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Pubs of  
the Year  
2012**  
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# DERBY CAMRA Pubs of the Year 2012

**As mentioned briefly in the last Derby Drinker, Derby CAMRA has selected its Pubs of the Year for 2012.**

The City Pub of the Year is the **Five Lamps on Duffield Road** in Derby with the runners-up being the Alexandra Hotel on Siddals Road and Rowditch Inn on Uttoxeter New Road.

The Country Pub of the Year is the **Royal Oak in Ockbrook** with the runners-up being the Royal Oak in Wirksworth and the Barley Mow in Kirk Ireton.

The Five Lamps takes the City title for the first time while the Royal Oak wins the Country award for the second year running. Both were presented with their certificates at special celebration evenings held at the pubs (*see photos*).



▲ **Five Lamps, Duffield Rd.** - Derby CAMRA Chairman Gareth Stead (centre) with Landlord Graham Browett (right) and Everards MD Stephen Gould (left)

The competition as always was keenly fought with the shortlist of six pubs being drawn up by votes from the entire Derby Branch Membership. A team of over 15 independent judges then visited each pub and marked the finalists over a six week period, visiting unannounced on different days of the week and at different times of the day. Each pub was judged in the following categories: - quality of the beer; atmosphere, style & decor of the pub; service and welcome; clientele mix; sympathy with CAMRA aims and whether it was a good value visit or not.

Derby CAMRA Chairman, Gareth Stead said, "That the competition had been particularly tough this year as all the pubs were very good but both the Five Lamps and Royal Oak are more than worthy winners where good beer and atmosphere are guaranteed." He continued, "The transformation of the Five Lamps over the last two years has been

## THE WINNERS!

*City Pub of the Year:*

► **Five Lamps, Duffield Rd.**

*Country Pub of the Year:*

► **Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

nothing short of remarkable and credit must be given to Graham & Janette Browett and their staff for bringing this pub back to life again." He also added that, "The Royal Oak is simply an amazing village local right at the heart of community life which has been in the Good Beer Guide for 36 years due to the quality of its ales."

**The Five Lamps has also been crowned Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012** by virtue of having the highest overall mark and it will now go forward into the Derbyshire Pub of the Year competition. Here it will compete with the winners of other local CAMRA Branches awards from Amber Valley, Burton, Chesterfield, Erewash Valley, High Peak, Matlock & Dales, Mansfield, and Sheffield.

The winner of the Derbyshire round will be announced later in the year after a similar judging process has taken place.

▼ **Royal Oak, Ockbrook** - Derby CAMRA Chairman Gareth Stead (left) with the Royal Oak team - Steve, Sally, Olive and Jean



**The Royal Oak Beer Festival in Ockbrook runs from 4-7 May and the Five Lamps has just introduced 3 new handpumps taking them to 14 in total.**

## Derby Summer Beer Festival ... brewing nicely!

**Derby City Charter Beer Festival is set to be as big as ever this year.** There will be yet another fine selection of real ale delights from both local and national breweries. We can also expect to see continental beer on draught, a mead bar and the ever popular Cider & Perry bar.

The theme for this year is 'Celebrating 50 Years of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust' and the festival logo is that suitably of a Peregrine Falcon. There will be a 'DWT' stall at the festival for anyone who requires information on joining or getting involved with local schemes.

Coming along to the festival also proves to be a charitable act, in March the committee donated a cheque of £1000 from last years profits to the Mayors Charities. This money will go towards helping Diabetes Research, Children's Mental Health and The Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit.

Entertainment this year will be varied from a String Quartet to Folk

Music and Rock. Local Bands will include Lil Jim's Big Squeeze, Old Skool & Radio Mary. One tribute band will feature on Saturday night which will be 'The Small Fakers'.

With the help of Marstons the committee are also hoping to launch a 'Real Ale Trail' of Derby. This will be a good opportunity to encourage people to visit local pubs around the city prior to the festival. There will be a map along with a stamp card produced and if all stamps are collected there will be a free Ale Trail T-Shirt to collect from the festival- more information to follow.

► **Opening times will be slightly early than previous years with an 11am start Thurs-Sat.**

► **Taking place at Derby Assembly Rooms 11th-15th July**



# CAMRA DERBY WINTER BEER FESTIVAL 2012



There was a week in February when you wouldn't have seen much of your partner or friends unless you were either volunteering at The CAMRA Derby Winter Beer Festival 2012 or were at The Roundhouse enjoying the ephemeral simply amazing Festival. Opening to The Trade at 2pm on Wednesday 15th February saw over 350 Brewers, Publicans and people involved in the Industry get a preview of the Festival; hear about the winners of the East Midlands Beer of the Year Competition, for four style categories; and celebrate the City and Country Pub of the Year Presentations. Looking back the record numbers attending the Trade Session foretold of the record attendance which was to occur during the rest of the week. When the Festival closed on Saturday 18th February 2012 more than **8,500 customers had attended and over 33,120 pints been savoured and enjoyed.**

The 11th CAMRA Derby Winter Beer Festival now in its second year at The Roundhouse outstripped all expectations and proved beyond any doubt that consumers want interesting beer coupled with fresh live music – and that's what they got each and every day. "We thought it was a fantastically successful festival, with an excellent choice of

beers available and brilliant music" said Elaine & Pip from Derby. With about 30 beers on at 10pm on the Saturday night & a selection of beers still on a closing the Festival did not sell out. Behind the scenes while all the Volunteers worked extremely hard to ensure it all looked effortless especial note must be made of the Cellar Team's resolute work – lead by Dave Clark.

Improvements identified in 2011 took place – the extra gent's urinals were well received and one year on The Roundhouse had a better grasp of how the heating & ventilation worked. Having the music in the Carriage Room worked very well and created an atmosphere similar to that of the original Marquee Club in London (so I'm told). For next year there are further improvements which include the layout & reducing the time spent queuing for glasses; the impact of signage; and ensuring a wider choice of beer styles is available after 10pm on Saturday night all of which The Festival Chair Gillian Williams has taken on board & begun planning for 2013.

Gillian said "Running a Beer Festival is a Team Event and The Team behind the Winter Festival are a tenacious group who worked really hard to make it all happen. I'm proud of what we've

created and I look forward to solidifying our work showcasing real ale, cider & perry and continental beers to the discerning Derby consumers next year".

With over 350 real ales to choose from, The Customers Vote for their favourite beer was hotly contested but **Nutbrook Brewery's new ale – The Perfect Fifth** was the clear winner. Established in 2007 Nutbrook are based in West Hallam & owned by father and son team Dean and Chris Richard. On being told of their success Chris Richards said "The Perfect Fifth is pale golden ale with honey tones and we are honoured that the customers have chosen us above all the other options. There couldn't be a better way to celebrate our 5th Anniversary".

