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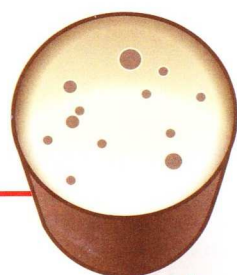


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## DERBY CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL

### BEER FESTIVAL

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# DERBY CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL

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**We are excited to announce that Derby City Charter Beer Festival is almost upon us again!**

The festival will officially be opened by the **Mayor of Derby** and the city's very own '**Beer King**'. Opening proceedings will commence in the Market Place at **1830 on Wednesday 11th July**.

Festival specials will feature beers from **Amber** (see below) and **Muirhouse** which are due to be brewed at the end of June and will have a wildlife themed name. There will be a large selection of real ales supplied from local and national micro breweries along with many well known favourites.

For the first time this year the festival can boast a '**Mead**' stall as well as a '**Cheese**' stand which will come as a pleasurable change. The Assembly Rooms will also continue with in house catering should you require a full meal. **Merry Berry Chocolate** is making another appearance with a selection delights that include ale truffles and Scorpion Chilli Chocolate.

## ► OPENING TIMES & ADMISSION PRICES

	Lunch 1100-1730	Eve 1730 - 2300
Wed 11th July	n/a	(opens 1830) £3*
Thurs 12th July	£1*	£5*
Fri 13th July	£2*	£6*
Sat 14th July	£3*	£6*
Sun 15th July	(1200 - 1400 ) FREE ENTRY	

\*CAMRA card carrying members will receive free entry to all sessions, under 26's half free admission, over 60's free admission during lunch time hours.

## ► FESTIVAL SPECIAL

The theme of this year's Derby City Charter Beer Festival on 11th-15th July is the 50th anniversary of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. As part of the celebrations, the Trust is working with Ripley-based Amber Ales who are brewing a special anniversary ale, As A Newt. This IPA-style ale will be 5% ABV and contain a blend of five different malts and five different hops. It will be on sale at the festival.

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# CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL PROVIDES A FEAST OF ENTERTAINMENT

Always the best night in town and for variety no beer festival comes close: writes Terry Morton.

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Headline band **THE SMALL FAKERS** are the only tribute band and apart from **TYTANIA** (Friday night) all other performers are fairly local. There is music every session and music free areas at all times.

Friday & Saturday evenings are busiest of course, so if you want more room to move around visit Thursday & Friday afternoons.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

"What about a real folk band" has been the request for a couple of years. Tonight **RADIO MARY** takes the stage they promise there will be plenty of songs everyone can join in with. Among many venues mainly in the West Midlands the band has delighted race goers at the Cheltenham Festival and Aintree's Grand National.

**RIPLEY MORRIS MEN** will be strutting their stuff in the musical breaks and in the foyer area women's Barbershop Chorus **GEM CONNECTION** will be singing 2 sets of 4 part unaccompanied harmony at 9pm & 10pm.

## THURSDAY EVENING

By popular demand **LIL' JIM'S BIG SQUEEZE** (pictured right) make a return bringing an ever growing fan base. Playing the Zydeco Ziti in Holland has opened many doors for the band that have taken Cajun music to a new wave level with a mix of Ska, rock and Roots (it's not just music for teachers & social workers any more)

Support from 8pm by classic rockers **OLD SKOOL** a powerful act that plays covers from the likes of Neil Young, Free, Bad Company, Thin Lizzy etc.

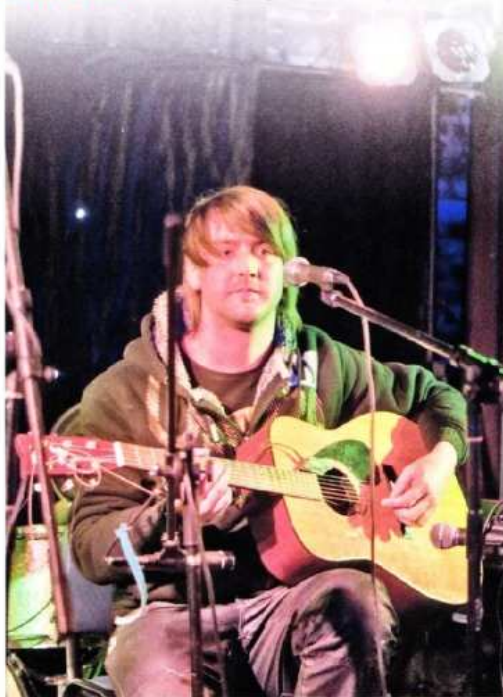
## FRIDAY EVENING

Introduces **TYTANIA** catching this Leeds based young band in a working persons club some 12 months ago it was obvious they were destined for better things. Richard Brown's tenor vocals as lead singer are phenomenal. They have proved to be a dominating force with a loyal following.

Their list of fantastic catchy modern rock songs with so much energy and emotion never fail to wow their audience. Their original song E.P has songs such as TURN IT ON, HERE I GO AGAIN, IN MY WORLD and DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME.

SUPPORT from 8pm making their 3rd visit **CHASER** so expect high energy from the outset.

Meanwhile if it's a more laid back relaxed sound you're after **BLUES BASEMENT** will play the Darwin stage combining the power and energy of the Chicago Blues greats such as Howlin Wolf and Muddy Waters with a British blues sound. "Rhythm & Blues at its best" Blues in Britain magazine.



▲ Lil' Jim's Big Squeeze

## SATURDAY EVENING

**THE SMALL FAKERS** this is as close as you can get to seeing The Small Faces live as thousands who have been blown away by their performance can testify. Expect all the fun and humour with Matt Bond who has an uncanny resemblance to Steve Marriot. ALL OR NOTHING, LAZING ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON, well! You're going to get the lot on Saturday night.

**THE PITZ** kicks off the party at 8pm, a well seasoned foursome playing well seasoned acoustic rock.

On the Darwin stage performing with a dazzling laser light show **ME VENGO** fronted by Lauren Strange play various covers by the likes of Metalica, Whitesnake, Meatloaf, and U2 this list could go on - but it doesn't.

## MUSICAL AFTERNOONS

THURSDAY - **BILL BAILEY'S JAZZ BAND** are back for a session of New Orleans Blues and good old foot tapping trad jazz.

FRIDAY - **THE BEN HOLDER JAZZ QUARTET** perform in the Stefane Grappelli style with acoustic guitars and double bass, violinist Ben was hooked on jazz at the age of 11, still in his early 20s fans young and old are amazed to see how he brings to life melodies from the world classical jazz and latin. Ben is playing London's Albert Hall as part of a jazz season in June

SATURDAY - plenty of entertainment going on today, you'll have to move around to catch it all. On the Great Hall stage **THE PITZ** four piece seasoned acoustic rockers play all the old favourites. For those looking for something different **HOVERLA** Ukrainian dance ensemble, a troupe that have captivated audiences with colourful exciting and energetic displays of music and dance. Meanwhile on the Darwin stage folk band **RADIO MARY** make their second visit of the festival with their sing a long style. Taking over later is **HOOLEY** Country/Irish entertainer some advice would be to bring your dancing shoes.

