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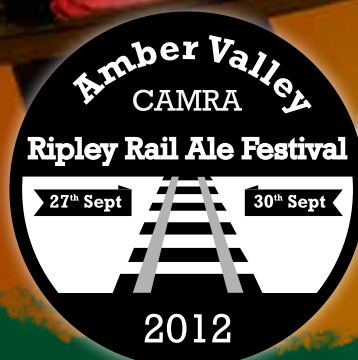
"Cheers!"

## RIPLY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL

aka THE AMBER VALLEY BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

Thursday 27th September to Sunday 30th September

# STEAMS INTO TOWN



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# QUEEN TRIBUTE HEADLINES RAIL ALE FESTIVAL IN JUBILEE YEAR

Flash, the Queen tribute band, will headline on Saturday night at the **3rd Amber Valley CAMRA Rail Ale Festival** at Butterley Station, Ripley between Thursday, 27th and Sunday, 30th September.



In the 1970s and 80s, Queen, led by the incomparable Freddie Mercury, were one of the most innovative bands on the planet with

the their lethal brand of hard rock exhibited in songs such as Tie Your Mother Down and Hammer To Fall. They also had a softer, more melodic side which came through in You're My Best Friend and It's a Kind of Magic. Flash have built up a formidable reputation in their replication of the extensive Queen catalogue, which includes the classic Bohemian Rhapsody.

Supporting Flash on Saturday in the marquee will be the Fab 2 who pay homage to the Fab Four (The Beatles). The sublime music of the 20thC's pre-eminent band requires no comment.

There will be over **100 lip smacking real ales, ciders, perries, fruit wines** and food at the event, whose main sponsor is the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, and which has already, in just two years, built up a reputation as a "must visit" festival. This year, in addition to special festival brews, we hope to feature some newer breweries that will be unfamiliar to many, including Hop Fuzz, the West Hythe, Kent brewery. Chilli Pepper Events will be the main caterer and they come with many commendations. Steam trains will be running during Saturday and Sunday daytime.

All Fired Up and Whiskey Bob Shaker get proceedings underway on Thursday evening, and Friday sees the Pesky Alligators supporting Jalapenos, the rock n' rollers who boast of not one, but three front men! Should be entertaining. The perennially popular tradition of Morris Men dancing will be to the fore on Saturday afternoon, and for those who just want a quiet pint, two railway carriages will house some of the many fine beers on offer.

Admission concessions are available to CAMRA members at all sessions, though Sunday lunchtime will be free admission with remaining beer at £2 a pint. Advance tickets for Friday and Saturday nights are available from: Butterley Station, Talbot Taphouse, Ripley, Hunter Arms, Kilburn, 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. The Trent Barton nines bus service conveniently goes direct from Derby to just outside the festival site.

**If you are able to spare some time in helping us to staff the event, our staffing officer, Phil Marshall, would like to hear from you. Please contact Phil at [avbstaffing@gmail.com](mailto:avbstaffing@gmail.com) or 'phone/text Phil 07828 197795.**



## ► DERBY DRINKER SUPPORTING LOCAL CAMRA BEER FESTIVALS...





**Thursday 27th September to Sunday 30th September**

**At the Midland Railway - Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 3QZ**  
**Housed in Railway Carriages & Marquee**  
**Over 100 Beers, Ciders, Perries & Fruit Wines**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Thursday Evening: All Fired Up plus Whiskey Bob Shaker**  
**Friday Evening: The Jalapenos plus Pesky Alligators**  
**Saturday Lunch: The Ripley Morris Men**  
**Saturday Evening: PLUS QUEEN TRIBUTE The Fab Two**

**Sunday Lunch: No Entertainment - All beer remaining £2/pint**  
**FRI & SAT EVENING TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:**  
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 • The Victoria Inn, Alfreton • The Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, Belper •  
 Or online with credit or debit cards at:  
**[www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk](http://www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk)**  
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**Hot food, snacks & soft drinks on sale**  
**For times & prices see flyers or go to: [www.derbycamra.org/ambervalley](http://www.derbycamra.org/ambervalley)**  
CAMRA members get concessions at all sessions, see website or What's Brewing.  
 A booking fee will be added to internet ticket purchases. R.O.A.B. All details may change without notice.  
 See MR-B timetable for times & cost of train rides. Fares extra to admission. 18+ Only.

**Steam Trains Running Sat & Sun**





**Westgate Suite, Clifford Street (near The Twitchell), Long Eaton**

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Admission-before 6pm £2 after 6pm £3.50  
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**Entertainment**  
 'Rebel Rebel' (Friday)  
 'Verbal Warning' (Saturday)  
 from 8.00pm

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 website at: [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

# CROWDS FLOCK TO THE

# DERBY CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL



**What an excellent year it has been for Derby City Charter Beer Festival! The event ran 11th-15th July and saw a total of 34487 pints of ale, Cider and Continental drinks sold. Records were broken with 142 new members signing up to CAMRA and it was the busiest EVER Saturday lunch time with 2035 visitors through the door! Total attendance was 9684.**

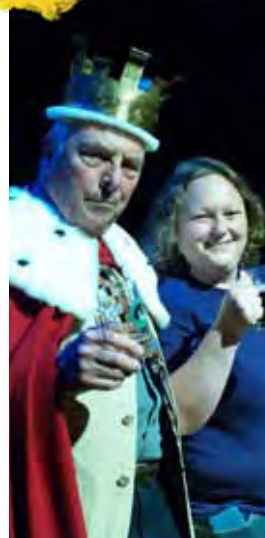
Needless to say the event did not run completely smooth, the Darwin suite was closed Wednesday evening due to problems with the beer lines. However due to the high attendance all the ale in the Darwin was sold out by Saturday tea time!

Commemorative glasses sold out on Saturday lunch and there was a mad dash to get more hire glasses for the evening session. Local breweries supplied racked bright ale at short notice to assist with the increased demand which meant that there was a selection of ales available for the Saturday evening & Sunday lunch time.