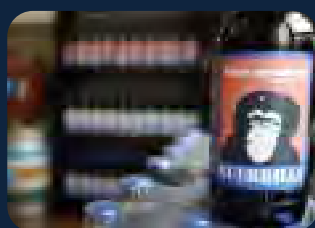
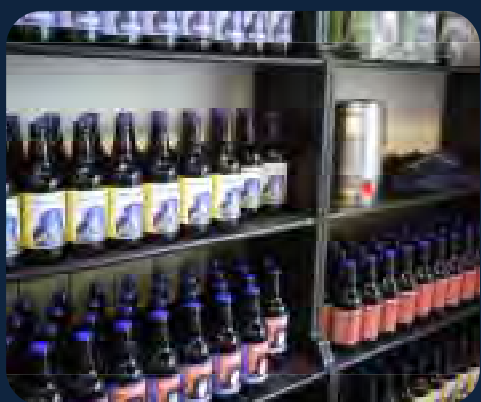
The winners in the other categories were Cider – Mad Hatters Cider of Stockport and Perry – Ross on Wye Perry of Herefordshire.

## ► Diary Note...

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# ONLY HERE FOR THE BEER

By Robin Hutchison

**From 2014 onwards newcomers to CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival will learn what discerning drinkers have known for years: Derby is the country's centre for Real Ale.**

Once described by the Good Beer Guide as having the "perfect pub crawl", the city recently acquired its first formal tour, suitable for first-timers and old hands alike.

The brainchild of local entrepreneur Martin Roper, Real Ale Tours takes up to 15 drinkers at a time on a magical mini-bus trip round its burgeoning Real Ale scene.

Along the way they get to see one of Derby's eight working micro breweries in action and sample a selection of their offerings in half-a-dozen hand-picked pubs.

On a recent visit our party started at the **Georgian House Hotel** on Ashbourne Road, which has housed the **Mr Grundy's Brewery** for nearly two years.

Once the home of a First World War veteran, the pub now boasts a 4-barrel plant in a former guest room that is run by father and son brewers Brian and Jim Collins. Their 1914 ale won Best Speciality Beer at last year's Leicester Beer

Festival and certainly hit the spot when accompanied by a large platter of hand-cut chips and Martin's own tomato Ketchup, made with the brewery's malty house beer Trenchfoot.

From Mr Grundy's it was a short bus ride to the **Brunswick Inn**, where landlord Graham Yates was on hand to talk us through his impressive selection of beers, including many brewed on the premises.

Awaiting us our next stop, **The Falstaff**, was a roaring fire and Martin's partner Denise Sage, dressed as a medieval beer wench and dispensing much-needed marmite on toast.

A hidden gem of a place, the former hotel and Derby CAMRA pub of the year 2010 is run by Jim Hallows whose brews, including **Fist Full of Hops** and **Phoenix**, are attracting increasing recognition. His collection of memorabilia from the sadly defunct Derby brewery Offilers is not to be missed either.

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**The Brewery Tap**, our next port of call, is one of three pubs in the area run by Trevor Harris of the Derby Brewing Company. Trevor's numerous creations are now being tried by a wider and wider audience and the incorporation of his Business As Usual session ale in a sausage went down particularly well with drinkers on the night.

Just off the beaten path is the **Rowditch** on Uttoxeter Road, which provided our penultimate stop of the night. Built in 1855, the popular local is now home to two breweries – the one bearing its own name and the Middle Earth Brewery.

The former's Bog Standard Bitter belies its down-trodden name and is well worth the trip out from the city centre, as is the ironic presence of an original Watney's Red Barrel on the bar!

Thankfully, there was little to be seen of the beer that lit the spark under the Campaign some forty

years ago at our final destination: **The Silk Mill**, recognised as the Pub of the Year in 2011 by the Derby Branch.

Such is its impressive array of Real Ale, the establishment could no doubt provide a tour of its very own beers - be them locally produced or from further afield – and it is well worth a visit.

But the addition of live music and a generous helping of game pie provided a fitting climax to the tour, well-organised by its jovial and enthusiastic host Martin.

The trip, which lasts around three and a half hours and includes half a pint in each pub, is priced at £29 per person (10% off for CAMRA members) and begins at the bus stop outside the Quad Cinema near the Assembly Rooms.

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▼ **The Falstaff (top) and The Brewery Tap (bottom)**



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## PUB SNIPPETS...

### Stoking the Furnace Fires

The Furnace pub in Derby was sold recently at auction and ever since there have been rumours flying around about who has bought it. Various breweries have been mentioned but nothing confirmed. Derby Drinker caught up with one of the new owners at the Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse and he revealed his plans for the pub which included a range of real ales and a possible microbrewery having undertaken several brewing courses himself. It all sounds very promising and we believe the likely take over date is sometime in May so we hope to have further details in the next Derby Drinker. Meanwhile the pub continues to trade and various guest beers have been spotted on the bar recently.

### Clarence Roars Again

The Duke of Clarence on Mansfield Road in Derby seems to be having a new lease of life under the stewardship of Claire and Scott Muldoon who took over the pub recently. A thriving former Hardy's & Hanson's house, the pub suffered a downturn when it was taken over by Greene King, so much so that they decided to offload it and fears about the future of the pub were rife.

Thankfully Claire and Scott from the Pattenmakers Arms in Duffield stepped in and introduced a range of guest ales which are going down well with the locals. A meat raffle has been started and fresh farm eggs are available to buy. The popular sing-songs around the piano will continue on Fridays with Karaoke Saturdays. Claire and Scott will continue to run the Pattenmakers but their efforts so far at the Duke have made it a pub worth calling at again.

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# Village residents re-open their favourite local

NEW PUB  
OPENINGS

The former Good Beer Guide listed Old Talbot in Hilton has re-opened again after a period of closure.

Two Hilton residents, Tim Rice and Jesper Magnussen have taken over the grade two listed pub after it had been closed for over six months. They were saddened to see its demise as it was a pub they had drunk in for many years so decided to take the plunge and acquire a 10-year lease. They are both keen to see Real Ale back and this will be the main focus of the pub which dates from the 16th century. It has been redecorated throughout and plans include expanding the garden area and introducing a range of bar snacks. The Old Talbot was previously been run by Dave and Tina Rieley who not only got the pub into the Good Beer Guide but into the final of the Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year competition as well. Tim and Jesper are now keen to build on that success by creating the perfect village pub with great ale.



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# ►DERBY... REAL ALE CAPITAL OF BRITAIN AGAIN

The latest edition of the Lonely Planet Guide describes Derby as the "Best place to drink Real Ale in the World" and who are we to disagree as the results of the City's **Annual Beer Census** undertaken by members of The Derby Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale have confirmed Derby's status as **Real Ale Capital of Britain** per population head for yet another year.