SUNDAY - drink the place dry to the sound of **BLUESTOWN** giving all the best of R&B with the help of a few guests to rock out the final session.

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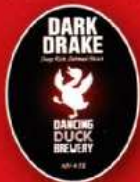
Other fringe entertainment at various other sessions will include background piano music in the Darwin foyer, a barbershop quartet and the antics of Grommet the Balloon Wizard.







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# Brewery in Focus

## Mr Grundy's

By Robin Hutchinson



History hasn't recorded what went on behind the door of bedroom number three at the Georgian House Hotel for most of its existence - but for the last 20 months it's been a steamy affair.

That's because the former guestroom at the Ashbourne Road-based watering hole is now home to Derby's award-winning Mr Grundy's Brewery.

Named after Clifford Grundy, a First World War veteran who once lived on the premises, the brewery is run by father and son team Brian and Jim Collins.

Despite hailing from Wolverhampton, the pair has always been keen to source their equipment and ingredients from as close to their Derby base as possible.

To that end, all the vessels and pipework for their 3½ to 4 barrel stainless steel plant was manufactured by Sinfon firm Excel, in keeping with their aim to produce Local-ale for local people.

On a recent visit I was invited to help them brew a batch of **Lord Kitchener**, a full-bodied 5.5 per cent ABV golden pale ale, spiked with pungent new world hops.

All their beers have a First World War theme and, having seen brewing action in the low ceiling room, it isn't hard to see why such an explosive conflict provides an appropriate source of names.

Carefully weighing out the ingredients, we added pale, crystal, caramel and torried wheat malt with water and mixed them until the resulting mash was ready to transfer to the boil.

After then adding New Zealand Aroma and Motueka hops the fun really started as the kettle filled the room with a vast clouds of steam,

occasionally emitting spurts of boiling water and hop flowers like a howitzer.

Attributing the spectacular - if somewhat alarming show - to too much



power in the heating plates, Brian is the first to admit that his kit is in need of a tweak.

But it is great to see the fun both he and Jim have in the process, that will hearten home brewers dreaming of turning their hobby into a commercial enterprise one day too.



There is certainly nothing amateurish about the end result after the yeast is added and the beer is allowed to settle down after its dramatic journey. Many of their beers are excellent.

As well as **Kitchener**, they currently produce half a dozen other brews that range from the popular straw-coloured **Passchendale** at 3.9 per cent to the **1914**, a 5.0 per cent dark stout with a hint of blackcurrant, which won a gold award at last year's Leicester Beer Festival.

**And with plans afoot to bring out a seasonal special this autumn in aid of the Royal British Legion, it is your patriotic duty to try them all.**





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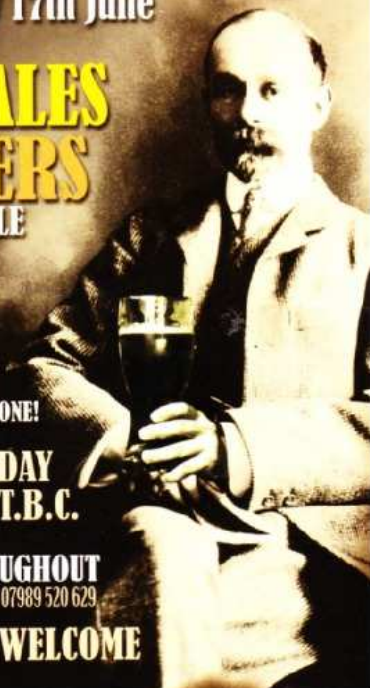
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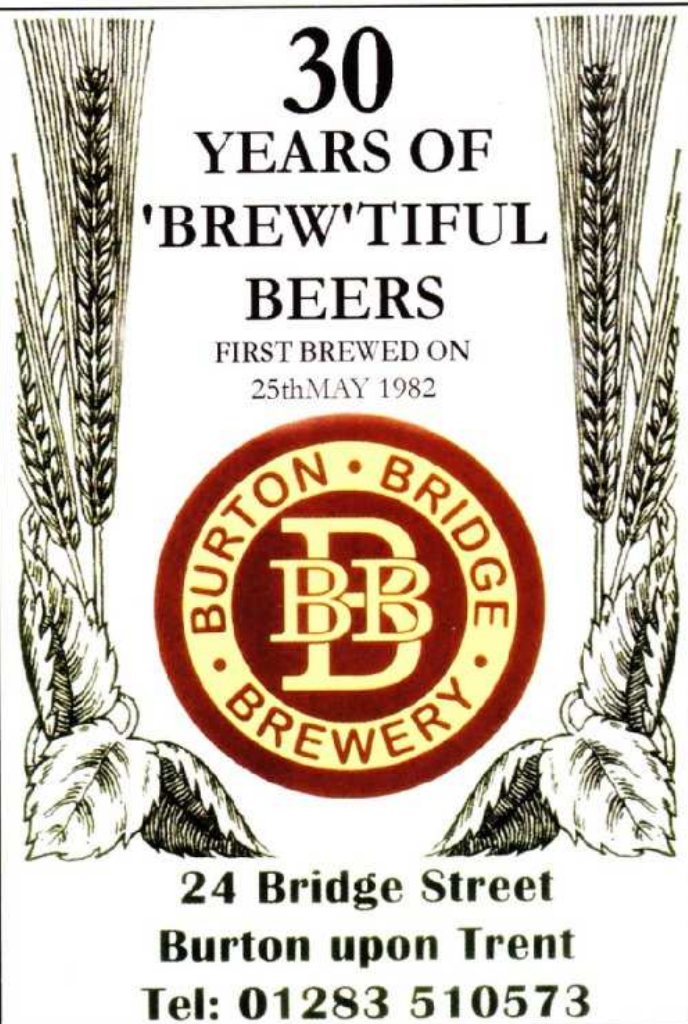
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# LANDLORD'S LAST ORDERS by Peter Elliot

This summer popular Derby licensee David Foulk of **The Tiger, (Lockup Yard)** will call "last orders", for the final time, after a remarkable thirty one years as landlord there. I say "remarkable", because as the reader must be all too painfully aware, landlords seem to be a transient breed these days, with few remaining in the same pub for more than a couple of years.

