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Returning to THE ROUNDHOUSE...

"Cheers!" REABYWINTER. ERFESTIVA

Wednesday 20th February to Saturday 23rd February



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As we slip into February and daffodils start to push through the sodden earth Brewers across the country have been working away since early January to satisfy the demands of you the discerning customers of Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival.

Running from 4pm on Wednesday 20th February until Saturday 23rd February at The Roundhouse, Derby College, Pride Park, DE24 8JE. This the 12th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival promises to deliver an unprecedented variety of delights.

For the first time we will be using a marquee to host the amazing selection of music each evening. There will be a new arrangement as you enter The Roundhouse with admissions and glasses working alongside each other. Both of these improvements are due to feedback we received last year and should reduce the time taken for you to enter

the Festival and maximise your enjoyment of the live bands and beverages.

Following nothing but praise for the yummy freshly cooked food last year the catering team at The Roundhouse will have a range of hot and cold food. In addition there will be 3 foodie stalls: the infamous

G. Morgan & Sons Cheese stall from The Eagle Market, Merry Berry Chocolates from Burton with their exciting range of flavours and delicious Pipers Crisps from Lincolnshire.

This year having the stage for the bands in the marquee means the Carriage Room

OPÉNING TIMES AND PRICES

Concessions exist for OAP's who are offered **FREE** entry at lunchtimes; CAMRA Members will be **FREE** except for Friday and Saturday after 5pm when they will be charged half price. For people aged '25 and under (who pay full price admission and can show proof of age with photo ID) a special promotion has been organised. A select assortment of Derby Breweries will provide the opportunity for this group of young people to gain a half pint or two half pints depending on their time of entry to the Festival (subject to availability).

Date	Opening Hours	Admission Price	
Weds 20th February	4pm - 11pm	£	3
Thurs 21st	11am -	11am - 5pm	5pm - 11pm
February	11pm	£2	£5
Fri 22nd	11am -	11am - 5pm	5pm - 11pm
February	11pm	£3	£6
Sat 23rd	11am -	11am - 5pm	5pm - 11pm
February	11pm	£3	£6

will have **tables and chairs** in it at all times plus stillage serving beer, cider and perry. This creates an ambient area and provides additional space for customers to relax and enjoy the delights of the Festival.



Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival 2013

or the first time ever Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival is planning to have 2 Brewery Bars (1 in the Main Hall and 1 in the Carriage room). Come and meet the Brewers from **Derventio** & **Shiny** and the chat about techniques, ingredients and purchase some of their delicious ales.

The Roundhouse is next to **Derby railway** station and if arriving by train you should leave the station via the exit nearest platform 6 (the Pride Park exit). The Roundhouse is literally across the road.

Further details will be provided on the Derby CAMRA website: www.derbycamra. org.uk/winter-beer-festival

Our Facebook site is: CAMRA Derby Winter Beer Festival -why not like us to follow developments as they happen? During the Festival there will be a competition posted on Facebook offering a **FREE HALF PINT** to the first 5 customers who can find the Chair Gillian Williams and show her the Facebook listing. Result!!



REE BUSES TO THE BEER FEST

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

The service is provided by Trent Barton and will run between the following times:

Wed 20th Feb	2.30pm -	10.40pm	
Thu 21st Feb	11.00am -	10.40pm	
Fri 22nd Feb	11.00am -	10.40pm	
Sat 23rd Feb	11.00am -	10.40pm	

The buses will run every 20 minutes turning by the Quad at The Market Place

and stopping at The Bus Station (on way to The Roundhouse) and opposite the Bus Station (on the way back from The Roundhouse).



OPEN MIC NIGHT

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





A SUPERMASSIVE KILLER LINE-UP

There could only be one place to go for this edition's Real Ale & Music fix and that's to the Derby Winter Beer Festival at the historic Derby Roundhouse (20-23 Feb) ...

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

It all starts on Wednesday evening with the return of 'OPEN MIC' night which proved popular last year. Curated by Henry John & Pat Dey with artists invited to play for a beer or two, it should prove to be a great starter to the Fest so why not pop along and give the artists some support.

Then Thursday night, dust down your Parkas and climb aboard your Vespas and Lambrettas and head down to the Roundhouse to see The **MODEST** take to the stage performing mod classics from the likes of The Who, Small Faces, The Kinks, The Jam, etc. As well as Soul with songs like "Sweet Soul Music", "Ain't Too Proud To Beg", etc and Northern Soul like "The Snake", "Tainted Love", etc. They are currently building on a good following in Derbyshire and have had some great nights at local pubs around the area. With some classic songs to sing and dance along to, it should be a fantastic night out.