**Local charities including Derbyshire Wildlife Trust were thrilled to receive donations in excess of £3500.**

A huge thank you goes out to the 250 volunteers who worked tirelessly to turn the festival into the huge success that it was. Next year the committee will really have their work cut out with the increasing number of visitors!



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Ciders, BBQ and  
live music



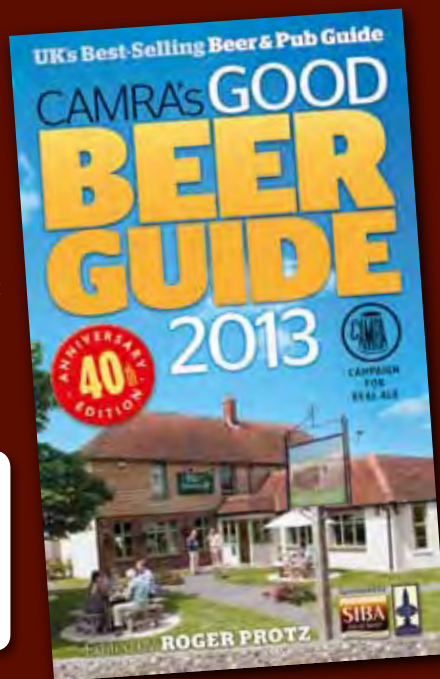
## GOOD BEER GUIDE 2013... AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER!

The *Good Beer Guide 2013* is the 40th edition of CAMRA's best-selling beer and pub guide. Fully updated with the input of over 140,000 members of the Campaign for Real Ale, the Guide is indispensable for beer lovers young and old. This edition includes:

- Details of 4,500 real ale pubs around the UK
- Easy-to-use listings that make it simple to find a great pub and a good pint nationwide
- The only complete listing of all the UK's real ale breweries available in print in the special 'Breweries Section'
- A 'Beer Index' that helps you find your very own perfect pint wherever it is available

Buying the book direct from CAMRA helps us campaign to support and protect real ale, cider & perry and pubs and pub-goers.

**The RRP is £15.99 although it is available a lot cheaper from selected local pubs. £11 mail order for CAMRA Members**



### NEW!

#### Take the *Good Beer Guide* with you wherever you go!

The *Good Beer Guide* mobile app is available from the iPhone AppStore and the Android Play Store and is the perfect way to find great pubs serving the best beer while on the move.

The new *Good Beer Guide* e-Book will be out in September for all ePUB compatible devices with full-colour imagery and direct web and email links (where supported). You can find out more at [www.camra.org.uk/gbg](http://www.camra.org.uk/gbg)

▶ To find out which local pubs are stocking it log on to [www.derbycamra.org.uk](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)

## ▶ NEW POLICY WILL HELP SAVE PUBS

**The National Planning Policy Framework – not words likely to get anyone's pulse racing are they? Yet this new document is a powerful weapon in the battle to protect our beleaguered pubs.**

Over recent years, we've lost huge numbers of pubs through conversion to housing and other uses needing planning permission. When Councils consider planning applications, they must take into account not only their detailed local policies but also the broader national policies. Until March 2012, those national policies occupied a legion of documents totalling over 1000 pages. Some policies were vaguely helpful to pubs, albeit mainly rural ones.

The new Framework sweeps away this complex set of rules, replacing them with just 52 pages of policy guidance. Thanks to intensive lobbying by CAMRA, this new guidance includes national policies which are potentially very helpful to community facilities like pubs. Most importantly, Councils are told to "guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services" which

specifically includes community pubs. What's also crucial is that these rules apply to all pubs, urban and rural.

Councils must have in place, by March 2013, local planning policies consistent with the Framework; in the meantime, Framework policies should generally be applied.

So what does all this mean if your local is threatened by an unwanted planning application? You should object to the Council, of course, but when doing so, make sure to refer to the relevant policies in the Framework. If you can show that loss of the pub would reduce the local community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs, then the Council should refuse the application. CAMRA has produced an advice note on the best wording to use and this can be found, along with much other information on planning issues, at [www.camra.org.uk/](http://www.camra.org.uk/)

nppf or if you would like any of these documents posted to you then please phone CAMRA's Campaigns Officer Claire Cain on 01727 798 454.

The Framework is already making an impact. Councils in Cambridge and the Fylde have used it to refuse planning applications to convert pubs to houses. In those cases, the applicants have appealed against the refusal and, in each case, the Government inspector, considering the appeal, has dismissed it largely because approval would run counter to Framework policies.

Sadly, not every development adversely affecting pubs needs planning consent – conversion to a restaurant or a shop for instance. CAMRA is campaigning hard to get planning law changed in these areas. In the meantime, the new Framework is very much a step in the right direction.

**If you have any issues regarding a campaign to save a local pub in your area please contact CAMRA's Local Planning Policy Advisor Paul Ainsworth on [paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk](mailto:paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk) or go to [camra.org.uk/nppf](http://camra.org.uk/nppf)**

## National Cask Ale Week

This year's National Cask Ale Week will run from **28th September to 7th October** and promote Cask Ale throughout the Country. All pubs are encouraged to take part and run events throughout the week. Promotional material is available to order from the CAMRA website [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

## Please Sign the Beer Tax e-Petition

If you haven't already done so, please sign the online e-petition today: [www.saveyourpint.co.uk](http://www.saveyourpint.co.uk) We need 100,000 signatures to trigger a high profile Parliamentary debate and pressure the Government ahead of the Budget in 2013. We currently have about 80,000 signatures so every new signature counts. **SCRAP THE BEER DUTY ESCALATOR!**

## CAMRA's 27th National Breweriana Auction


(See advert on page 7)

Ever fancied owning a slice of brewing history? Then CAMRA's National Breweriana Auction is just the thing. Returning to Burton on Trent's Town Hall on **Saturday 6th October**, it again promises over 150 interesting auction lots; everything from mirrors to trays; wall signs, bottles and books. If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, the auction is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get some great bargains plus many of the items on sale can appreciate in value. And, of course, like any CAMRA event, there is some good beer on sale all day. The event starts at 11am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there. Bidding starts at 12.30pm. Entrance is by catalogue (£2.50), available on the day, or £3.50 in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 01923 211654 (answerphone) or [baustin@supanet.com](mailto:baustin@supanet.com). If you can't get there, postal bids are accepted, just contact Bill.