David, having taken out a temporary licence, re-opened The Tiger (it had been closed for some months) on the 11th November 1981. In those far off days Mrs. Thatcher was Prime Minister; Ronald Regan was U.S. President; Prince Charles had recently married Diana; The French Lieutenants' Woman and Chariots of Fire vied for box office honours; Brideshead Revisited topped the T.V. ratings; Geoff Boycott became the highest scoring English Test Batsman topping 8,000 runs; and most important of all - beer was around 50p per pint!

Over the years David has presided over many improvements to The Tiger, most notably the 1993 extension into what had been the yard. Nevertheless, he has still found time to raise significant amounts for various charities. As to advice for any youngsters thinking of going into the pub trade, David says:

"It's all about giving the customers value for money, and value for money on the food side is an absolute must these days."

It will be strange going into The Tiger after all these years and not seeing David leaning upon the end of the bar perusing the Times Crossword, sometimes frowning over a particularly devious clue, but always ready to look up from his puzzle and welcome a customer with a cheerful grin. Here's wishing David a long and happy retirement - **CHEERS DAVID!**



# Organ Grinder, Derby on the way?

**Blue Monkey Brewery** are actively on the lookout for a suitable pub in Derby following the acquisition of a second pub in Loughborough, the Old Pack Horse (pictured). This will be run by former Derby CAMRA committee members Chris and Sharon Sherratt. Blue Monkey's first pub opened on Canning Circus in Nottingham last year. So if you see or hear of any freeholds available in Derby then let please them know.



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## The wheel spins on a Chaddesden pub again

NEW PUB  
OPENINGS

The **Spinning Wheel** on Wood Road in Chaddesden re-opened recently after being closed for a few years. This Greene King pub was formally at the hub of the community when run by Hardys & Hansons and the new licensees hope it will become that again. The pub has been redecorated in neutral colours to give a more relaxing feel and the grounds have been cleared of all the accumulated rubbish. A limited homemade food menu will be introduced as well as pool, darts, dominoes and a quiz. Real Ale from the Greene King range may feature.

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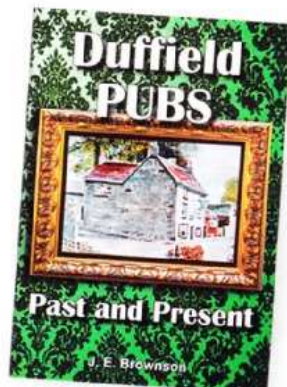
# BOOK REVIEWS ...

## Duffield Pubs Past and Present

Newly published is an history of Duffield's pubs by J.E. Brownson; Your reviewer's copy was £3.50 at the Derby City Museum and Gallery. There is no ISBN (International Standard Book Number). With the acknowledged assistance of a former editor of the Derby Drinker and many others it is a well-researched booklet covering thirteen pubs, of which only four now remain as public houses. There is a useful map.

**The Wheatsheaf**, which was demolished by 1807, is the only one of these whose precise location has not been established, although the author's earliest reference is from 1577 when there were six unidentified alehouses, more than today. As you would expect many events are recalled which remind us how enterprising publicans used to be, forever devising new ways of attracting businesses and the public to come in. A fine example is the 1835 Grand Miscellaneous Concert of 1835 at the **White Hart** whose handbill is one of the many illustrations. It would have been helpful if we were told whether the sale of the **Bridge Inn** in 1916 was when it was acquired by Mansfield Brewery. Rebuilt in the 1930s it is, with the **White Hart**, one of two inter-war improved pubs. With the **Pattenmakers** from a generation earlier and the **Scarsdale** (now a restaurant), described at its 1966 opening by Nathaniel Curzon of the Scarsdale family, as a 'truly modern pub', we have in Duffield pubs from all eras, a real cross-section of English pub history. Discussing the **King's head** the author states 'The local pubs became busy again after the end of WWII'. Beer was never rationed though supplies to breweries were controlled. Brian Glover in *Brewing for Victory* (Lutterworth Press 1995) makes it clear that despite shortages of beer, pubs and breweries were as busy as they could possibly be throughout the war and nationally beer production was twice what it is today (Over 30m barrels against about 15m now). That is why Officers had to pay £10,000 in 1943 for the **New Inn** on Hazlewood Road. That would have been several times its value as a private house, and more than six times what they paid for the **Patten Makers Arms** earlier in the 20th century.

Julian Tubbs



## Peak District Pub Walks

by Bob Steel, publisher: CAMRA Books, St Albans, 2008 (revised April 2012)

As a relative newcomer to Derbyshire, only having lived here, ex-Thwaites's territory, from the mid 1970s, I was grateful when CAMRA's comprehensive *Derbyshire Ale*, edited by Reg Newcombe, appeared in 1983. It was a comprehensive guide to most of Derby's and the county's choicest watering holes and something of a potted local history, which served me well until the avalanche of pub closures, takeovers or rent-hikes from the likes of Punch-Drunk Taverns, and the rise of the microbreweries and the LocAle movement rendered it obsolete. For some years I looked out hopefully for its replacement, but was disappointed until lighting upon the 2010 edition of Bob Steel's guide above.

Obviously, Steel's book has a different agenda, as its emphasis is on selected walks and their collateral pubs and features throughout the county's Low and High Peaks, but also occasionally straying into adjacent parts of Staffs, Cheshire and South Yorkshire. The area's towns like, say, Buxton or Matlock, aren't overlooked as they're often where walks begin or end before regaining public transport home. As a generalisation, nearly all the pubs featured are ones which appeared in *Derbyshire Ale* and, as well as outlining the beer on offer, some attempt is made to tease out something of the place's atmosphere. I hesitate to highlight specific places, as there are so many I could mention with positive personal associations for me, but one relative newcomer [or 'Newcomer?'] is **The Old Poets' Corner** (formerly the **Red Lion**) in pub-blessed Ashover, whence the Ashover Brewery, with its delectable 'Poets Bitter', has spread its benign influence to Codnor and other outlets.

Although I'm in favour of the LocAle movement as a way of promoting the sale of micros' beers around their home area, I do miss beers like those from the Cotswolds' Hook Norton, or Wainfleet's Bateman's which have largely retreated from our county as 'regulars'. The former was the staple of **The Barley Mow** at Kirk Ireton, a favourite pub of mine which, as Steel mentions, is now a LocAle hot spot, while the book's inclusion of Bonsall's wonderful Bateman's **King's Head Inn**, both architecturally and imbibitionally, reminds us that not all excellent real ale houses inevitably find their way into CAMRA's annual 'Bible'.

*Peak District Walks* is, altogether, an attractively produced, beautifully colour-illustrated and informed slim softback which will easily slip into one's anorak pocket: an excellent companion for walking its area with, or for browsing through when deciding where to make for, or as a pleasing reminder of all the wonderful places where one once enjoyed a drink and good company at some of the most pleasant places on this earth.