> Support will come from local band, CAPTAIN CUDDLES playing their own brand of Ska/Hiphop with one or two slightly risqué lyrics that should get the evening off to a fine start.

While Friday night will pure 'Showbiz' as Muse tribute,

HYPERMUSED whip you into a state of absolute 'Hysteria' and 'Bliss' with a best of set from probably the biggest Indie Rock band in the World over the last decade. Their live shows are truly legendary and are a sight to behold selling out Arenas and Stadiums everywhere they go. With their last 4 albums reaching No.1 in the UK and some classic songs like "Feeling Good, Knights of Cydonia, Madness, New Born, Plug in Baby, Starlight, Supermassive Black Hole, Time is Running Out and Uprising" it promises to be an evening to truly remember. Support will come from Festival favourites and Old Skool Punk darlings, **VERBAL WARNING** playing

the punk songs you know and love from bands like the Buzzcocks, Clash, Sex Pistols, etc as well as their own material.

Finally, Saturday night will witness some "Glamorous Indie Rock & Roll" as we take you on a "Joy Ride" to "Sam's Town when Killers tribute, the **KILLERZ** kick up a right "Hot Fuss" performing a best of set from a group that are one of the biggest bands around at the moment. With all four of their albums reaching No.1 in the UK and sell-out tours where ever they go The Killers are certainly "On Top" of their game. So what better time to have one of their tribute bands on than this with songs like "All These Things That I've Done, Bones, Human, Mr Brightside, Read My Mind, Runaways, Smile Like You Mean It, Somebody Told Me, Spaceman and When You Were Young", it's sure to provide a perfect end to the Festival with a night not to be missed. Support is still being sorted out but will provide you with a great start to the evening's entertainment.





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

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

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BEER'SHERE!!

The 2013 Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival will have a simply amazing selection of real ale, continental beers from over 10 countries, cider, perry, and mead (honey wine).

Following last years outstanding beer selection by Chris Sherratt a triumvirate has been created to order the beer this year. Especial thanks to Jim Ward, Jim Suter and Julian Hough for their tireless efforts in working to make this happen.

As fortune would have it **Derby now has 12 Derby City Breweries** and to celebrate this at our 12th Winter Festival we will have beer from all 12 of them. The select dozen are **Black Iris, The Brunswick, Dancing Duck, Derby Brewing Company, Derventio, The Falstaff, Hartshorns, Mr Grundy's, Middle Earth, The Rowditch, Shiny, and Wentwell. This is a unique opportunity to sample under one roof what Derby does so well - makes outstanding real ale!!**

TRADE SESSION

If you are in the trade then why not come along to the trade session on **Wednesday**. **20th February between 2-4pm.** Email **tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk** for your free trade tickets.

In a quest to seek out the very best - ales have been sourced from all points of the compass. There is a wide theme which is: **new beers**, **new & innovative beers**; **rare beers**; **winners and favourites**. 2013 also gives us an opportunity to showcase LocAles i.e. beer which is brewed within 20 miles delivery from The Roundhouse.

Whilst being a winter beer festival real ales of all styles will be available including golden, standard, strong, and dark beers. I can assure you there will be a beer for everyone's palate with a balanced range of beers right up to the final whistle.

The initial order for 2013 will be 4,000 pints more than 2012 and 14,000 pints more than 2011 (which was just 2 years ago!!). There will be plenty of beer with at least 270 different ones on sale over the Festival. Additionally key breweries and wholesalers are on standby so there is no chance that the Festival will run dry. Once again we will be judging 4 categories for the East Midlands round of the Champion

WINTER FESTIVAL CIDER AND PERRY BAR

Another great line-up of Ciders and Perries is promised this year (see Cider with Suzie on page 13)



Winter Beer of Britain (2014 Competition) so the very best porters, stouts, old ale/strong milds and barley wine/strong old ales will be available. The competition beers will be judged on Wednesday 20th February and can be found stillaged together in the Carriage Room.

I could tempt you with names of rare brews, comfort you with names of old failure best beloved ales or even excite you with the possibility of sharing time with a Gold winner but that would be a bit dry and unfair. The full beer list will be posted on the Derby CAMRA website in the run up to the 20th February with titbits leaked on Facebook. Come and sample for yourself.

Cheers

Gillian Williams,

Chair - Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival





While the rest of us were expecting the latest iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire or Wii all Pedro Menon wanted for Christmas was a Shiny new Brewery which duly arrived in time for the Festive season, although it was touch and go....