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## ► May Mild Month Success

Organisers of the recent Derby & Amber Valley Mild Trail have declared it a real success with pubs across the board showing an increase in sales of mild during May. With over 22 pubs on the trail there was plenty to go at and a lot of tasty milds were available around the area. Those who returned their trail forms got a free pint of mild and also voted for the Best Mild Pub and Best Mild available. Derby CAMRA's winning pub was the **Alexandra Hotel** on Siddals Road with **Falstaff's 'Brian May'** being voted the best mild in the Derby area. While Amber Valley CAMRA's winner was the **Beehive**, Peasehill, Ripley with **Holdens Black Country Mild** taking the best Mild in Amber Valley title. Congratulations to all the winners and if you would like your pub to take part in next year's trail then just drop an e-mail to [mildmonth@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:mildmonth@derbycamra.org.uk)

## ► Little Chester Ale House gets the Go Ahead

Last time Derby Drinker reported on the fight to get Derby's first micro pub off the ground with strong opposition from local residents. Well we are delighted to announce that the City Council has now given it the green light thanks to some equally as strong support from real ale enthusiasts and CAMRA members around the area. **The Little Chester Ale House** will be set in a former dry cleaners on Chester Green and work will be taking place over the next few months to convert it into a micro pub. Majoring on real ale from micro breweries, the tiny pub will open Thursday to Sunday, closing at 10pm each night and should prove a welcome addition to the Real Ale scene in the area.



## Have you SCORED today?

**So - you've been to the pub and sampled some delicious real ale. What do you do now? How can other CAMRA members benefit from your thoughts?**

You can log on to [www.beerscoring.org.uk](http://www.beerscoring.org.uk) with your CAMRA login details and record the pub and your score for their beer.

This system is called NBSS or the National Beer Scoring System, and exists for CAMRA Members to record their beer scores.

These beer scores are used by CAMRA branches to judge the beer quality of pubs in their branch. The top scoring pubs are considered by branches for inclusion in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide.

**CAMRA NBSS: [www.beerscoring.org.uk](http://www.beerscoring.org.uk)**

Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mem.No: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Pub: \_\_\_\_\_ Score/Price \_\_\_\_\_

Beer: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Beer: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Beer: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**0 Undrinkable** - no real ale or had to be taken back  
**1 Poor** - barely drinkable  
**2 Average**  
**3 Good** - good beer in good condition  
**4 Very Good** - excellent beer in excellent condition  
**5 Perfect** - awarded very rarely  
 \*Half points allowed

You don't just have to stick to your own branch area - you can score all over the country as you travel around - giving visits to far flung places a new and interesting element.

So next time you're in the pub, keep a note of your scores and submit them online - then relax, certain that you have scored!



# CAMRA

is pleased to announce the

## 27<sup>th</sup> National Breweriana Auction

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012**  
**Burton Town Hall**  
 King Edward Place  
 Burton-on-Trent DE14 2EB

**Breweriana Stands**  
 Doors open at 11am  
 Bidding start at 12.30pm  
 Entrance by catalogue:  
**£2.50 on the day; £3.50 in advance**  
**Over 100 lots**

For further details contact: Bill Austin: 01923 211654  
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[www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)  
 Postal bids accepted







## It's a Perfect TEN



As reported last time, Derby saw its tenth brewery come on line recently as Hartshorns launched on Alfreton Road set up by brothers Darren & Lindsey Hartshorn (pictured with the Mayor).

The first beer to be run off the six barrel plant was Highgate Bitter, a tasty 4.3% brew which was available at the Mayor's reception for the welcome home Parade of the 2nd Battalion Mercian Regiment. As a thank you the Mayor paid a special visit to the brewery to see the set-up.

For the record the other nine Derby breweries are: Black Iris; Brunswick; Dancing Duck; Derby; Derventio; Falstaff; Middle Earth; Rowditch and Wentwell with number 11 set to be launched later in the year when the Furnace strikes up its copper.





## The Newdigate Arms

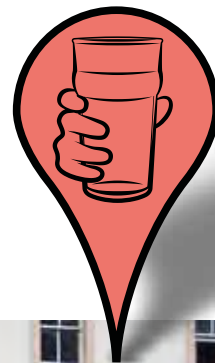
The Newdigate Arms in West Hallam has re-opened following a £300,000 refurbishment by pub company Punch Taverns. The makeover includes an extension to the dining area, full internal



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decoration and a separate seating area with sofas for comfortable drinking. New outdoor furniture has also been added. The pub will cater mainly for diners and families and beer from the Punch range will feature.

## PUTTING THE CROWN AND CUSHION ON THE MAP



If you should care to venture into the **Crown and Cushion** (on the corner of Midland Road and London Road, Derby) nowadays, you might well recognize a couple of familiar faces behind the bar, for Heather and Ian Smith, the new licensees are former stalwarts of Derby Rowing Club, whereat Ian (along with Dan Smith) was instrumental in introducing the now familiar range of real ales, including a changing guest ale, some years ago. Ian, ably assisted by his wife Heather, is now hoping to put the Crown and Cushion on Derby's Real Ale Map, and considering his track record there is every chance that he will succeed. The couple have already brightened the place up with their friendly attitude and also brought a homely feel to the pub, something that was missing in the past. Well worth a visit!

*Peter Elliot*

## Merlin Flies into Derby



The former Pride Park pub in Derby has re-opened after Brewer and pub operator Greene King spent a six-figure sum on refurbishing it. The pub has been called **The Merlin** after the famous engine made by Rolls Royce which powered RAF fighter aircraft, such as the Spitfire, during the Battle of Britain. It will be one of their Hungry Horse chain which will be mainly food orientated and cater for families. Beer will be from the standard Greene King range.