Jon Turner



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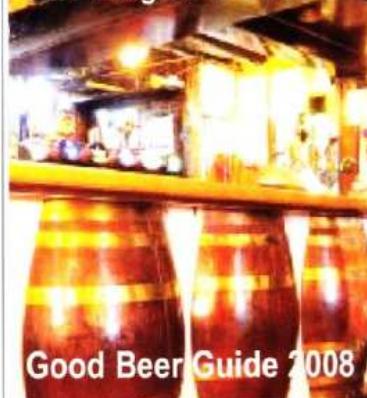
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# BATTLE of the BEER FESTIVALS

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There will be about 80 Real Ales, Ciders and Perries showcased between both pubs as well as food and live music each night.

Both pubs have a history of staging Beer Festivals with the Dolphin being one of the longest running and most popular pub Beer Festivals in the City. It was started way back in 1990 by the then licensee, Nigel Barker and has become an annual event ever since. The Silk Mill's beer festival

origins also date back to when Nigel ran the pub but they have been more sporadically staged over the years as different licensees have come and gone. They are now firmly back on the calendar though thanks to Terry & Nina Holmes who revived them a few years ago.

It all promises to be a great weekend with lots of different beers to choose from so let the battle commence.....



## MICRO PUB FOR DERBY?

A planning application was put in recently to convert a former dry cleaners on Chester Green into Derby's first Micropub, the **LITTLE CHESTER ALE HOUSE** with a decision expected about the 15th June.

A Micropub is not a standard pub but reminiscent of a more traditional public ale house on a smaller scale, catering for a limited number of people. They only serve Real Ale from Microbreweries plus wine and soft drinks and have no music, juke box, television or fruit machines. They just provide a warm and friendly atmosphere for people to meet and chat over a drink.

The Little Chester Ale House will have an on-licence from Thursday to Sunday evenings only and have a capacity of about 30 which would make it Derby's smallest pub. Older readers may remember Derby's previous smallest pub, the Lifeboat on Wilson Street

before its premature demolition prior to the eventual completion of the inner ring road.

There are plenty of examples of Micropubs up and down the Country with the nearest in the area being the Marlpool Ale House on Breach Road in Marlpool next to the Queens Head which operates along similar lines to that proposed above and is well worth a visit.

At the time of writing the consultation period had just ended with 20 in favour and 19 against and we now await the outcome which we hope will be a positive one for Derby's booming Real Ale scene.

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## Two pubs re-open in Alvaston

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home cooked food from noon and have entertainment most evenings. The **Lodge** on Grange Road has also undergone a makeover from Punch Taverns being turned into one of their Flaming Grill pubs. Real Ale should feature in both pubs.



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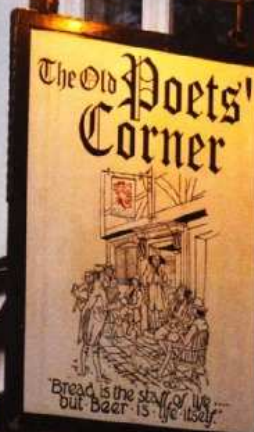
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# Step back in time at *The Cottage* circa 1815

One of the most unique and atmospheric drinking places in the whole of Derbyshire is to be found in the newly opened **Cottage** at the **Exeter Arms** in Derby.

It is literally like stepping back in time and experiencing life in a bygone era. Dating from circa 1815 it is the last remaining cottage on Exeter Street and has been meticulously renovated using pictures and artefacts found on site. The **200 year old cottage** will be open every **Thursday, Friday and Saturday** evenings and is accessed through the pub garden. Beers from the Dancing Duck Brewery will be available in the pub and live music will take place in the garden on Saturday evenings throughout the summer where the Herbert Spencer bar will dispense additional guest ales.



## DERBY gains another BREWERY



### HARTSHORNS BREWERY

The ever expanding and booming brewery scene in Derby has seen another new one come on tap, **HARTSHORNS BREWERY** located on Alfreton Road. It was founded by two brothers, Darren and Lindsey Hartshorn who have been brewing beer for a while. A six barrel plant was installed in May by Dave Porter and the first beer from it should be available shortly. They are currently refining the recipe and the beer is expected to be a copper coloured ale of medium bitterness with a hint of blackcurrant and tropical fruit flavours. The ABV will be around 4.3%, with the likely beer name being Highgate, named after an Avenue in the Montreal district of Pointe-Claire where Lindsey first brewed beer. We wish them well and expect to see their beers around the area soon.

## THE FURNACE LIGHTS UP AGAIN

Derby's latest multi Real Ale venture, the **FURNACE INN** on Duke Street re-opened its doors over the Jubilee weekend after a brief period of closure.

This former Hardys & Hansons and Greene King, riverside pub has been acquired by Derby CAMRA member, Pedro Menon (pictured) with the idea being to turn the pub back into a thriving community local again serving quality Real Ales. It has been painted black & white on the outside and a mini refurb has taken place on the inside giving the pub a light and airy feel including a much needed update of the toilets and a revamp of the bar to house 8 handpumped Real Ales as well as a Real Cider/Perry. The range of Real Ales will change regularly and its hoped to get some rare and unusual guest beers on that have not been seen much in Derby before. There will also be a 20p pint discount for CAMRA members.

Outside the large rear garden has had some new furniture introduced which should prove a real haven during hot weather situated as it is right next to the riverside path along the Derwent. Future plans include an on-site Brewery which Pedro



is very keen on having taken a number of brewing courses as well as doing some test brews at Shottle Farm under the name of the Pirate Brewery.

Of course many people will fondly remember the Furnace from the days when it had been run successfully for over 40 years by just two different licensees, John Barnes and Ray (Watto) Watson serving excellent Kimberley Bitter and Mild as well as the much missed Kimberley Classic. The pub was then very much at the heart of the community with darts and dominoes teams and weekend sing-a-long around the piano and it is hoped to get some of that community spirit back with the re-introduction of the darts teams and possibly a football team.

The Furnace then is well worth a call again and it is much closer to the City Centre than you think lying at the gateway to Darley Park and a stones throw from the 14th century St Mary's Bridge Chapel, one of only six remaining in the Country.



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## The Flying Childers is 1st past the post

The Flying Childers Inn at  
Stanton in Peak has been  
awarded the Derbyshire Pub  
of the Year for 2012 by the  
Derbyshire CAMRA Branches.