Having initially been refused planning permission by Derby City Council Pedro resubmitted plans in the hope of getting things up and running before the year was out and

when it finally came through his plans swung swiftly into operation. The building at the rear of the Furnace pub in Derby was quickly erected and the services connected just in

























▲ The selection of photos show the erection of the brewery from start to finish with the arrival of the brewing vessels and the casks to the final handpumped beers on the bar at the Furnace.

Shiny Head Brewer, Pedro Menon pulls a pint at the Furnace.

time for the arrival of the brewing vessels which were installed and commissioned by Dave Porter. Dave stayed and supervised the 1st brew to a recipe provided by Pedro and luckily everything ran relatively smoothly, so much so that Pedro was quickly able to follow it with two more brews before Christmas. There then followed the agonising waiting period before the beers could finally be launched on an unexpecting public and how fitting it was on New Year's Eve, 2012 that Shiny Golden Man 4.1% ABV appeared on the bar at the Furnace. It was followed by Launch Pad 3.9% ABV and Reflection IPA 5.1% ABV in the coming days, all 3 brewed with different hops giving a distinctive taste to each, the latter two being quite citrusy. With the beers now on sale at the Furnace and out in the free trade Pedro has now turned his attention to brewing some new beers for Derby Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse where he will have his own bar.

We wish him well!

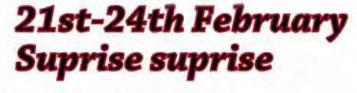




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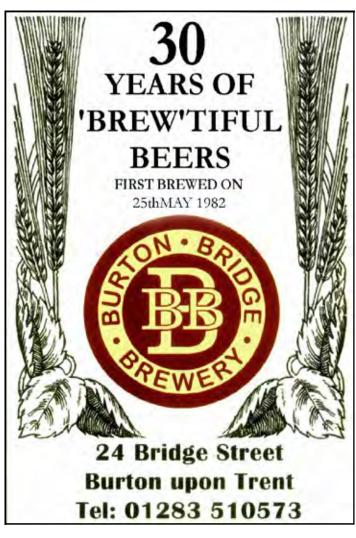
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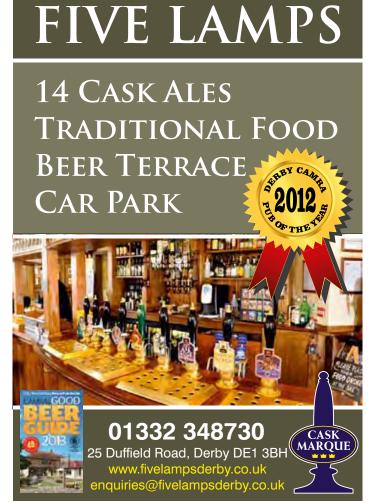


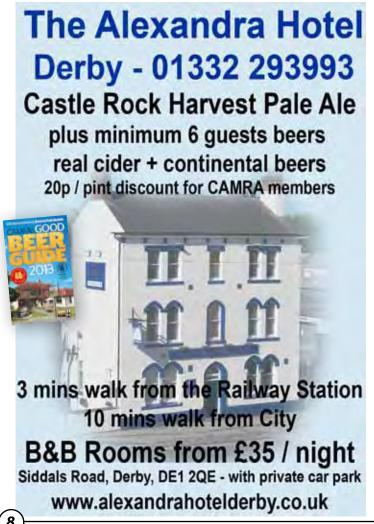














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today?

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CAMRA members, remember to score all your beers on CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS). Log on to www.beerscoring.org.uk with your CAMRA membership number and password.

Since the last issue of Derby Drinker, NBSS has been upgraded. The name of the website has not changed but it has a new easy to use interface, which means that finding pubs and beers is easier and more consistent than the old system. In addition to seeing all your own scores, the new system lets you see how others rate pubs in your branch.

You don't just have to stick to scoring beers in your own branch area - you can score all over the country as you travel around.

CAMRA NBSS: www.beerscoring.org.uk		
Surveyor:		
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Location:		
Pub:		Score/Price
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O 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

These beer scores are used by CAMRA branches to judge the beer quality of pubs in their branch and ensure that the pubs with consistently top quality real ale are selected for inclusion in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide.

... You may not be drinking *Slater's Top Totty*, but you could whip out *this* scoring sheet and score *your* beer.

GOOD BEER GUIDE 2013... AVAILABLE NOW!