## MELBOURNE BEER FESTIVAL GETS CLOSER

The 1st Melbourne Beer Festival will take place from **9th-11th November 2012** in the Assembly Rooms and plans are now moving at pace. It will feature over 50 Real Ales & Ciders as well as entertainment on Friday & Saturday evenings. More details next time.

## The Harrington Arms

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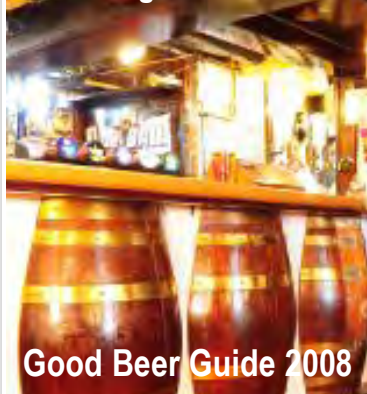
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**Borrowing a line from that famous Beatles song perhaps best describes Derby's vibrant and lively music scene these days where **FREE live music** can be found every day of the week around the City's Real Ale pubs. Why not check a few out:-**

☑ **Monday Evenings**  
FURNACE INN - Open mic

☑ **Tuesday Evenings**  
BREWERY TAP - Open mic  
OLD SILK Mill - Open mic

☑ **Wednesday Evenings**  
EXETER - Acoustic  
RYANS BAR - Open mic  
FLOWERPOT - Acoustic  
HORSE & GROOM - Jazz  
(last Wed of the Month)

☑ **Thursday Evenings**  
OLD SILK MILL - Acoustic  
BRUNSWICK - Jazz

WARDWICK - Acoustic  
NEW ZEALAND ARMS -  
Open mic

☑ **Friday Evenings**  
HORSE & GROOM -  
Groups  
OLD DOLPHIN - Acoustic  
SLUG AND LETTUCE -  
Groups (last Fri of the  
Month)

☑ **Saturday Evenings**  
EXETER ARMS - Acoustic  
& Groups  
GREYHOUND - Acoustic &  
Groups

☑ **HORSE & GROOM -**  
Groups  
NEW ZEALAND ARMS -  
Acoustic  
PEACOCK - Acoustic  
(Summer Months)

☑ **Sunday Lunch**  
OLD SILK MILL - Acoustic  
FIVE LAMPS - Acoustic

☑ **Sunday Evenings**  
BREWERY TAP - Acoustic

"Thanks to Reg  
Newcombe for the  
RAMS drawings"

*So if you fancy a decent pint of Real Ale and some **FREE** live music you now know where to go. And if your pub is not listed here and serves Real Ale and has **FREE** live music on then drop me a line [RAMS@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:RAMS@derbycamra.org.uk) and I'll give you a plug next time...*



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# DERBY'S BEER FESTIVAL HEAVEN

Over the next few months Derby pubs will be putting on a veritable feast of Real Ales and Ciders at their Annual Beer Festivals...

The August Bank Holiday sees not one but two as the Flowerpot and the Exeter go head to head. **The Pot Fest (Aug 23-26)** will feature over 40 Real Ales from Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire with live music most nights while the **Ex-Fest (Aug 24-27)** will feature 12 ales in the outside Herbert Spencer bar with additional beers on the main bar and live music on the Saturday and Sunday.

Early September sees the **Peacock (Sept 6-8)** take the place of the old SMITHFEST as Roger and Penny re-create that old magic in their new venture. 20 Ales are set to feature with live music most nights in the rear garden and the return of the famous BBQ's.

October sees the oldest and perhaps most a known pub Beer Festival of them all as the Brunswick chips in with their annual event. The **Brunny Fest (Oct 3-6)** will feature 50 beers, live music and a BBQ on Friday and Saturday.

Rounding them all off is the **Horse & Groom Fest (Oct 11-14)** featuring over 20 Real Ales and live music every day from a host of groups.

All in all sheer Beer Festival Heaven around Derby's pubs adding to the City's reputation as the Real Ale Capital of the Country.

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# Cider

with Suzie



I have been reflecting on just how much better the real cider scene is today compared with, say, twenty years ago. In those days we had National Brands which were at least consistent if sometimes rather bland. We really rated **Westons Old Rosie** and would travel from Burton-on-Trent as far as the **Hollybush** at Makeney to get it. Cider and perry from smaller, more interesting cider makers was all but unobtainable. You had to go to the cider making areas of the West Country and even there it wasn't available in many pubs (causes fights, they always say). **The Ship** at Porlock did, however sell proper farm scrumpy, although I expect it has gone up-market these days. The only way was to search out the cider makers themselves, usually farmers, and even here although it was dirt cheap the quality was highly variable. Cider oxidizes, turning to cider vinegar if exposed to the air, something which wasn't always taken seriously by cider makers in those days. Furthermore it seemed to be a requirement of farm cider that it should be "thick" and full of foreign bodies; racking and coarse filtration works wonders here.

Fortunately the scene today is unrecognizable from that which I encountered when I first started drinking cider. Whatever we may think of the National Brands their advertising campaigns have massively raised the profile of cider to the benefit of all cider makers, not just the big boys. Consumption of cider has increased; the recent **Derby Summer Festival** sold nearly twice as much cider and perry as it did fifteen years ago. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a record year for Derby Festivals cider and perry sales. Increased demand has led to higher quality; today no cider maker can get away with cider which is oxidized or full of floaters. There has to be a downside, albeit a very minor one. Beer tickers have been with us for years, but recently a new species, the cider ticker has been spotted. The breed, complete with rucksack and specimen bottles is still rare but as more cider outlets appear so the breed is multiplying! The increased demand has led to far more pubs than used to be the case selling real cider and perry. Just in the northern quarter of Derby real cider is on sale at the **Exeter**, the

**Peacock**, the **Furnace Inn**, **Five Lamps** and **Mr. Grundys**, a situation which would have been inconceivable twenty years ago. By the way, this list is not intended to be exhaustive; please don't be offended if I have left out any sellers of real cider. This is all thanks to you, the cider drinking public. Even so, it would be a mistake to be complacent. Situations rarely stay static for long and if something doesn't continue to improve it will soon start to get worse. So search out real cider and perry, particularly from small and medium sized cider makers. Don't accept poor quality; cider should be enjoyed, not drunk through gritted teeth! If your local doesn't sell any real cider ask whether they could get some. Admittedly there is a problem with tied houses; landlords don't have a free hand over what they stock and they may well have to sell the keg stuff. Free houses ought to stock at least one real cider or perry provided their turnover is sufficient to maintain quality. If enough customers ask you never know what might happen.  
Wassail

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## Branch Diary

► **Thursday, 16th August**, beer festival meeting at the Marquis of Ormonde, Codnor-Denby Lane. Start 8pm.