This authentic village pub is set in the heart of the pretty village of Stanton in Peak which forms part of the Peak District National Park. The pub gets its name from a champion racehorse born in 1715 who was owned by the 4th Duke of Devonshire. It has evolved over the years from several small cottages and has cosy open fires for cold days and a lovely beer garden for warmer ones. The pub offers 3 Real Ales and serves simple home cooked food at lunchtimes. It has entertainment some evenings and also acts as a shop selling local produce and bits and pieces that you may have run out of. All in all then a cracking village local and a much deserved winner of the award against some tough competition which included: the Five Lamps in Derby; Old Hall in Chinley; Dewdrop in Ilkeston; Hunters Arms in Kilburn; Admiral Rodney in Hartshorne; Anglers Rest in Millers Dale; Devonshire Arms in South Normanton and the Chesterfield Arms in Chesterfield.

## Nunsfield is Derbyshire's top club again

The Nunsfield House club in Alvaston, Derby has been awarded the honour of CAMRA's best club in Derbyshire for a second year running narrowly beating the Strutt Club in Belper. A fine achievement for the club who were earlier crowned the Derby CAMRA Club of the Year 2012.



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# Cider with Suzie

## Herefordshire travels

You might not have thought of visiting Herefordshire for a holiday, but unless the seaside is a must it has a lot to offer. It has miles of unspoilt countryside, attractive black and white villages and, of course, an abundance of cider and perry. Indeed, if perry is your drink you have certainly come to the best spot in the country. Many of the Herefordshire cider makers are very small and can really only be visited by prior arrangement, but some are open to visitors and will sell you some top quality cider and perry at a very reasonable price. My first recommendation is Newton Court, on the B6341 about 4 miles south of Leominster. This is a working farm with extensive orchards; their cider and perry is all made from their own fruit and although not sold as organic it is. Their shop is open during normal hours and has recently been extended into the adjoining barn where the cider is stored in oak casks on a long stillage. Some single varieties are made; Dabinett Cider and Winnels Longdon Perry are often available as are various blends.

Near the Welsh Border on the B4347 at Abbey Dore we find Gwatkins Cider. This is another working farm (mainly sheep) and Dennis Gwatkins, with his somewhat unkempt appearance, is one of the characters of the cider world. Most of his cider and perry is single variety and strong (7.5%); I particularly like his Yarlinton Mill Cider, dark brown and full of flavour. His Norman and Foxwhelp Ciders are good too, as is his Blakeney Red Perry. There is a farm shop and the cider / perry is sold either draught or bottled. Don't leave there without some meat, most of it is raised on the farm and it is of top quality; ideal for a barbeque.

Last but not least on this trip around Herefordshire is the Ross Cider & Perry Co. This is just off the A49 at Peterstow, about 3 miles out of Ross-on-Wye. The orchards here are well worth a tour, being very extensive with

a wide range of cider varieties being grown. All the cider / perry here is made from this fruit with the excess being sold to Bulmer's! The cider cellar here is classic; most of the ciders are blends but Mike Johnson does keep track of what varieties have gone into each cask. The cellar is open afternoons, also available are cream teas, evening meal (with cider, of course) and accommodation, but these must all be booked in advance. A cider / perry festival is held here in early September, showcasing cider / perry from Herefordshire and beyond.

## Derby Summer Festival

Back in Derby I hope that all of you have realized that the Derby Summer Festival, from July 11th to 15th at the Assembly Rooms is nearly upon us. CAMRA's National Cider and Perry judging championship has recently taken place at Reading and we hope to have various award winners from that event at Derby including the winning cider, Cornish Orchards and the winning perry, Gwatkins Blakeney Red. Mr Grundys, a very successful pub with their own brewery are trying their hand at cider making for the first time and we will have their cider. We hope to feature a couple of small cider makers from Leicestershire, Farmers Fear and Charnwood. As usual the main cider bar will be in the Great Hall with a supplementary cider bar (selling different ciders and perries) in the Darwin Suite. Many old favourites will be available. Hecks Kingston Black is a classic single apple variety cider and a multiple award winner, Naish's cider is a must if you like your cider dry and traditional and Westcroft Janet's Jungle Juice is back to its best. Of course Three Cats cider will be there, as will Wiscombe Suicider. Impaired Vision, a clear, smooth perry will be there as will Gwynt y Ddraig Pider (apples and pears fermented together). There are far too many to list them all here but the Derby CAMRA website has the full list. See you there.



# Scropton Cider

By Gillian Williams

At the CAMRA Derby Winter Beer Festival 2012 the Cider & Perry bar had Derbyshire made Scropton Cider's Doris Stokes Medium on sale. The producer, Dickie Allen, was present at the Trade Session on the Wednesday afternoon so, for the benefit of Derby Drinker readers, I travelled the short distance to the village of Scropton to meet Dickie and find out more about his cider.

It turns out CAMRA members Dickie & his wife Jacky Allen began making cider in 2004 when they were inspired by friends, Sue & Chris Rogers (who now make Three Cats Cider), when the two couples got together and pooled resources to make some cider. Everything was done manually, the scratting, the pressing and then a number of 5 gallon fermenters were filled with pressed juice & left to ferment out over the winter. Come Spring and sampling the results was surprisingly good - and even though the Rogers moved closer to Derby & began to produce independently - Dickie & Jacky had been bitten by the cider making bug.

After registering with HMRC as Producers, and investing in some better equipment the "hobby" expanded. Nine years on and Scropton Cider is a well thought of product with tried and trusted techniques used annually to create their tasty ciders. Dickie explains "We have posters in local pubs asking for fruit coupled and have had regular articles in local newspapers & on radio resulting in people bringing apples to us and joining us for pressing days. In 2010 we hosted Anne Davies for BBC East Midlands Today who joined us for a day's cider making that was then broadcast on the television as a 10 minute program for their Local Crafts feature. The cider produced was called 'Anned Made'."

The apples, once sorted and washed, are milled, pressed & initial fermentation takes place, open to the air, for 1 week. A maximum of 10% Bramleys are used to control the acidity level. No external yeast or sugar is used - only that which is present within the fruit. An

air lock is fitted then, come April/May, the fermented cider is racked off the lees, sealed and stored. Annually 250/300 gallons is produced and sweetening is done using artificial sweeteners.

Dickie sums his approach to cider up "Cider is cider. It's made with apples & you don't want to add anything to it. The way we make it has been good enough for hundreds of years & for the old producers."

If prearranged you can even take your apples along in the Autumn and spend a very enjoyable day pressing with Scropton Cider. Even the local rare breed pig farmer benefits from Scropton Cider as the left over pressed fruit pulp goes to feed the pigs.

The Allen's sense of humour shows through with the names of their ciders: Three Piece Sweet; Pig Winker Dry, a summer seasonal 7.5% Scorchers Cider & the current Bronze Award Winning East Midlands Cider, Doris Stokes Medium.