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 indispensible for beer lovers young and old. This edition includes:

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- 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 *Good Beer Guide 2013* is available now and you can order

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.

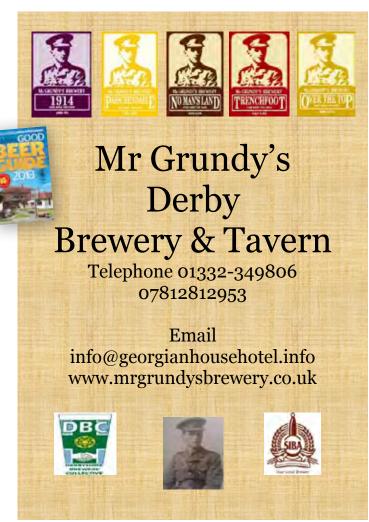
The new *Good Beer Guide* e-Book will be out in September for all ePUB compatible devices with full-colour imagery and direct web and email links (where supported). You can find out more at **www.camra.org.uk/gbg**



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

DERBY CAMRA Pubs of the Year 2013

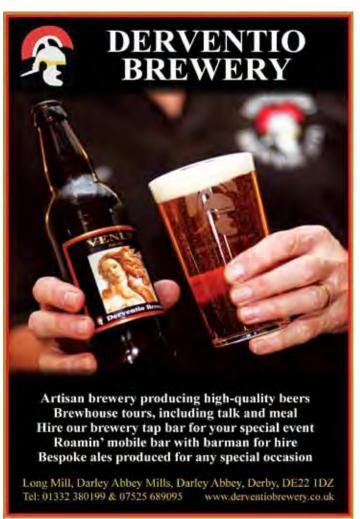
Late news has reached us that Derby CAMRA has selected its Pubs of the Year for 2013. The City Pub of the Year is the Exeter **Arms** on Exeter Place with the runner-up being the Furnace Inn on Duke St. While the Country Pub of the Year is the Royal Oak in Ockbrook with the runner-up being the Pattenmakers Arms in Duffield. The Exeter Arms has also been named the overall Branch Pub of the Year for 2013. All the pubs will be presented with their certificates at the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival trade session in the Roundhouse on Wednesday afternoon 20th February. Full details of the awards will appear in the next Derby Drinker.







Rolls-Royce leisure association



Nunsfield in UK Club last Four

The Derby CAMRA Club of the Year 2012, The Nunsfield House in Alvaston, Derby has reached the last four in the overall UK CAMRA Club of the Year awards. This is a tremendous achievement for the Club and the first time a

To get to this stage it had to win both the Derbyshire Club and East Midlands Club of the Year before going into a super Regional round where it also triumphed. CAMRA judges will

now be visiting all four finalists over the coming months before announcing the result later in the year. We wish the Nunsfield the best of luck and if you live in the area why not call in as it is a great community club serving quality Real Ales.



Pre-register **Now** for **Members' Weekend** & AGM, 19th - 21st April 2013

CAMRA Members' Weekend, including the National Annual General Meeting, is where our members discuss our future policy and direction. The weekend also offers the opportunity to members to socialise with friends, visit recommended pubs and go on organised trips.

The AGM is open to all CAMRA members and will be held at

St Andrews and Blackfriars Halls, Norwich from 19th April to 21st April 2013

Pre-register your interest today

- You can pre-register online through the new Members' Weekend and AGM website:

 I. Please login to the Members' Weekend and AGM website; www.camraagm.org.uk. This is located on the top right hand side.
- Select the "Pre-Registration" tab in the menu.
- You will then need to re-enter your login details using your membership number and password.
- Select "Interests/Clubs
- Under the "Interests/Clubs" section you will need to select the "Add" tab and browse for "AGM 2013 Pre-registration".
- Click "Save".
- You will now be registered for the event.

Please note that joint members will need to login and register individually. Closing date for pre-registration is Friday 22nd March 2013.

As a pre-registered member you will receive the Members' Weekend Handbook before the event. This will be sent out the week following the cut off for pre-registration. Alternatively complete and send in the pre-registration form below. Members' Conference packs will be available at the venue.