► **Saturday, 18th August**, free survey outing by bus from Ripley Market Place at 730pm, visiting Shottle, Turnditch, Windley and Belper. Please contact Jane Wallis for other pick up points.

► **Thursday, 30th August**, branch meeting at New Inn, Riddings. Start at 830pm.

► **Saturday, 15th September**, free survey outing by bus from Ripley Market Place at 730pm, area to be advised.

► **Thursday, 20th September**, branch meeting at King William, Milford. Start at 830pm.

► **Thursday, 27th to Sunday, 30th September**, 3rd Amber Valley CAMRA Ripley Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station.

**Surveys-contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 or email mick.wallis@btinternet.com**

## BELPER SELL OUT

The Derby City Charter Festival wasn't the only festival where demand outstripped supply, as on Sunday 15th July I visited the Belper Food and Beer Festival, arriving at the **Cross Keys** late on, only to be told that there was just one beer left in the outhouse (the pub had been drunk dry of draught ale). Fortunately, however, Wyre Piddle, Piddle in the Hole, was in great nick, a 3.9% brew fulsome in flavour and body.

## PRETTY VILLAGE BUCKS PUB CLOSURE TREND

One hears a lot about rural pub closures and "dry" villages, but the delightful settlement of Oakerthorpe, near Alfreton, boasts not one, but three pubs. Mandrake Root investigated. First port of call was the low slung, white painted **Butchers Arms**, where the A board outside advertised



three real ales though Marston's Pedigree was the solitary offering on my visit. This centuries old inn has been knocked through internally to create a beamed, low ceilinged, elongated lounge which was abuzz with (mainly) elderly diners tucking into lunch. Clearly the place is flourishing as the "fully booked for food" notice confirmed. Just up the road is the **Anchor Inn** built in 1742 on a huge parcel of land and fronted by an 18ft dredger's anchor. The unusual reverse swan neck handpulls dispense Cropton Monkman's Slaughter (6.0%abv) together with the citrusy Greene King's Morland Old Golden Hen (4.1) and the Olympic themed Personal Best (4.3). OGH was very pleasant



and despite one or two problems the Landlord, John, had had with the North Yorkshire brewery, the Monkman's Slaughter was in fine fettle, though a tad too strong for lunchtime consumption. For those who cherish their strong ales, look out for the Anchor selling Greene King Abbot Special Reserve (6.5), a batch of which has been ordered for the first week in October. Retracing my steps back along the B6013, I called in at the **Peacock**, another roadside establishment of some antiquity with an enormous garden. Within, there are distinct areas, one of which has an attractive parquet floor and an old fireplace. Pedigree, Jennings Cumberland Ale and Hobgoblin were on handpump, all of course,



under the Marston's umbrella (an apt term for June/July). So far as I know, they are still brewed at Burton, Cockermouth and the Prime Minister's constituency of Witney respectively. Drinkers and diners happily intermingle at the Peacock which is open all day every day. Whilst in the area it would be remiss not to experience the old world charm of the friendly **Amber Hotel** at the curiously named Toadhole Furnace, a little further along the B6013. The Victorian tavern has retained its public bar to the right, and on the left, the lounge features a beautiful, carved circular mirror above an equally impressive



fireplace. I relished the prospect of a pint of Shepherd Neame Spitfire with the characteristic hopiness associated with the hop growing county of Kent, and I wasn't disappointed. By the time you read this we may, perhaps, be enjoying some clement summer weather, in which case a saunter out to this lovely part of Amber Valley wouldn't go amiss.

## CIDER NEWS

Traditional, draught cider is becoming more widely available and some of our pubs noted for their real ale are embracing this welcome development. **The Black Bulls Head**, Openwoodgate, has added a couple of handpumps to dispense more of the superior, cloudy stuff, whilst the current Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year, the **Hunter Arms**, Kilburn, is hosting a small festival with 8 ciders and 4 real ales in the Old Slaughterhouse Bar between 14 and 16th September. **The Poet and Castle**, Codnor is selling the excellent Scropton cider.

## INN BRIEF

The **Swan and Salmon**, Alfreton, has been renamed the Ashwood Inn. The **Waggon and Horses** in the same town continues to showcase some cracking small breweries on a regular basis. Also in Alfreton, David Ashley Developments is lodging a planning application with Amber Valley Borough Council, which, if successful, could see the **White Hart** on Inns Lane reopen. The **Codnor Inn**, Jessop Street, Codnor, always has Bradfield, Gundog and Heanor brewed Coppice Side beers available. The **Railway**, Peasehill, Ripley is for sale at 145k. The nearby **Beehive** will have opened the Honey Pot real ale bar in an out building

by the time Derby Drinker is published. It's understood that it will open lunchtime and evening. Trust Inns is seeking a new licensee for the Good Beer Guide listed **Horse and Jockey**, Somercotes, following the death of licensee, Ken Hallsworth. Let's hope the multi-roomed interior is preserved. **Hop Inn**, Openwoodgate is closed and the **Steampacket**, Swanwick is for sale. The beautifully refurbished **White Hart**, Bargate, now has five cask beers. The **Thorn Tree**, Waingroves, Ripley, has gained LocAle accreditation. The **Strutt Club**, Belper, has three guests from micro-breweries in addition to Pedigree.

# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

By Mick Golds

## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL 2012

The Beer Festival is almost upon us. Remember the dates - **14th, 15th, 16th September** in the Westgate Centre, Long Eaton. See the website for further details or check out the advert in this Derby Drinker

## BELPER BUS TRIP

A good turnout of Branch members plus others from Derby and Nottingham (16 in all) made the recent trip to Belper a very enjoyable day out calling at certain pubs for the first time. We started at the recently re-opened **Queens Head** in Little Eaton where we were made very welcome. Next stop was Bargate for the **White Hart**, a very pleasant country pub with a good selection of beers. Then back on the bus to Openwoodgate for the **Black Bulls Head**, a gem of a pub. Chris and staff made us very welcome with their fantastic selection of beers, black pudding and chilli broad beans!! We then had a wander down to the **Seven Stars** before getting back on the bus to Belper with the friendly bus driver dropping us off near the **George and Dragon** and surprise, surprise they were running a beer festival. With the Camra discount we decided to stop here for 2 hours and after a game of darts we caught the next bus to Milford calling at the **King William** with some of our party managing to pull in the **Holly Bush** at Makeney as well. Apologies to the landlady at **The Pattern Makers** in Duffield for not calling in but we ran out of time. We finally finished the trip at a great pub in Derby, the **Five Lamps** and what a selection of beers to finish on, some even managed it in time to get a meal.



## PUB NEWS

**The Punch Bowl** in West Hallam has a Beer Festival 17th-19th August with around 24 Beers and 6 ciders with entertainment each evening.

**The White Hart** in Stanley is having their 1st ever Beer Festival 24-25th August. Please support it.

**Gallows Inn**, Ilkeston has 2 real ales on from local micro's. On a recent visit the beer was very good.

**Durham Ox**, Ilkeston reopens August 26th, 4 days a week Thursday-Sunday. Information received from new owner, Tony that there will be real ale available.

**The Red Lion**, Sandiacre has re-opened run by the Propa Peoples Pub Co Ltd and real ale will be available.

**The Bridge**, Sandiacre is leased by Pub People Co, informed they will be opening mid August.

**The Great Northern**, Langley Mill has now been sold to Pub People Co. the present landlord leaves on Aug 2nd Good look Neville more details later.

**The Bridge Inn**, Cotmanhay is another Greene King pub up for sale but present landlord hopes to stay for the summer season.

**The Bridge**, Ilkeston now demolished and gone. One of the few Ind Coope pubs in Ilkeston. (see below)



## FUTURE DATES

### ► MEETINGS

**3rd September**  
Spanish Bar, Ilkeston

**1st October**  
Eclipse, Loscoe

**5th November**  
The Bridge, Sandiacre  
All 8.30pm starts.

### ► SOCIALS

**Saturday 25th August**  
**survey around Sawley**  
Meet Railway (pub not station) 12.00 noon contact Anyas.

**Saturday 6th October Cider and Cask ale crawl** see website for details.

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



## CAMRA DISCOUNTS

Pubs offering discounts off real ale to card carrying members:-

**The Poacher**, Ilkeston 15p off a pint. **Sevenoaks**, Stanton 20p off a pint. **Chequers**, Stanton by Dale 50p off a pint, 25p off a half. **General Havelock**, Ilkeston & **Queens Head**, Marpool 20p off a pint, 10p off a half, both real ale and cider. **The Barge**, Long Eaton 10p off pint, 5p off a half. The **Bridge**, Sandiacre 15p off a pint.

### CORRECTION TO THE LAST DERBY DRINKER REPORT:

In the report about the Butchers Arms seasonal award apologies for omitting Coppiceside brewery who are partners in the same said pub. (sorry Chris)

## Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

### STOP PRESS...

Ashbourne's inaugural Beer Festival is set to take place in the Town Hall in March 2013, more details next time.

**The Ashbourne & District Sub Branch of CAMRA is now up and running and invites members to join them at forthcoming socials and events.**

The area that the Sub Branch covers falls under the postcodes of DE61 & DE62 (Derbyshire parts). Other postcode areas around Ashbourne may be added at a later date. It will hold Monthly Branch Meetings on the last Tuesday of each Month at 8pm. The Branch also has a page on

the Derby CAMRA website which will be used to keep members informed of all upcoming social dates, etc. 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 to join the Yahoo group.

### DIARY

**Tuesday 28th August** – Full Ashbourne Pub Survey prior to Branch Meeting at the George & Dragon

**Tuesday 25th September** – Branch Meeting – Okeover Arms, Mappleton.

**Tuesday 30th October** – Branch Meeting - Bowling Green – Ashbourne.





**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

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Brunswick  
Exeter Arms  
Falstaff  
Five Lamps  
Flowerpot  
Furnace  
Greyhound  
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**New Zealand Arms NEW!**  
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### 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)  
Talbot Taphouse (Ripley)  
Tavern (Belper)  
**Thorne Tree (Waingroves) NEW!**  
Waggon & Horses (Alfreton)

### SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)  
The Brackens (Alvaston)  
Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)  
The Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel) (Melbourne)  
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)  
**Kings Head (Duffield) NEW!**  
Lawns (Chellaston)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Nunsfield House Club (Alvaston)  
Okeover Arms (Mappleton)  
**Queens Head (Little Eaton) NEW!**  
Royal Oak (Ockbrook)  
Royal Oak (Wirksworth)  
Shakespeare Inn (Shardlow)  
**Vine Inn (Mickleover)**  
White Hart (Duffield)  
White Post (Stanley Common)  
White Swan (Littleover)

A Guide to...



CAMRA LocAle is an accreditation scheme to promote pubs that sell locally-brewed real ale.