The census took place in February and involved 8 different pub crawls around the City which saw a **record number of Real Ales** available on any one given night. 290 were counted (up 20 on last year) with 176 different ones available (up 15 on last year) and these came from just 68 pubs averaging 4.3 Real Ales per pub.

In total **74 pubs** were visited, 1 was shut and 5 had no real ale. **10 pubs had 10 or more Real Ales on** and leading the way was the Flowerpot (18), Babington Arms (17), Brunswick (14), Alexandra (13), Thomas Leaper (12), Five Lamps (11), Mr Grundy's (11), Old Silk Mill (11), Standing Order (11) and Brewery Tap (10).

Marstons Pedigree was still the most dominant brand in the City available in 40 pubs followed by Bass in 11 pubs and Timothy Taylor Landlord in 10. But local ales are well represented with beers from 7 of the City's breweries widely available - Brunswick, Black Iris, Dancing Duck, Derby, Derventio, Falstaff, Mr Grundy's and the Rowditch. Beers from other breweries around the area were also well represented - Blue Monkey, Burton Bridge, Castle Rock, Leatherbritches, Nutbrook and Muirhouse to name a few.

The average price of a pint was found to be £2.77 (5p up on previous year). However in reality a lot of pubs were hovering around the £3 a pint mark with some now regularly topping it. The dearest pint of the night was found at the Alexandra Hotel - £4.00 for Fullers Golden Pride although at 8.5% this can be slightly excused as most of their other beers are more than reasonably priced and with a 20p CAMRA discount to boot. The cheapest pint was found at the City's 3 Wetherspoons pubs at £1.60 for both Marstons Burton Bitter & Greene King Ruddles Bitter.

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

Derby CAMRA Chairman, Gareth Stead said *"For Real Ale enthusiasts Derby is probably the best place to drink in Britain, if not the World as the Lonely Planet Guide states. People come from far and wide to sample the City's delights as its pubs truly provide a Beer Festival everyday of the year"*.

# The New Zealand Story...



Back in the late 1990's the **New Zealand Arms on Peel St/Langley St** was a fantastic place to drink being one of the City's 3 Festival Ale Houses at that time, the others being the Wardwick Tavern and the White Swan at Littleover. This Ind Coope branded chain promoted and encouraged different Real Ales in their three pubs and the New Zealand Arms under the stewardship of Paul & Wendy Weston certainly led the charge with a range of different guest beers on all the time which saw it make the Good Beer Guide several years running. A great atmosphere was created in the pub as locals and students happily mingled to sample the fine Real Ales on offer. And at Beer Festival time a free bus ran between all 3 pubs enabling you to sample a wide range of beers at the Festival.

Sadly the end of the Festival Ale House concept and successive changes of licensee saw the New Zealand Arms slowly slip out of the limelight and in more recent times has had no Real Ale on at all.

But now that has all changed as **Derby's Dancing Duck Brewery** has taken over the pub, given it a much needed facelift and introduced a



range of Real Ales including their own beers and guests as well as Real Ciders and Perries. Their own beers are priced at £2.50 which is fantastic value in this day and age. There is a quiz night Wednesday evening, open-mic night on Thursday and jam sessions or games on

Sunday evenings (pool, darts tournaments, poker, board games, etc). The Opening hours are 10-midnight everyday and Rachel Matthews, the Brewer at Dancing Duck is hoping to recapture the feel of its 1990's heyday and says she is *"aiming for a real community pub where everyone feels welcome."* We wish them well and if you are wondering about the title of this piece as well as lending itself appropriately to the article it also refers to a 1988 arcade/computer game which was a big hit at the time, now I bet you didn't know that did you?



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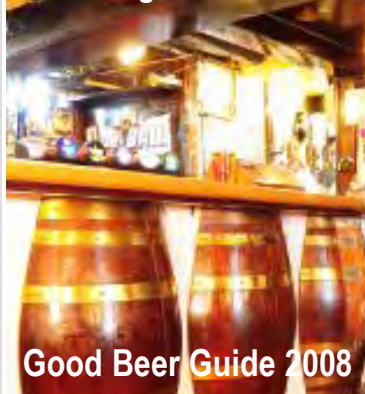
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## Roundhouse Rocked

If you missed the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse in February then you missed a real treat on the music front. Organisers had moved the music into a separate room this year and it seemed to work perfectly for those that wanted a bit of music with their beer and for those that didn't. It created a great gig like atmosphere in the Carriage room with low lighting and great sound.

New to the Festival this year was the open-mic night on the Wednesday and it attracted a range of artists to show off their talents, one band - **Green Fortune** even got a support slot out of it on the Saturday night at the Festival. So you never know, give it a try next year and you might get another gig out of it. Thursday night saw a great warm up slot from **Lil' Jim** followed by the **Merseybeasts** who went down a storm with a string of songs from Liverpool bands to sing-along-to. Then Friday night treated us to cover sets from first a **Supergrass** tribute followed by a **Coldplay** tribute who really got the crowd going but perhaps the best was saved for Saturday night, at least for those rockers amongst us. A stunning performance from the **UK Foo Fighters** almost brought the house down and witnessed perhaps the first ever mosh-pit I've seen at a Beer Festival which almost spilled onto the stage several times. A cracking end to a great Festival and I give a big thumbs up to the new room and the bands that played this year. Roll on Summer-Fest...

**Next time we will preview this year's entertainment at the Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival in July which includes the brilliant "Small Fakers".**

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## Derby CAMRA's website takes TOP AWARD

Derby CAMRA's website was recognised at the highest level recently when it won the "Most improved CAMRA Website of the Year" award at the Members weekend in Torquay. The website had previously been crowned "East Midlands CAMRA website of the Year" and it marks a remarkable double for the site. Derby Branch Treasurer, Julian Tubbs was on hand to receive the award (pictured right) from National Executive member, Brett Laniosh (pictured centre). Congratulations



must go to Webmaster, Richard Mackney and the Team for the hard work they have put into the site. If you have yet to view the website then log on to **www.derbycamra.org.uk** for all the latest news on Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA.