Currently, Scropton Cider is licenced for wholesale only and a number of pubs do regularly stock it including: The Falstaff, The Flowerpot & The Peacock in Derby; The Coopers and the Lord Burton (Wetherspoons) in Burton; The Old Poets at Ashover; The Poet & Castle in Codnor and The Princess Victoria in Matlock Bath, along with various CAMRA Festivals.

Scropton supply pubs with their ciders in 5 gallon tubs or a bag-in-a-box system, which is usually a 20 litre box. This is a bit like a wine box, and new for 2012 they are hoping to be doing 10 and 5 litre boxes as well. A 5 litre box holds about 8 pints by the way which is a handy size for meeting up with friends, taking to BBQ's etc.

**Wassail Scropton**







## Branch Diary

► **Saturday, 16th June, 7.30pm** from Ripley Market Place, free bus surveying pubs in Belper Lane End, Makeney, Milford and Alderwasley. For Belper and Alfreton pick-ups, please contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 or [mick.wallis@btinternet.com](mailto:mick.wallis@btinternet.com)

► **Thursday, 28th June, 8.30pm**, branch meeting at Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper.

► **Saturday, 30th June, 11.30am**, "Amber Ramble" from John Flamsteed School, Denby to Thorn Tree, Waingroves, Beehive, Peasehill and Talbot, Ripley beer festival. Contact Jane, above, for further details.

► **Saturday, 21st July, 7.30pm** from Ripley Market Place, free bus surveying pubs in Swanwick, Leabrooks and Somercotes. For Belper and Alfreton pick-ups, please contact Jane, above.

► **Thursday, 26th July, 8.30pm**, branch meeting at Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley.

## Marquis re-opens

The Marquis of Ormonde

on Codnor Denby Lane has reopened following a £120,000 refurbishment. The pub has been shut since June last year but has now been smartly re-fitted. It will be predominantly food-led but Real Ales may feature.



## WETHERSPOON VOUCHERS

The Thorn Tree, Waingroves, Ripley, has joined the Thorn Tree, Market Place, Ripley, in accepting members' J D Wetherspoon vouchers for discounted real ale.



## DENBY STABLES BAR LEFT LASTING LEGACY

The Leadmill Old Stables Bar

(pictured) at the magnificent, old Park Hall, Denby, was a magnet for beer buffs between 2003 and 2007. The isolated Leadmill brewery tap opened only at weekends but the allure of a rustic bar with home brewed beer and guests ensured its popularity, which culminated in two Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year awards. Its creators, the Creightons, had to call time however, following a disagreement with the Park Hall landlord. By this point the Creightons had established the **Old Oak**, with the Horsley Woodhouse hostelry adjudged CAMRA Regional Pub of the Year in 2009. Reaching the last 16 in the national finals was the catalyst for the Oak's weekend beer festival bar, named RuRAD



(Rural Real Ale Drinkers), in deference to a group of local ale enthusiasts; some of whom helped run it. The success of these ventures sparked the opening of the Stable Bar at the **Red Lion**, Fritchley (pictured), and in Derby, the **Silk Mill** launched the appropriately named John Lombe bar, redolent of the stable bar

concept, augmenting at weekends, an already fine range of beers. Last year saw the former brew house at the **Exeter Arms** converted into the Herbert Spencer server where ales, additional to Dancing Duck, may be sampled at the weekend on the pleasant patio.

The Diamond Jubilee weekend saw the entrepreneurial Mark Showers welcome his first customers to the Old Slaughterhouse bar at the back of the **Hunter Arms**, Kilburn. Nine changing ales of varying styles and strengths are dispensed here at £3, £1.50 and £1 for a pint, half and third pint measures. Card carrying CAMRA members receive 20p a pint discount (10p a half) and, on Mondays, any remaining beer is £2.30 a pint. Two traditional ciders are also available. Another Amber Valley pub, the GBG listed **Beehive** at Peasehill, Ripley, is currently having a stable style annexe fitted out by long serving licensee, Steve Cresswell, who hopes to have the **Honey Pot** up and running in July. As with the micro-brewery revolution, the preponderance of "stables" bars would have been unforeseeable less than ten years ago.

## 1st STRUTTFFEST

Paul, the enterprising steward of Belper's **Strutt Club** (pictured), on Campbell Street, is hosting his first beer festival between 14th and 17th June, and it promises to be a good one. The former Conservative Club will feature 14 real ales and 3 ciders in the ground floor function room and main, upstairs bar. It starts at 7pm on the Thursday with live music on Friday and Saturday and non-members will be most welcome. Food will be served at all sessions. Speaking of Strutts, if you're in Belper during the daytime, why not call in at the Fresh Basil delicatessen which has Strutt Street Bitter brewed by Wentwell. The Chaddesden brewery's bottled beers can also be found at Belper's Liquid Treasure off licence.



## RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL

The musical line-up for the 3rd festival at Butterley Station, Ripley, between 27th and 30th September, has been confirmed, and the Black Bulls Head at Openwoodgate has kindly offered to sponsor the glasses. Over 100 beers, ciders, perries and fruit wines will feature, and steam trains will run on Saturday and Sunday. All Fired Up and Whiskey Bob Shaker will get proceedings underway on Thursday evening, and on Friday night Pesky Alligators will support Jalapenos. Ripley Morris Men exhibit their traditional dance on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday night, tribute acts will pay homage to two of the greatest bands to have graced popular music in the last half-century. Firstly, Fab 2 will mimic the Fab Four (The Beatles) and this year's headline act is Flash, who will pay tribute to Queen. CAMRA members receive admission concessions at all sessions, and advance tickets for Friday and Saturday evenings are available from: **Butterley Station, Talbot Taphouse, Hunter Arms, Victoria, Alfreton, and main sponsors, the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate.** Online ticket purchases may be made with credit/debit cards [www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk](http://www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk) Alternatively, telephone 01773 570140. Paul Falconer has succeeded Paul Gibson as festival Treasurer, and preparations for the festival are going well.



# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

By Mick Golds

## BUTCHERS TAKES SEASONAL AWARD

On the evening of Monday April 16th a small gathering of Camra members presented the seasonal winter award to the **Butchers Arms**, Langley. This former Hardy & Hansons house had been closed for several years but is now open again as free house supporting Leadmill, Bottlebrook and guest beers. This is another addition to the Real Ale scene in the Heanor, Langley Mill and Marlpool areas making it well worth a visit with convenient bus services from Derby, Ilkeston and Nottingham.



▲ Chairman, Steve Boa presents Chris Turner of the Butchers Arms with the Seasonal CAMRA Award.