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

# CAMRA Discount Pubs



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

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

### ► DERBY & AMBER VALLEY AREA

Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Coach & Horses, Derby	15p off a pint
Crown & Cushion, Derby	10p off a pint
Five Lamps, Derby	20p off a pint
Furnace, Derby	20p off a pint
Mr Grundy's, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half,
Portland Hotel, Derby	All real ales £2.50 a pint
Slug & Lettuce, Derby	10% off a pint
Wardwick Tavern, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Brackens, Alvaston	15p off a pint
Cross Keys, Turnditch	20p off a pint
The Dragon, Willington	20p off a pint
George & Dragon, Belper	20p off a pint
Harpur's, Melbourne	20p off a pint
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Red Lion, Fritchley	All real ales £2.50 a pint
Red Lion, Hollington	20p off a pint
Talbot Taphouse, Ripley	20p off house pints
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
White Swan, Spondon	15p 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
Bridge, Sandiacre	15p off a pint
Chequers Inn, Stanton by Dale	50p off a pint, 25p off a half
General Havelock, Ilkeston	20p off a pint, 10p off a half on all real ales and real ciders
Poacher, Ilkeston	15p off a pint
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## The Chequers Inn, 14 Dale Road, is one of two pubs in the sleepy village of Stanton-by-Dale.

The village has remained unaffected from the once heavy industry of the nearby Stanton Iron Works and offers an air of tranquillity against today's modern society, with all of its associated hustle & bustle.

The pub itself, which dates from the late 1800's and before that was two workers cottages, has been in the safe hands of landlord Ian Moon and his wife for the last ten years. Ian, a local from nearby Dale Abbey, used to be a printer by trade until one day he and his wife Sue popped in for a drink. The pub was up for sale and the rest is history.

This Punch Taverns pub is largely wet trade led, however, Tuesday to Saturday, you can get an excellent

# Check Out The Chequers

home cooked lunches between 12.00 and 2pm. At least three beers are available at any one time, in this cask marque, quality pub, which always includes top quality Bass, Castle Rocks Harvest Pale and a guest or two from Punches improved range. **A loyalty scheme exists where most drinks are priced at £2.50 on a Tuesday, however, card carrying CAMRA members can get 50p off a pint or 25p off a half of real ale at any time.**

History and tradition play a large part in this village local, where not only darts and dominoes are still played but two vintage car clubs and a fishing clubs meet on a regular basis. In fact, even the opening times hark back to yesteryear, with the pub shutting weekday afternoons. For more information on opening hours, phone the pub on 0115 9320946.

A spacious outdoor area is home to several chickens, however, inside the pub, not only will you find the occasional well behaved dog but also Ian's large collection of stuffed animals and birds. I asked Ian where they all came from, he

explained that he used to have them in his former home where he had converted his upper floor into a woodland scene to complement his collection. About five years ago, when Ian was cleaning the pub one Monday lunchtime, he thought the walls looked a little bare and decided to try a few of his animals in the downstairs bar. When nobody complained and a few compliments were made, he gradually increased his display to its now total of around fifty specimens. It's safe to say that even

at quiet times, you're never alone in The Chequers.

Although the pub is not easily reached by public transport, it is within walking distance from not only Dale Abbey, but Ilkeston, Kirk Hallam and Sandiacre so next time you're at a loose end and fancy a stroll in the countryside, why not visit The Chequers.

**And while in Stanton-by-Dale don't forget to call at the Seven Oaks as well who offer 20p off a pint for CAMRA members.**

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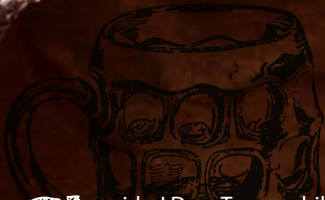


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# Dear Toper...

Consider! Dear Toper, whilst you are propping up the bar and ordering a well earned pint in your favourite hostelry, the anti social hours worked by the bar staff. Not that they are alone in their plight, for the needs of our modern "Twenty-four, Seven" society dictate that hospitals, the emergency services, the public transport system and industry etc. all need to be manned around the clock seven days a week. Workers in the retail and leisure sectors often work late into the evening and for that matter Sundays and Bank Holidays too, indeed it would seem that there aren't many people who don't have to work anti social hours nowadays. So how come some of our deluded, overpaid and underworked M.P.s have decided that they should be exempt from the "Twenty-four, Seven" culture and are campaigning to have an extra evening off each week, claiming that late night sittings in the House get in the way of "Normal Family Life"? (I assume that in this case "Normal Family Life" is a euphemism for spending the evening with their cronies in some trendy London restaurant or wine bar at the taxpayer's expense). For heavens sake! They ought to consider themselves lucky, unlike many they get weekends off, and as for the length of their holidays - well, they're enough to make even a school teacher blush! It would seem that despite the recent rumpus over M.P.s expenses etc. that some in the Westminster Bubble still "Just don't get it" (to coin a phrase) and have no idea whatsoever how ordinary people live and the hours they have to work.

Perhaps they are envious of and trying to emulate their colleagues on the bloated E.U. gravy train in Brussels? Who, as I write, are probably plotting to replace our cherished pints with half litres. Will landlords in the future be prosecuted if they insist upon serving their customers in pints? It may not be too far fetched a scenario, just look what happened to the so called Metric Martyrs; greengrocers, who continued to sell vegetables in pounds and ounces to little old ladies, because the old dears preferred it that way. You can mug, bludgeon and rape a little old lady and get away with community service (that you don't need to turn up for) and a visit from a social worker, but you try selling her spuds and carrots in pounds and ounces (because she prefers it that way) and the full might of the law will descend upon you! You'll probably end up

## Will Landlords Become Metric Martyrs?



sharing a cell with a vicar who forgot to pay his T.V. licence.

The thing is Dear Toper, that generally the only system of weights and measures being taught in school nowadays is the Metric System, and so as the older generation die out, little old ladies amongst them, the Imperial System will die out with them, but that gargantuan (and increasingly paranoid) European Superstate is not prepared to wait that long, for it is fast running out of time and our money. So desperate have the Europhiles become as they watch their cherished fantasy of a single currency disappearing down the plughole of reality,

threatening to take the rest of the "European project" with it, that they will turn upon any dissenters no matter how humble, like the Inquisition turned upon heretics in times gone by, hence the "Metric Martyrs".