I would like to pre-register (Closing Date for Pre-registration is Friday 22nd March 2013)					
Membership Number			Joint Member N (if applicable)	lumber	
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(Joint member First details if applicable) Emai			Surname		
Volunteer at the Members' Weekend There are plenty of volunteering opportunities to get involved in at the Members' Weekend. If you wish to volunteer to work at the Members' Weekend please mark in the boxes below, Tuesday the 16th April to Monday 22nd April 2013, the day and times which you would be available. Your details will be passed to the Members' Weekend Staffing Office and you will be contacted nearer the time. Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun					
am pm am	pm	am pm	am pm	am pm	am pm

Please return the completed form to:

Members' Weekend 2013 Registration, CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, ALI 4LW. Closing date for pre-registration is Friday 22nd March 2013

Amber Valley Pub of the Year

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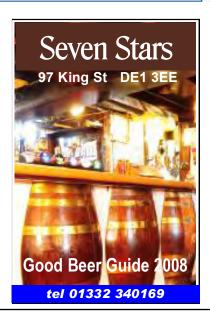
Amber Valley CAMRA **Branch** has announced the results of its Pub of the



Year competition after an intensive period of judging. In 1st place is the Black Bulls Head in Openwoodgate with the runner up being the Old Oak in Horsley Woodhouse and 3rd place going to last year's winner the Hunter Arms in Kilburn. This is a remarkable achievement for the Black Bulls Head after being transformed over the last year or so into a great Real Ale pub with the addition of the outside Bedlam Bar which opens at weekends serving extra real ales. Congratulations to all involved and special socials will be arranged in the near future to present the winners with their certificates.

▶▶ DERBY DRINKER designer required! See back for details...

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Que Real Ale, Real Food, Real Friendly



Gider with Suzie





inter may be a quiet time for cider drinking, but that all changes from 20th to 23rd of February 2013 with the DERBY WINTER ALES FESTIVAL, again at the Roundhouse after a very successful festival there in 2012. Because you drank so much cider last year we have expanded the cider bar this year. The main bar will again be in the magnificent circular engine shed and there will be an additional cider bar down the corridor in the carriage room. The two bars will sell different selections of ciders and perries increasing the total range available.

EAST MIDLANDS CIDERS

Of course, Derbyshire and indeed the East Midlands in general are not the main cider producing areas of the country, but despite this we aim to have a good selection of East Midlands ciders. From Leicestershire we have Farmers Fear, a fruity Eastern Counties style cider; from Lincolnshire Jollydale, a very quaffable medium sweet cider, and from Nottinghamshire Torkard, a craft cider made from local fruit. From the north of Derbyshire we have Woodthorpe Hall Pider (apples and pears fermented together). Their Ruby Suzie is well known; the pider is new to the festival. Three

Cats cider from Morley, Derbyshire is the closest cider maker to the festival and will be well represented there.

SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERYONE

For the rest we are aiming to feature ciders and perries from all the major cider producing areas of the country, and in doing so there should be something to suit everyone, whatever your taste. Real cider is naturally still, not fizzy, so that is how most of our ciders will be served, although sometimes there is a residual fermentation in the cask giving the cider a sparkling finish. CAMRA's definition of Real Cider / Perry currently allows no fruit other than apples and / or pears to be used as ingredients, so no strawberry cider here I'm afraid; however, CAMRA's definition is subject to periodic review and the matter may be debated at CAMRA's next AGM, to be held in April 2013.

CIDER OF THE FESTIVAL

Despite not being from a cider making region, Mad Hatters cider from Stockport was cider of the festival last year and will be back this time. From Gwent we have Springfields Red Dragon, a full bodied cider with a lingering flavour. From Glamorgan we have the ever popular Gwynt y Ddraig Black Dragon, a multiple award winner.

Back into England from the Somerset / Devon border we have Trickys, a fast growing outfit producing a traditional Somerset cider. Still in Somerset, for those of you who like your cider both traditional and dry there is Naish, while just down the road from Naish is Hecks, probably my favourite cider maker. This year we will have their Port Wine of Glastonbury. For those of you who like very pale cider there is Double Vision from Maidstone and Biddenden Kentish Strong.

PERFFECT PERRY

Herefordshire is at the heart of perry making, so the majority of perries on sale come from there. Butford Organics produce a full flavoured organic perry, not previously featured at the Winter Festival. The output from the Ross-on-Wye Cider & Perry Co. (Broome Farm) is always first class and their perry was perry of the festival last year. Bursting with flavour and with a lingering aftertaste it will be back this year. For those who like something sweeter and weaker there is Westons perry. That's just a sample of what will be at the Festival; the full list will be available online in due course and in the Festival Program. Lets see if you can drink even more cider and perry than you did last year!