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# Derby & Amber Valley Mild Guide 2012

## Derby Area

Public House	Address	Opening Hours	Availability in May	Post Code & Tel	Travel / Directions
<b>Alexandra Hotel</b>	203 Siddals Rd, Derby	12:00-23:00 Sun-Thur 12:00-00:00 Fri 11:00-00:00 Sat	<b>Throughout</b>	DE1 2QE 01332 293993	5 min walk from railway station along Railway Terrace towards city
<b>The Broadway</b>	Duffield Road, Derby	11:30-23:00 Mon-Sat 11:30-10:30 Sun	May 2nd through Bank Holiday weekend (more if demand is there)	DE22 1JB 01332 556100	On A6 in Darley Abbey, Trent Sixes buses
<b>Brunswick Inn</b>	1 Railway Terrace, Derby	11:00-23:00 Mon-Sat 12:00-10:30 Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE1 2RU 01332 290677	4 min walk from railway station along Railway Terrace towards city
<b>Coach &amp; Horses</b>	Mansfield Road, Derby	12:00-00:00 Sun - Fri 12:00-01:00 Sat	<b>Throughout</b>	DE1 3RF 01332 258901	Chester Green, Trent H1 and Nines Buses
<b>Exeter Arms</b>	Exeter Place, Derby	11:00-23:00 Mon-Thurs 11:00-23:30 Fri 11:00-00:00 Sat 12:00-22:00 Sun	May 3rd through bank holiday weekend (more if demand is there)	DE1 2EU 01332 605323	From Council House / Quad over river turn right at Brewery Tap
<b>Falstaff</b>	74 Silver Hill Road, Normanton, Derby	12:00-23:00 Sun-Thur 12:00-00:00 Fri/Sat	<b>Throughout</b>	DE23 6UJ 01332 342902	Arriva 36 37 40 41 buses, or walk down Normanton Rd. Turn off at Lyndhurst Bar and cut through to Society Place
<b>Five Lamps</b>	25 Duffield Road, Derby	12:00-23:00 Sun-Thur 12:00-00:00 Fri/Sat	<b>Throughout</b>	DE1 3BH 01332 348730	5 Lamps area, Trent Allestree & Sixes buses
<b>Flowerpot</b>	23-25 King Street, Derby	12:00-23:00 Sun-Thur 12:00-00:00 Fri/Sat	Thur eve -till its gone (Every weekend in May)	DE1 3DZ 01332 204955	2 min walk from the Cathedral up Queen St, left at the AGA shop
<b>Mr Grundy's Tavern</b>	32-36 Ashbourne Road, Derby	12:00-23:00 Mon-Thur 12:00-23:30 Fri/Sat 12:00-22:30 Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE22 3AD 01332 340279	Trent Swift or Arriva ONE or 109
<b>Royal Oak</b>	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook, Derby	11:30-14:30/17:30-23:00 M-F 11:30-15:00/18:00-23:30 Sat 12:00-16:00/18:00-23:00 Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE72 3SE 01332 662378	Little's Travel No 9 (Note: limited evening service)
<b>Ye Olde Dolphin Inne</b>	5a Queen Street, Derby	10:30-00:00 Mon-Sat 12:00-23:00 Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE1 3DL 01332 267711	Corner of Full St and Queen St, nr Cathedral

## Amber Valley Area

<b>Beehive Inn</b>	151 Peashill Road, Peashill, Ripley	5-12 Mon-Fri 12-12 Sat & Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE5 3JN 01773 749593	Trent Nines, alight on Derby Road and walk along Peashill Rd
<b>Black Bull's Head</b>	2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate	12-11 Mon-Sat 12-1030 Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE56 0SF	Trent 6.X or a good walk up from Belper!
<b>Cross Keys</b>	Market Place, Belper	5-11 Sun – Wed 1230-11 Thurs- Fri 12-11 Sat	Last two weeks of May	DE56 1FZ	Trent Sixes and walk up King St
<b>Devonshire Arms</b>	King Street, Alfreton	12 -4, 7-11 Mon-Thurs 12-11 Fri-Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE55 7DF 01773 832984	Trent Nines or Red Arrow
<b>Holly Bush</b>	Holly Bush Lane, Makeney, Belper	12-11 Mon-Sun	Last two weeks of May	DE56 0RX 01773 742558	Trent Sixes, From the King William walk along Makeney Rd, left up Holly Bush Lane
<b>Holly Bush</b>	51 Brook Lane, Marehay, Ripley	12-11 Mon-Sun	Last two weeks of May	DE5 8JA 01773 742558	Trent Nines, alight on Derby Road and walk up Brook St
<b>Hunters Arms</b>	23 Church Street, Kilburn	12-11 Sun-Fri 12-1Am Sat	<b>Throughout</b>	DE56 0LU 01332 882907	Trent Nines or Red Arrow and walk up Bywell Ln (10 mins)
<b>King William IV</b>	The Bridge, Milford, Belper	5-11 Mon-Fri 12-11 Sat, Sun	Last two weeks of May	DE56 0RR	Trent Sixes. On A6 Junction with Makeney Rd
<b>Pear Tree</b>	4 Derby Road, Ripley	11-11 Mon-Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE5 3HR 01773 742468	Trent Nines or Red Arrow to Ripley Market Place
<b>Talbot</b>	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley	17:00-23:00 Mon-Thur 15:00-23:30 Fri 12:00-23:30 Sat 12:00-23:00 Sun	<b>Throughout</b> Featuring their Amber Mild during May	DE5 3LT 01773 742626	Trent Nines or Red Arrow to Ripley Market Place. Nines also continues to Talbot.
<b>Thorn Tree Hotel</b>	Market Place, Ripley	11-11 Mon-Sun	<b>Throughout</b>	DE5 3HA 01773 741610	Trent Nines or Red Arrow to Ripley Market Place

**W**e'd like you to try drinking a mild or two instead of your usual and tell us which you thought was the best. If you often drink mild then hopefully the spotlight on this type of beer will give you more choice than normal. By way of encouragement we are offering a **complimentary pint at the 2012 Derby Summer Beer Festival** if you have visited and bought a half or a pint of mild in at least 8 of the pubs listed. To qualify you need to complete the form opposite and submit it by the **9th June 2012**. If you've bought a mild in a pub not listed here then please enter the pub's name in the 'Lucky Dip' lines as well as the brewery/beer and date information requested.

**Please submit your best mild and best pub nominations on this form as there will be CAMRA Branch Certificates awarded based upon your votes.**



# Welcome to the Derby & Amber Valley Mild Guide 2012

## May is the month where CAMRA campaign for mild – so what's going on in the Derby & Amber Valley Area this year?

We're here with our own Mild Guide for 2012 to put a spotlight on the pubs in our area that will be having mild on the bar for you to enjoy. There are 22 participating pubs, 11 in Derby and 11 in the Amber valley area.

We've provided you with a list of them, their opening times, locations and when they'll have mild on in May so that you can go out and sample what's on offer. There will be a number of Branch Social events in May (see diary section & website for details) that will visit many of the pubs listed here but obviously you can go it alone and 'take a walk on the mild side' whenever you fancy.

If this isn't enough to keep you busy there are also Mild Trails in Nottingham and Erewash, see the Nottingham Drinker for details.

We would encourage you to use the form provided to record what mild you drank where and return it to us in order to receive

a complimentary pint at the 2012 Derby Summer Beer Festival (see the form for further details of how to complete it, where to return it and criteria for receiving the complimentary drink).

We are also going to present awards for the **Best Mild Pub** and also the **Best Mild**, voting is also done by completing the form provided here in Derby Drinker.