## MILD IN MAY

On Saturday May 12th a group of us started a Mild crawl at the **Red Lion**, Heanor. After sampling Falstaff Rod Stewart Mild at a special price given to CAMRA members on the day it was off to the **Marlpool Brewery tap**. They had their own Mild on, Blind Boris, a proper low gravity mild at 3.7. We then moved next door to the **Queens Head** to sample Castle Rock Black Gold before setting off to Ilkeston. At the **Dewdrop** we tried Otter Mild fetched by Jack all the way from Devon. We then called at the **Poacher** and **Spanish Bar** where Rod Stewart Mild was on again. Finally we finished off the day at the **General Havelock** trying 'A Bit of the Black Stuff' from Springhead.

## SKITTLES SUCCESS

A social evening was held recently at the **Hole in the Wall**, Long Eaton and featured a return skittle match against Mansfield Branch. It was won this time by Erewash Branch and a good time was had by everybody who attended. Thanks to Kevin for hosting the event, sorry we missed it.

## EREWASH VALLEY PUB CENSUS

On Saturday 28th April several dedicated members of our Branch visited all the pubs in our area from Loscoe & Heanor in the north to Long Eaton & Sawley in the south. Every pub was visited whether they had Real Ale or not, all the information gathered will be collated by Martin and be forwarded to H.Q. All in all a very interesting day calling in some very interesting local pubs not normally frequented by real ale drinkers, what a difference one real ale would have made.

## CAMRA DISCOUNTS

Pubs offering discount off Real Ale to card carrying members:-

- **The Poacher** - Ilkeston  
15p of a pint
- **Seven Oaks** - Stanton  
20p off a pint
- **General Havelock** - Ilkeston & **Queens Head** - Marlpool  
20p off a pint and 10p off a half of Real Ale and Cider
- **The Barge** - Long Eaton  
10p off a pint, 5p off a half.

## FUTURE DATES

### ► MEETINGS

**2nd July**  
Inn the Middle Langley Mill

**6th August**  
Stumble Long Eaton

**3rd September**  
All 8.30pm starts.

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

### ► SOCIAL EVENTS

**June 30th - Trip to Belper via Openwoodgate.**  
Meet Derby bus station 11.00am Bay 20 for the 7's  
Mick Golds 0115 9328042 or 07887 788785.

**23rd July - Morris Men** are at the Spanish Bar, Ilkeston as is the September 3rd Meeting

## PUBS NEWS

We welcome New Managers and Landlords at the following:-

**Lockstone** and **Twitchell** Long Eaton; **Travellers Rest**, Draycott; **Red Lion**, Sandiacre and **Rutland Cottage**, Ilkeston.

**The Durham Ox** in Ilkeston maybe about to come a proposed food outlet (rumoured?).

# Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

The Ashbourne & District Sub Branch of CAMRA is now up and running after a couple of meetings in Ashbourne and one in Wirksworth.

The area that the Sub Branch covers falls under the postcodes of DE6 1 & DE6 2 (Derbyshire parts). There wasn't sufficient interest from Wirksworth members to join the new Branch but other postcode areas around Ashbourne may be added in due course.

The new Branch intends to be a predominately Social Branch and will organise regular socials and trips. It will also hold Monthly Branch Meetings on the last Tuesday of each Month.

The next one will be held at the Horns in Ashbourne on Tuesday 26th June at 8pm and all members in the area are welcome to attend.

The Branch also has a page on the Derby CAMRA website which will be used to keep members informed of all upcoming social dates. If you wish to find out more about the new Branch then contact the Chairman, Dave Leigh on 01335 300809 or e-mail DAVELEIGH707@hotmail.com





# CAMRA LOCAL<sup>e</sup>

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  
Old Silk Mill  
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

## 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)  
**Strutt Club (Belper) NEW!**  
Talbot Taphouse (Ripley)  
Tavern (Belper)  
Waggon & Horses (Alfreton)

## SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)  
Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)  
Green Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel) (Melbourne)  
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  
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
Crown & Cushion, Derby	10p off a pint
Five Lamps, Derby	20p off a pint
Furnace, Derby	20p off a pint
George & Dragon, Belper	20p off a pint
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Mr Grundy's, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
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

The Barge Inn, Long Eaton	10p off a pint, 5p off a half on all real ales and real ciders
General Havelock, Ilkeston	20p off a pint, 10p off a half on all real ales and real ciders
Poacher, Ilkeston	15p off a pint
Queens Head, Marpool	20p off a pint, 10p off a half on all real ales and real ciders
Seven Oaks, Stanton by Dale	20p off a pint
Derby Real Ale Tours	10% off each tour

## Doveridge gets its pub back



The Cavendish Arms in Doveridge reopened recently after a £200,000 revamp by Punch Taverns. The revamp includes full internal and external refurbishments and it will specialise in food and cask ales. The pub is a grade 11 listed building and dates back to the early 19th century.

## FREE advertising for pubs joining the CAMRA DISCOUNT PUBS 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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# Dear Toper...

## Turning Base Metal into Gold

Consider! Dear Toper, the recent post-budget, media led, hysteria, surrounding the "social evils", caused by the low pricing of certain alcohol products (usually lager and gut rot cider) by some leading supermarket chains, which will no doubt, courtesy of taxation, result in higher prices being charged in our already overpriced pubs, whilst supermarkets continue to sell cheap booze regardless - such is the perverse logic of our twisted political class. (One cannot help but think, that if some of the budgets of the last decade had been put under such intense scrutiny as the last one - particularly by the broadcast media - we might not be in the financial mess we are, however I digress). During the recent hysteria, one television reporter expressed her shock and horror, upon learning that in some supermarkets certain alcohol products were cheaper than bottled water! The real scandal however, which she somehow failed to notice, wasn't so much the low price of crap lager, but the ridiculously overpriced bottled water! If you can con a gullible public into believing that something that falls out of the sky for free is a luxury item, you've gone one better than those ancient alchemists who tried hard, but never succeeded in turning base metals into gold.

And it's not just "bottled" water: remember that television advert a few years ago, showing a tap dripping banknotes? The thing is Dear Toper, if their "product" (for want of a better word) is as valuable as they like to pretend, surely the water companies would be much more concerned about the millions of gallons lost from their leaking pipes! And as for the recent so called "drought", when we nearly ran out of umbrellas - well, words almost fail me! Anyone who has endured a camping holiday in the U.K. knows that there is no lack of rainfall in Britain as a whole, which is why there is nearly always within easy staggering distance of a campsite, a pub, wherein huddle, cold, damp and distressed campers, anxiously watching the ever advancing clock and dreading those awful, inevitable words, "Time Gentlemen please!" heralding their impending expulsion into the relentless deluge, grimly clutching their real ale carryouts. Poor devils, having finally settled down for the night in the gloom of their fetid canvas cells, they will soon no doubt be awakened by frantic cries imploring them to evacuate the campsite, as the nearby



river (there is always one within flooding distance of a campsite) is about to break its banks. - Oh! The joys of the British Summer!

