7)
- 13 Referring to us collectively singly (7)
- 14 Spear without example is very musical (5)
- 15 Seen puss about in an excitedly expectant state? (8)
- 18 'C', scarily, are a modern painting medium (8)
- 20 Mixed langoustines, not in lanes, creates enjoyable enthusiasm (5)
- 23 Lara Lee: she's about what CAMRA's all for (4.3)
- 25 I'm mixed up with sigma in an early 20th century Anglo-American poetry movement (7)
- 26 Ascend in athletic limbering (5)
- 27 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (9)
- 28 Here comes who, according to Wagner's march from *Lohengrin*? (3.5)
- 29 Almost exact in summary (6)

▼ DOWN

- 1 When motoring, this a real turn-off (4.4)
- 2 Unusually, rum is at entrance halls (7)
- 3 The fact of being social (9)
- 5 *Ashby Pride* ale's brewer's website name (8-6)
- 6 Bury, again terribly, in this clue (5)
- 7 Mine (female) publican? (7)
- 8 Fingal's Cave island (6)
- 9 Derby's county and precious metal beer turned out alright in this new brewery (10.4)
- 16 A little one of these opposes closer ties with Europe (9)
- 17 Endocrinal triggers some horn muddled up (8)
- 19 Before a high rock face she produced art deco ceramics (7)
- 21 Troubled Miss Ice could certainly make the earth move! (7)



- Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2011) recommended.
- Send completed entries to the Editor (see address below) stating in which pub you picked up Derby Drinker.
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Solutions to Crossword No. 26

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► ACROSS

1. CRUMBS
4. STAR MILD
10. CAMPANULA
11. INFER
12. PRUSSIA
13. EVERARD
14. TUTOR
15. DULCIMER
18. LEVELLER
20. DIVAN
23. DOG DAYS
25. REACTOR
26. TIGER
27. INSTINCTS
28. RIDDLING
29. SKIN UP

▼ DOWN

1. COCKPITS
2. UNMOUNT
3. BRASSERIE
5. TRAVELLERS REST
6. RHINE
7. INFLATE
8. DERIDE
9. JUG AND GLASS INN
16. INDIAN INK
17. SNARLS UP
19. ENGAGED
21. VATICAN
22. EDITOR
24. APRIL

- 22 *Threepenny Opera* librettist (6)
- 24 Ripley brewery which, hopefully, will last forever (5)



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