Within Derby city centre many of the pubs are within walking distance of one another. The others are all accessible using public transport and we've tried to indicate which service. Don't forget the Trent single and group Zigzag and Arriva Day Saver tickets if you're making multiple journeys. For a greater discount remember to show your CAMRA card for the Zigzag Play tickets. See Trent buses for more info, [www.trentbarton.co.uk/](http://www.trentbarton.co.uk/)

Most importantly, **Please Don't Drink and Drive.**

**The small print...** please note that all details are as accurate as they can be at the point of publishing the guide. All beer is subject to availability so please bear with the pubs at busy times and be understanding if mild runs out. Also pub circumstances can change so if no mild is available, please accept CAMRA's apologies. We can only do so much!

**What is Mild?**... Mild is a traditional British beer (called light in Scotland) often made with darker crystal malts and less hops than bitter beers, it is usually 3% to 3.5% ABV and lower in strength than best bitters.

**History of mild...** Mild was developed in the 18th and 19th centuries as an alternative to porter and stout and at one point became the most popular style of beer in Britain. It was generally drunk by industrial and

agricultural workers to refresh them after long hours of labour but was eventually overtaken by bitter in the 1950's. Early milds were much stronger than the modern versions.

**What can you expect in your glass?** When considering what mild might taste like you need to think about rich malty aromas and flavours with hints of dark fruit, chocolate, coffee and caramel with a gentle underpinning of hop bitterness. Slight toffee or butterscotch flavours may also be noted.

In general milds range between black to dark brown to pale amber in colour and come in a variety of styles from warming roasty ales to sit in front of a log fire with to light and refreshing thirst quenchers.

If you've never had mild before please give it a go you might be mildly surprised! (no apologies for the pun).

**Acknowledgements:** This wouldn't have got this off the ground without the help & advice of Dave Mason of Nottingham Branch and Trevor Spencer's hard work in Amber Valley.

Finally, a big thank you to the publicans & brewers who have joined us in promoting mild and making this Guide possible. Dean Smith.



## Mild Guide 2012 Return & Voting Form

Public House	Brewery Name	Beer Name	Date of Visit
Alexandra Hotel			
Broadway			
Brunswick Inn			
Coach & Horses			
Exeter Arms			
Falstaff			
Five Lamps			
Flowerpot			
Mr Grundy's Tavern			
Royal Oak			
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne			
Beehive Inn			
Black Bull's Head			
Cross Keys			
Devonshire Arms			
Holly Bush, Makeney			
Holly Bush, Marehay			
Hunters Arms			
King William IV			
Pear Tree			
Talbot Taphouse			
Thorn Tree Hotel			
Lucky Dip			
Lucky Dip			

## Your Details

Name .....

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Address .....

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Which was your favorite Pub on the trail (think beer quality, service, welcome & value for money)?

Which was your favorite mild?

**Return your form to:** Derby CAMRA Mild Month c/o 16 Nearwood Drive, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2BR

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## MARKEATON SHINES in Northern Suburb

by Paul Gibson




The mid 20thC suburb of Allestree has never been a hot spot for real ale, and its greatest claim to fame is probably that the Woodlands was the last pub to be built by Offiler's before the Derby brewery's demise in

1966. Today, the best bet for the discerning drinker is the Markeaton with a choice of five real ales; Pedigree, Landlord, Doombar and two changing guests from micro breweries. Yorkshire brewers were to the fore on my visit with Wold Top going down well.

The Markeaton is comfortable and cosy but bears no resemblance to its original 1938 construction when it was titled the Allestree Hotel. Ken Mattinson ran the show in the 1970s, at a time when the interior was unsullied by modernity, with a series of light-wood-panelled rooms radiating from a crescent shaped bar. The separate public bar on Allestree Lane had external access only, which was a feature of 1930s pub design. Had the interior survived it would doubtless have been listed on CAMRA's National Inventory of historic pub interiors.

Back in the here and now, all of the cask beers are available at £2.50 a pint from 5pm on Monday evenings and, with better weather beckoning, there are pleasant areas outside in which to enjoy the Spring sunshine. The Victoria, Cowley Street, and Sobers (Clovell Hotel) may have been consigned to history, but this northern light continues to shine.



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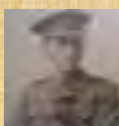

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# Cider with Suzie

## West Country delights

Spring is now here, and with it comes fresh cider and perry. The 2011 vintage, made last autumn has been quietly fermenting away thorough the winter and now makes its appearance; indeed, in many cases it has already done so. All the indications were that 2011 was an excellent year for fruit, so real cider and perry this year should be both plentiful and of high quality. Spring is also the time for planning holidays, so if you are visiting the West Country this year why not track down some of your favourite ciders and perries at source; you can't do better than the farm gate for quality or price. I'll concentrate on Somerset here, not because there aren't plenty of top quality producers elsewhere in the country, but because this is the heart of cider making territory.

First stop is **Wilkins Farmhouse Cider** at Mudgley, just south of Wedmore. Roger Wilkins is a cattle farmer as well as a cider maker; the problem with a visit here is that you need plenty of time; the usual greeting being *"That's dry and that's sweet, help yourself!"* This is proper traditional cider making on quite a large scale; cheese, preserves and vegetables are also on sale and you can easily spend an

hour or two there putting the world to rights.

Close by in the town of Street you find **Hecks Farmhouse Cider**. The location is a little odd, being in the town, but the quality is second to none. Hecks specialize in single apple variety ciders; Kinston Black, Port Wine of Glastonbury and Morgans Sweet are often available. They are also one of the few Somerset producers to make perry; their Blakeney Red is excellent. A selection of fruit and vegetables along with bottled cider for other cider makers are also sold there; a must if you are in the area.

Further South at Kingsbury Episcopi is **Burrow Hill Cider**. This is a large cider maker and main cider supplier to the Glastonbury festival. They have very extensive orchards of cider apples, immaculately maintained with a free, self-guided walking tour around them. It is fascinating to see this part of the cider production process, and it makes a good spot for a picnic! Burrow Hill is one of a very small number of makers of cider brandy in this country; not particularly to my taste but it may be to yours.

Heading back towards Taunton at West Lyng is **Parsons Choice Cider**. This is a smaller, traditional Somerset cider maker, most of the fruit coming from their own orchards. Their

farm cider is quite dry with plenty of tannin; they will sweeten it up to taste if required. Here you find a sideline in ceramics so if you are short of a pot for the house or garden this is the place for you.

Last but not least is **Crossmans Prime Farmhouse Cider** at Hewish, just off junction 21 of the M5. His cider is all made from local fruit. He has two orchards of his own and produces a Home Orchard Special, a medium dry cider with some bite and at 7% a bit stronger than his standard ciders. His sideline (or it may be his main business) is raising poultry, so you can always pick up some good fresh eggs there.