Anyone who has been ill enough or hard up enough to have been forced to forgo the pleasures of a Saturday night's toping and instead stopped in to watch that dreadful annual carnival of mind boggling cheesy dross known as the Eurovision Song Contest will know why the E.U. is doomed to fail. (Indeed, I think the whole country should be forced to watch Eurovision ahead of any referendum on our continued membership of the E.U.) The whole exercise in over-hyped drivel shows just how little real unity there is in Europe, with each country (except the U.K.) voting upon purely narrow nationalistic lines that have nothing whatsoever to do with the so called music, and what is more they take the whole thing so seriously - it's frightening!

Hands off our pints Brussels, and keep your half litres! Consider that Dear Toper!

D.T.



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

## ► AUGUST

Thursday 23rd - Social - Flowerpot Beer Festival, Derby - 9pm.

Friday 31st - Survey Trip - By Free Mini Bus, Willington, Findern, Stenson Area. Bus leaves Cathedral Green 7.30 pm.

## ► SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5th - Social - Best Mild Presentation - Falstaff, Derby - 9pm.

Thursday 13th - BRANCH MEETING - Harpurs, Melbourne - 8pm. Coach provided 7.30pm from Cathedral Green.

20th - Club of the Year presentation - Nunsfield House, Alvaston, Derby - 9pm.

27th - 30th - Amber Valley Beer Festival, Butterley.

## ► OCTOBER

Wednesday 3rd - Social - Brunswick Beer Festival, Derby - 9pm.

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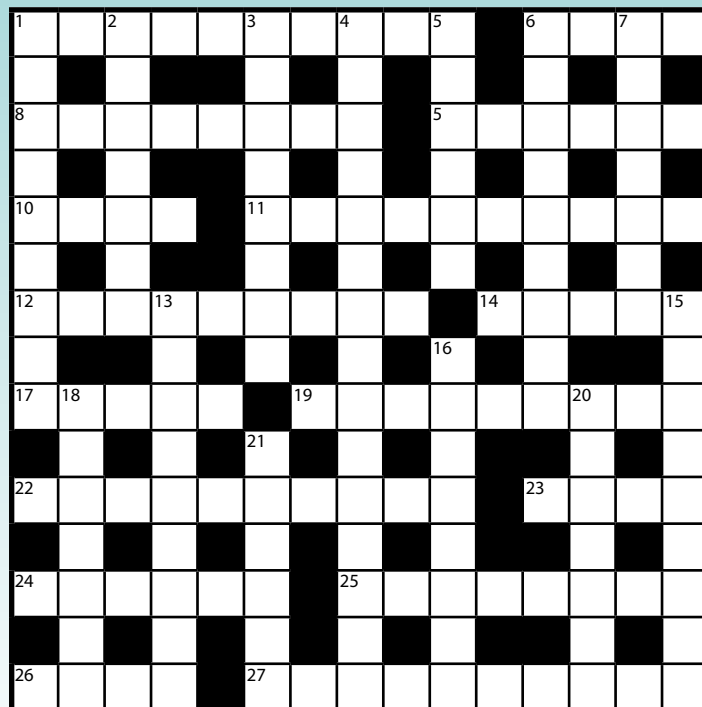
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## ► ACROSS

- 1 Unlikely corset glue combination hides 17th century *Fountain Inn's* cathedral city (10)
- 6 Beheaded stinging insects reveal snakes (4)
- 8 Aristocrat who cannot pass his or her title on (4,4)
- 9 Gratuity and revolver: the height of excellence (6)
- 10 Heavenly garden after fortress, a former County Durham brewery (4)
- 11 This produces a winner from a dead heat (10)
- 12 An extreme National Front supporter (9)
- 14 Drunkard, *ipso facto* partly, hides this sort of drinker (5)
- 17 Unmarried was this *Muppet Show's* porcine female (5)
- 19 An accumulation of a concrete constituent (9)
- 22 Not a good idea to "drink enough beer to sink a -----"! (10)
- 23 Spit back gratuities (4)
- 24 Hoe bit for a Scottish farm worker's hut (6)
- 25 Not a neat way to append literary notes (8)
- 26 Jump which will pale in translation (4)
- 27 Nun and gangster? An unlikely pairing for a group of women (10)

## ▼ DOWN

- 1 A Shardlow Brewery's pale ale (ABV 4.1%) (6,3)
- 2 Something unusual or eccentric syncopatedly (7)
- 3 Folk on voters' lists (8)
- 4 Atmospheric 2 down National Inventory weekend pub in Wardlow Mires, Derbys. (5,5,5)
- 5 A distilling vessel or pert reply (6)
- 6 Seeming to come on the stage (9)
- 7 Female ship front? That's daring! (7)
- 13 Glowingly, not so heavy as 22 across (9)
- 15 Do this in the pub: over the limit and broke! (9)
- 16 Legally, with malice, premeditated (8)
- 18 17 across, possibly, could finish up in this cramped situation (2,1,4)
- 20 Musically restless and wild (7)
- 21 Flat area of Somerset, perhaps?



- Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2012) recommended.
- Send completed entries to the Editor (see address below) stating in which pub you picked up Derby Drinker.
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## Solutions to Crossword No. 29

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### ► ACROSS

1. PRINCETOWN
6. HART
- 8 & 24. COACH AND HORSES
9. TIPPLE
10. HAIL
11. LADY CHAPEL
12. RATIONALE
14. AMBER
17. ELDER
19. SHEERNESS
22. EMOLUMENTS
23. DEAN
24. SEE 8
25. NEEDLESS
26. BOLLS
27. SHEPPERTON

### ▼ DOWN

1. PACKHORSE
2. ITALIOT
3. E-MAILING
4. OLDE DOLPHIN INNE
5. NOTICE
6. HOP DAEMON
7. RELIEVE
13. IDEALISTS
15. RISING SUN
16. REMSLEEP
18. LIMPOPO
20. ELEMENT
21. AMUSES

CONGRATS!

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