The only part of the country that doesn't seem to capture sufficient rainfall for its needs is the South East, and I would humbly suggest that that it is not because of endless hot, dry, "barbeque" summers, that only exist in the fevered imaginations of climate change extremists; it is because demand has outstripped supply in that part of the country - in other words water provision hasn't kept pace with population growth. Despite a ten per cent increase in the U.K.'s population in the last twenty years (the majority of the increase living in

the Greater London area) reservoir capacity has hardly risen during the same period of time. It doesn't take a genius to work out the reason for any perceived water shortage thereabouts, and with the U.K.'s population likely to rise by another ten per cent by the middle of the century (again the majority of the increase will probably be resident in the Greater London area) water rationing might one day be an everyday reality for people in the nation's capital, which, in a country that has as much annual rainfall as ours does, would be a national disgrace, but of course letting demand outstrip supply by not improving or maintaining infrastructure would be one way of turning a plentiful resource into a rarity and thereby rendering it more expensive - turning base metal into gold.

I recall a quote from the great brewing magnate Sir Michael Thomas Bass 1799 - 1844. When confronted by a Temperance zealot, who enquired as to what he might be doing to help the "Cause", Bass famously, replied that his beers were "Allus well-watered, Sir", a far more costly procedure nowadays alas!

Consider that Dear Toper.

D.T.

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It will be launched on **26th June** at a Diesel Gala at the EVR and on the very same day there will be a food and drink event in Wirksworth which will involve the presence of three local breweries.



## Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

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

Here is a list of forthcoming events:

### ► JUNE

**Saturday 16th - Dancing Duck Brewery Tour**  
6pm at the Brewery.

**Friday 22nd - Summer Survey**  
Thulston, Aston, Weston. Ingleby. By Free Mini Bus - 7.30 pick-up Cathedral Green, Derby.

**Tuesday 26th - Social**  
**Babington Arms**, Derby (8.30pm), **Crompton Tavern**, Derby (9.30pm).

**Friday 29th - Social - Derby Rowing Club Beer Festival**  
Get out and enjoy the **Olympic Torch** in Derby and convene at the Rowing Club Beer Festival, Darley Park.

### ► JULY

**Wednesday 4th - Branch Meeting & EGM**  
Thomas Leaper, Iron Gate, Derby - 8pm.

**Wednesday 11th - Sunday 15th - 35th City Charter Beer Festival**, Assembly Rooms, Derby.

### ► AUGUST

**Thursday 9th - Branch Meeting**  
Crown & Cushion, Midland Road, Derby - 8pm.

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



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# Crossword

No.29 by Wrenrutt

## ► ACROSS

- 1 Won't pincer movement reveals where Dartmoor IPA is brewed (10)
- 6 A male deer which starts an Essex brewery, and its IPA (4)
- 8 & 24 A drive-thru pub, in Dronfield? (5.3.6)
- 9 A prelate's habitual drink from Wadworth's (6)
- 10 A healthy downpour, by the sound of it (4)
- 11 Hell to pay cad for female church part (4.6)
- 12 Share out fairly, with beer, as an underlying justification (9)
- 14 Derbyshire's Valley Bitter producer shows caution (5)
- 17 Church official starts on a Downton Brewery bitter (5)
- 19 She came to her senses in the old naval dockyard and Red Lion town in Sheppey (9)
- 22 Solemn, mute about profits from employment (10)
- 23 Clerical element of Beachy Head Brewing Company's village
- 24 See 8
- 25 Unnecessary, so won't require so much (8)
- 26 Dutch liqueur producer based, initially, in Bolsover (4)
- 27 Thames-side film studios and Barley Mow town (10)

## ▼ DOWN

- 1 Sleaford's Wetherspoon's, or Little Longstone inn (9)
- 2 A Greek resident of ancient Italy (7)
- 3 A gin and lime for online communicating? Ridiculous! (1-7)
- 4 Derby's oldest, and pleasant, city centre pub (4.7.4)
- 5 Once it is rearranged it might tell you something
- 6 Golden Braid session bitter's brewer
- 7 Wake-up call, left out, is about to ease a burden (7)
- 13 Perfectionist in thought and catalogues (9)
- 15 Mixed selection in USSR gin in Sheffield's Nether Green Abbeydale pub (6.3)
- 16 Slumber when there's rapid eye movements (8)

## Solutions to Crossword No. 28

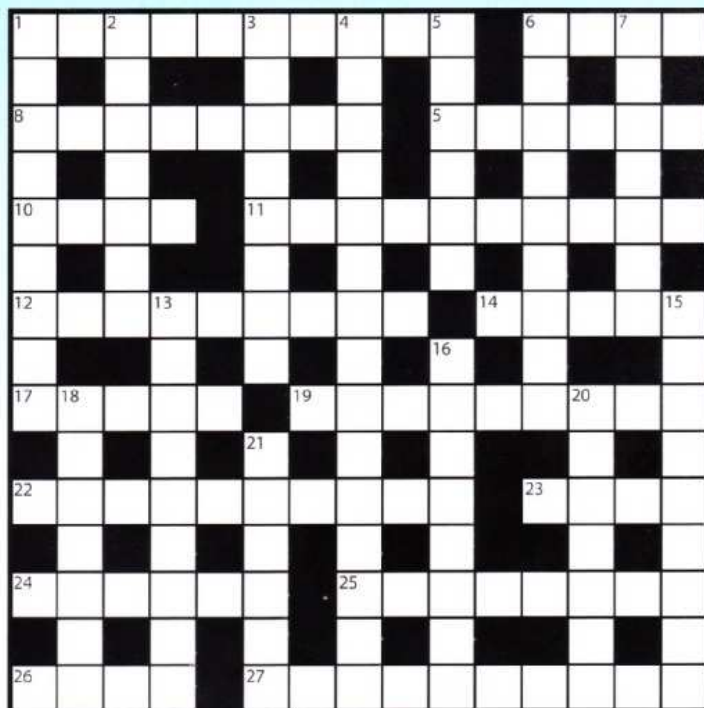
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### ► ACROSS

1. BULL FIDDLE
6. MOTE
8. ENGENDER
9. ARDBEG
10. MITE
11. COMPETITOR
12. NARRATION
14. SKILL
17. YOUNG
19. OBVIATION
22. MEDICAMENT
23. AGES
24. GEMINI
25. ENDURING
26. DEAN
27. FLY-BY-NIGHT

### ▼ DOWN

1. BEER MONEY
2. LIGHTER
3. INDICATE
4. DARTMOOR BREWERY
5. ERASER
6. MID-WICKET
7. TREFOIL
13. RENDITION
15. LONGSIGHT
16. BIRTHDAY
18. OVEREYE
20. INGOING
21. TARIFF



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