These are just a few of the many excellent Somerset cider makers; there are plenty more well worth a visit. One good source of information is UK Cider; its website [cideruk.co.uk](http://cideruk.co.uk) has a comprehensive listing of real cider makers throughout the country. Holidays are certainly enhanced by a stock of quality cider for supping along with a barbeque on a balmy evening.



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## Branch Diary

### ► Saturday 14th April

Free survey trip to Pentrich, South Wingfield and Oakerthorpe, from Ripley Market Place at 7.30pm.

### ► Thursday 19th April

Beer Festival meeting at Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. 8pm.

### ► Thursday 26th April

Branch Meeting at Victoria, Alferton. 8.30pm.

### ► Saturday 12th May

Free survey trip to Broadholme, Ambergate, Fritchley, Bullbridge, from Ripley Market Place at 7.30pm.

Contact Jane Wallis for additional pick-up points 01773 745966 or email [mick.wallis@btinternet.com](mailto:mick.wallis@btinternet.com)

## Thorn Tree Grows Bigger

In addition to its range of real ales, the Thorn Tree, Waingroves, has opened a restaurant and also offers bar food and Sunday lunches. The 1A Trent Barton bus service conveniently stops right outside.

## Good Beer Guide Pub Licensee Dies

Ken Hallsworth, the well regarded licensee of the Horse and Jockey, Leabrooks Road, Somercotes, died on Sunday, 19th February. Amber Valley CAMRA wishes to express its condolences to Ken's family. The pub is likely to remain closed for the foreseeable future.

## Crossroads' Pub Pointing in the Right Direction

The competition's hotting up! That was my inescapable conclusion after visiting the latest quality addition to the Amber Valley real ale scene, namely the **Black Bull's Head at Openwoodgate**



(pictured). Upon entering I was struck immediately by the warmth and ambience of a pub whose two rooms are warmed by open fires and, though it sounds clichéd, a tasteful refurbishment that smacked of quality. There are no fewer than eight real ales to choose from, from breweries such as Dancing Duck, Marble, Magic Rock, Coppice Side, Whim et al. They are all at £2.70 a pint which makes, say, Thornbridge Jaipur an absolute steal given that it's 5.9% abv. Apple aficionados are catered for as well, with a couple of traditional ciders available from the likes of Weston's and Rich's. The large, handsome, Edwardian crossroads' pub with decorative ridge tiles, was always a popular venue in its days as a Hardy and Hanson's house, particularly in the Bamford era of 1954 to 1978, but, as with many pubs, it had fallen on hard times of late. Now, with Andy Horsfall and his partner, Nicky, at the helm, their first pub looks to have every chance of prospering in the 21stC. The Black Bull's Head is open all day, every day, and can easily be reached on the 71 Trent Barton bus service, whilst the 6X (the bus, not the beer) stops on nearby Over Lane.

## Local Beer Festivals

Between 19th and 22nd April, the **King William, Milford**, has 16 ales and live music from 9pm. If your appetite hasn't been fully sated, then the **Holly Bush, "just round the corner" in Makeney**, is commemorating St George's Day with good old bangers and mash between 6 and 9pm on Monday, 23rd. **The Thorn Tree, Market Place, Ripley** is also celebrating England's patron saint, and enterprising licensee, Toby Metcalfe, is now accepting CAMRA members' J D Wetherspoon vouchers, for which he will give 50p a pint discount on his real ales.



## Blue Bells are Blooming

Yes, it's Spring again, and a couple of Blue Bells of the public house variety are certainly flowering. South Wingfield's is offering Bass, Landlord, India IPA and three changing guest beers, one at a bargain £1.90 a pint. For real cider lovers, there are two varieties available, and it's open from 4pm weekdays, and noon at weekends. Meanwhile the **Blue Bell at Farnah Green** (pictured) is back in business and the emphasis isn't just on the food, as they sell Bass, Landlord and



Shottle Gold, brewed a mere two miles away. The idyllically located country inn is open all day with meals served at lunchtime and evenings. **The George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Belper** is another permanent outlet for Shottle Gold, where you will receive a discount on production of your CAMRA membership card. The George is also holding a beer festival between 19th and 21st April.

## BEER FESTIVALS ELSEWHERE...

### Exeter's May Fest

The Exeter Arms in Derby will be holding a Beer Festival over the May Day Bank Holiday period featuring an array of beers from near and far in the stables bar, tasty festival fayre and plenty of live music in the external garden area to keep you entertained throughout.

### Melbourne Beer Festival

Meetings have taken place to arrange a Beer Festival in Melbourne later in the year. The provisional dates are 9-11 November and it will be held in **The Assembly Rooms** (formally the Leisure Centre) on the High Street. More details in due course but the Festival will have about 40 plus beers and ciders with entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. It will be open from 12 onwards on all 3 days.

### Willington Beer Festival

The 1st Willington Beer Festival will be held over the early June Bank Holiday (1-4) between the **Dragon, Rising Sun and Green Man**. All 3 pubs will be participating in a weekend full of music, food, fun and of course plenty of beer and cider with each pub having different beers on. It is hoped to make it an annual event and with reasonable transport links by both train and bus why not give it a try over the extended Bank Holiday period.



# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

By Mick Golds

## DOUBLE DROP

After the furore of the re-opening of The General Haverlock which has since gone from strength to strength and even got a mention in Saturdays Daily Mail, news at the moment is somewhat subdued with the exception of The Dewdrop's double award presentation winning the **Pub of the Year** and **Best Improved Pub**. Phil & Jack Paxton were presented with their awards on Monday 26th March (see picture - with Lynne and Julia).

The bar now supports 8 real ales from near and far and the skittle alley has now been re-opened, more on the presentation next time.

Runners up in the POTY awards were **Spanish Bar, Ilkeston** 2nd, **Red Lion, Heanor** 3rd.



## LIVE & LET LIVE?

Another pub we thought would make a comeback was the Live & Let Live Cotmanhay but unfortunately this ex Hardy Hansons House has now become a One Stop convenience store (see photos below).



## FUTURE DATES

### ► MEETINGS

**May 14th**

- The Barge, Long Eaton

**June 11th**

- General Haverlock, Ilkeston

All 8.30pm starts.

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

### ► SOCIAL EVENTS

**April 16th** - Butchers Arms, Langley POTS Winter award, Social Trip

**April 21st** - Hole in Wall, Long Eaton Skittles Match if interested contact Anyas.

**April 28th** - Beer Census (see website)

**May 12th** - May Mild in May survey contact Rachel/Simon 0115 9302887

**June 30th** - Derby to Belper and Pubs on route Ziz Zag ticket required meet Derby bus station Bay 20 11.00am - contact Mick Golds 0115 9328042 or see website.

## HALF PRICE?

On a recent trip round Long Eaton we found that some pubs were charging more for 2 halves than for 1 pint. Do publicans realise that some customers prefer to drink halves to sample the range of beers on offer? Has anyone else had experience of this, it's not the money it's the principle!!

## RETURN OF THE KING

An improvement to the real ale scene in Ilkeston (we hope) is the re-opening of the Kings Head on the Market Place. This very old pub is now owned by Punch Taverns and was originally called the **Kings Head** but had its name changed to the Moon and Sixpence some years ago. It's nice to see it reclaim its old name again and on a recent visit the bar staff informed me that they intend to have regular guest beers on but on my visit only Shepherd Neame Spitfire was available so watch this space.



## SNIPPETS FROM ELSEWHERE...

### CAMRA Sub-Branch for Ashbourne & Wirksworth?

A meeting was held recently in Ashbourne to gauge interest in forming a Sub-Branch amongst members in that area. There was sufficient interest to arrange a further meeting to formally set up the Branch. This will be held in the back room of the Smiths Tavern in Ashbourne on Tuesday 17th April at 8pm and members in the area are encouraged to attend. The Ashbourne members were keen to get Wirksworth members on board as well and a further meeting will be arranged in Wirksworth in May and members in that area will be advised of the date in due course.

### Friary's Festival of Ales

The Friary on Friargate in Derby which started selling real ale again following a large refurbishment in January is having a month long showcase of guest ales throughout April/May with many different ones on offer. As part of the refurb the pubs interior was given a black-and-white makeover with new furniture and lighting and three handpumps were installed featuring two regularly ales complimented by a guest ale often from a local brewery. The pub was originally named after a Dominican Friary which was founded on the site in 1238 and I'm sure the local friars of the time would heartedly approve of the return of proper ale to the pub.





**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  
**Seven Stars NEW!**  
Old Silk Mill  
**Ye Olde Dolphin Inne NEW!**

*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.*

#### AMBER VALLEY

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

#### SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)  
Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)  
Green Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
**Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel) (Melbourne) NEW!**  
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)  
Lawns (Chellaston)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Nunsfield House Club (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**  
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# 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 & 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

If you are a licensee and you are interested in joining the scheme then please contact us at [campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk), we will advertise your pub through this column in every edition of the Derby Drinker and on the Derby & National CAMRA websites.

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**of BREWING FINE BEERS**

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**Real Ale, Real Food, Real Friendly**

## Last Orders

We are much saddened to hear of the death of **David Allingham**.

David and Jeanne Allingham arrived at the Bentley Brook near Ashbourne in 1976, after David had already become a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineering as a power station builder.

Despite cultivating a reputation as a role model for Basil Fawlty, ably assisted by the BBC who used film of him in a trailer for some overseas showings of the immortal comedies, David was a deeply serious hotelier and publican with an unerring eye for quality and a formal complaints procedure; a notice in the pub advised complainants to go to Helen Waite, but the pub was in the Good Beer Guide for years and the food was excellent.

Possibly his greatest legacy is that all three of his sons have

remained in the licensed trade. Billy founded the Leatherbritches brewery before moving on to join the Steaming Billy pub group whose latest venture is the Horse and Trumpet at Sileby, Leics. Chris was at the Devonshire Arms at Pentrich Lane End before moving into Loughborough. Edward took over control of Leatherbritches before David and Jeanne retired to North Wales.

For some years David had managed the brewery himself, with the assistance of Dave Corby, master brewer. In 2005 David shared his thoughts about the pub trade in a book entitled *"It could be a little gold mine - Tales by Mr. A, a country innkeeper"*. Illustrations are by Mr Bill Tidy. This was an honest and witty account of a well-chosen second career, and of thirty years in the life of a pub which it was always a joy to visit.



CAMRA joint village pub of the year 2011



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The Royal Oak, The Green,  
Long Whaddon, Loughborough,  
Leicestershire, LE12 5DE

**3rd Beer Festival**  
**The Royal Oak, Long Whaddon**  
**Friday 1st June - Monday 4th June**

**Friday**  
4pm - 10pm  
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12pm - 10pm

**50+ Beers, Ciders & Perrys**

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# Dear Toper...

"Cash is still king"  
(If you can get at it)

**C**onsider! Dear Toper, the overcrowded bar counter area whereat you patiently wait - and wait --- and wait, your turn to be served. Suddenly just as you're about to give up and go home, you sense - having had a nod of recognition from the pretty barmaid - that finally you are next, just as soon as she's completed serving a certain individual, which looks to be fairly imminent. And then he goes and does it - he produces a credit card! The barmaid, noting the sea of dismayed faces jostling for position before the bar counter, shrugs her shapely shoulders to express some sort of sympathy with the deserving thirsty then heaves an exasperated sigh, before delving under the counter for the hand held chip and pin device that lurks in the space usually reserved for soiled beer towels, abandoned umbrellas and out of date crisps. The device found, the prat's card is then duly inserted into it and he punches in his pin number - alas several times before he gets it right! There then follows a further delay and the frowning barmaid explains to him that the system is overloaded. Eventually, after what seems like a lifetime - during which several thirsty toppers have given up and gone elsewhere for sustenance - the barmaid informs the prat that his account is overdrawn, hearing which he mumbles some pathetic excuse about the cost of cat food and rummages around in his cash deficient wallet for yet another card, that found it is duly inserted into the machine and the whole rigmarole begins all over again. Finally his electronic transaction having been completed the prat departs the bar counter with his two halves of lager, leaving behind a peeved and irritable barmaid who now has to deal with a backlog of disgruntled, waiting customers - not an ideal recipe for social cohesion.

Don't these prats understand! It is not "cool" to pay for drinks with a credit card, it merely shows that you can't really afford them. The clue is in the name "credit" card - get it?

The thing is Dear Toper, that electronic money has achieved in some people's gullible minds a "cool" image thanks to the dark arts of the advertising industry. You've seen the advert: the young man living in his trendy docklands apartment springs out of bed one bright and sunny Sunday morning, only to discover that he's got no cash to buy food for his overweight moggy (which looks like a couple of months on a starvation diet would do it good). And so our hero strolls breezily

off to his local cash machine - which of course in that never never land of advertising is deserted so that he doesn't have to queue - the sun is shining, the cat's happy and all is very "chic"!

The unfortunate reality is, that at the times when you are likely to need cash from a machine, this being Britain, it is invariably cold and raining, and to access the thing you have to join a long queue which stretches out across the bustling high street pavement. There you stand shivering, shoulders hunched, hands in pockets, staring at the back of someone's head, whilst you're constantly buffered by shoppers busily pushing by in an effort to escape the dreadful weather. When you eventually arrive at the cash machine your nostrils are pervaded by the stench of stale urine (I'm sure that the dispossessed use them as toilets to revenge themselves on

the capitalist system - not that many of them have ever entered into the spirit of the thing by actually working for a living) and you are haunted by the ubiquitous aggressive beggar (they hang around cash machines like whores hang around soccer stars) who leers over your shoulder in an attempt to read your pin number, but to no avail as you don't need it, for the machine has now run out of money!

Now perhaps I'm missing something here, but wouldn't it be much nicer to be inside a nice warm bank dealing with a fellow human being, instead of standing outside of it dealing with a machine? Just like pubs, shops, restaurants etc. shouldn't banks be open seven days a week? And especially at weekends when working people need to access them? Heaven knows they can afford to be, they've got plenty of money - ours! And as for the extra staffing that would be needed, well, there are plenty of people needful of work - millions of them in fact! Many of them unemployed because of the reckless behaviour of the banks themselves!

Come to think of it perhaps I'm doing the prat in the pub with his credit card a disservice, it might just be that he can't get his cash out of the bank - send for Jesse James! Consider that Dear Toper.

D.T.



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# Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

Everyone is welcome at Derby CAMRA socials, meetings and trips.

Here is a list of forthcoming events:

## ► APRIL

### Saturday 14th - Nottingham Caves and Ale Social

Meet Brewery Tap - 12 noon then by Red Arrow bus.

### Tuesday 17th - Social

Rowditch, Derby - 9pm.

### Thursday 26th - Mild Month info delivery Social

Meet Alexandra Hotel - 8pm.

### Saturday 28th - Derbyshire POTY trip by minibus

A full day tour of all/most of the Branch areas in Derbyshire.

## ► MAY

### Thursday 3rd - Mild Month launch evening crawl

Itinerary: Falstaff - 7.30pm, Brunswick, Alex and Exeter.

### Thursday 10th - Branch Meeting

Brunswick, Derby - 8pm.

### Saturday 12th - Mild Month evening crawl

Itinerary: Mr Grundy's - 6.30pm, 5 Lamps, Coach & Horses, Dolphin, Flowerpot.

### Saturday 26th - Mild Month Day Out in Amber Valley

Leave Derby Bus Station - 11.40am on Trent Red Arrow.

► Contact the Social Secretary, Dean Smith by e-mail - [socials@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:socials@derbycamra.org.uk) (except where indicated)

# The Stable Bar



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**\* Forthcoming Events \***

4th - 7th May - mini beer festival

Sat 5th May from 6pm "Meet the Brewer Night"

With beers and brewers from Full Mash, Wentwell, Marpool and Worthington Breweries.

1st - 5th June, Fritchley Diamond Jubilee Festival

Full beer Festival, Hog Roast, Live Music & more

Opening Hours: Fri 4pm-11pm. Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays 12-11pm





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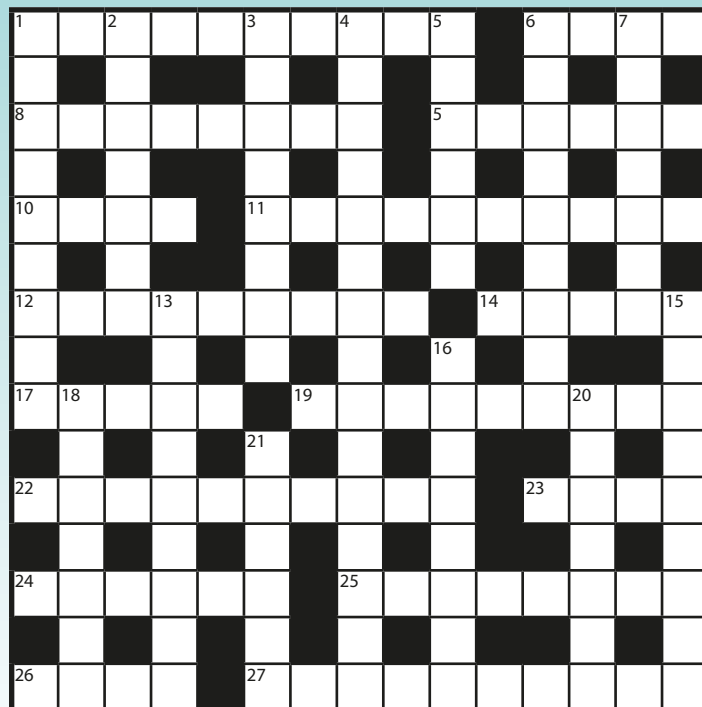
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## ► ACROSS

- 1 Fuddle Bill to discover jazzmen's double bass nickname (4.6)
- 6 Speck that sounds like a castle surround (4)
- 8 Beget a muddled red gene 'N' (8)
- 9 Forward, begorra! A delectable Islay Malt whisky's inside (6)
- 10 A small item here (4)
- 11 A confused trite *Compo* is someone determined to win (10)
- 12 Here's a telling action (9)
- 14 The expertise of Dr Edith Summerskill, latterly (5)
- 17 Former London brewery now subsumed in a Bedford one (5)
- 19 A forestalling begun by an Old Boy initially (9)
- 22 A healing substance 'for external use only' initiated by doctor then lament, less fifty (10)
- 23 Man's got seven of them, whether *As You Like It*, or not (4)
- 24 Constellation, where Castor's twinned with Pollux (6)
- 25 Putting up with Cambrinus's 4.3% IPA-style beer? (8)
- 26 Forest wherein Freeminer brews its beers (4)
- 27 Pilots and cads do it in the dark! (3-2-5)

## ▼ DOWN

- 1 Financial allowance for tipping or tipping (4.5)
- 2 Large open cargo boat or smoker's accessory (7)
- 3 Show domestic pet within non-mainstream film company (8)
- 4 Torquay AGM's high point outing destination (8.7)
- 5 India rubber man or task (6)
- 6 A central cricket fielding position (3-6)
- 7 A trifoliate plant or design subject to life-rot? (7)
- 13 I don't rein it in, but what a performance! (9)
- 15 Manchester's hypermetropic suburb (9)
- 16 You won't remember it happening, but you'll rarely forget it (8)
- 18 Six balls and one you see with for old-fashioned survey (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.
- Correct grids will go into a draw for a £10 prize.

Having a  
BEER FESTIVAL  
in June/July?

Then place an advert  
with us.  
Contact Lynn as per  
below.  
Copy deadline 20th May.

## Solutions to Crossword No. 27

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### ► ACROSS

1. SPARSE
4. STAITHES
10. DIRT CHEAP
11. TOSCA
12. RHUBARB
13. OURSELF
14. ASSAI
15. SUSPENSE
18. ACRYLICS
20. GUSTO
23. REAL ALE
25. IMAGISM
26. CLIMB
27. OMBUDSMAN
28. THE BRIDE
29. PRECIS

### ▼ DOWN

1. SIDE ROAD
2. ATRIUMS
3. SOCIALITY
5. TAPHOUSE-SMISBY
6. INTER
7. HOSTESS
8. STAFFA
9. DERBYSHIRE GOLD
16. ENGLANDER
17. HORMONES
19. CLARICE
21. SEISMIC
22. BRECHT
24. AMBER



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