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AmberValley CAMRABranch By Mandrake Root

Branch Diary

► Thursday 28th February, Branch Meeting, 8pm start - Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate

► Thursday 28th March, Branch Meeting, 8pm start - The Barnes Wallis, Ripley

Contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 for details

PRESENTATION

Strutts Club in Belper finished runnerup in this year's Derbyshire Club of the Year competition, and on Thursday 22nd November Paul Carroll, the club Steward, received the certificate from Julian Tubbs. Commenting on the award, Julian said that Strutts had been very close behind the eventual winner, the Nunsfield Club from Alvaston, and thus the award was very well deserved. After the presentation those present enjoyed a buffet provided by the club, along with the excellent beers always on offer there.



AMBER VALLEY ACM

At the recent Amber Valley AGM, the topic of independence was discussed, after which a vote was taken. This was unanimous in favour of us becoming independent. We have therefore contacted RD Carl Brett, who will take the necessary steps to bring this about. In anticipation of AV achieving independence we have elected a full Committee comprising of Chris Rogers, Chairman, Trevor Spencer, Secretary, Paul Falconer, Treasurer, Phil Marshall, Membership Secretary, Nigel Heathcote, Pubs Officer, Jane Wallis, Social Secretary and Andy Horsfall, Committee Member.

ANOTHER DE56 WINNER



The recent article on the DE 56 postcode highlighted several excellent pubs who share that postcode,

and there are many more. The Tayern on Derby Road, Belper features two regular Real Ales plus two guests. With live music from local bands on Saturday nights, and discounted prices on some ales on a Sunday, the Tavern is another place worth a visit. What's more, it's easily accessible, being on the 6's bus route from Derby. The opening hours are 4-11 Monday-Thursday, 12noon - 1am Friday & Saturday, and 12noon-10:30pm Sunday - why not give them a call?

NEW-ISH BEGINNINGS

A couple of pubs in Amber Valley have had rather mixed fortunes of late, being closed for a while, but both have recently reopened under new management. The Hop Inn at Openwoodgate (below) opened a few weeks ago with Steve and Becky at the helm, offering 8 Real Ales, 2 Real Ciders and all day opening from 12 noon 7 days a week. They are giving a 10p per pint discount to CAMRA members, putting on live music every Saturday night and intend to start serving meals both at lunch times and evenings in the

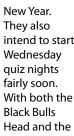
New Year. They also intend to start Wednesday auiz niahts fairly soon. With both the **Black Bulls**

Real Ale, Openwoodgate is certainly worth a visit these days for those of us who enjoy beer of the non-fizzy variety. It can be easily reached during the day by either the 6X or 7.1 bus services from Derby Bus Station.

The Wheel, Holbrook

(above) has also reopened under new management, with the team from the Greyhound, Belper taking over the reins. Their opening hours are from 4pm -

11 Monday-Friday, and all day from 12 noon at the weekends. The Wheel is to be a Steak & Ale house, with Sharps Doom Bar on regularly plus at least 4 guest beers, these being from Blue Monkey when the pub reopened towards the end of November. The pub can be reached via public transport during the day on the 7.1 from Derby or the 138 from Heanor, or by the 6's and a steady walk from Milford. With the Dead Poets just down the road and several other free houses a short walk away, those of us who love Real ale are very well catered for in the Holbrook area.



Seven Stars also serving





EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH By Mick Golds

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On Saturday 8th December it was yet again time for our annual Christmas outing this time to Chesterfield, some arriving by Red Arrow bus and the rest by train using Derbyshire wayfarer tickets.

25 of us started by meeting in the **Portland Arms** then catching the 84 bus out of town to the end of the Brampton mile (a bit of a shock to the bus driver when we all got on and asked for the same bus stop). We then slowly we made our way back to town via 7 pubs, 3 in the good beer



At the December Branch Meeting it was decided not to hold a beer festival in 2013. guide and the rest all worthy of a visit with friendly bar staff and good beer. Some of the ladies had a photo shoot with the legendary darts player John Lowe in the Victoria before we all finished up in the Tramway. One establishment worthy of mention is the excellent Real Ale Corner (pictured right & below) near the Morrisons roundabout which is basically an off licence with a bar serving 2 draught beers and a fantastic selection of bottle beers, a little gem not to be missed.





After the Tramway we walked back into town calling at **The Royal Oak, Rutland** and the Raw Brewery **White Swan** before heading back to the railway station for return trip to Derby. The last port of call was the **Brunswick** for some and **The Alexandra** for the rest, well you have to don't you. Thanks to Chesterfield members, David and Heather who took us on a survey before the trip and then joined on the day.

MEETINGS

- ▶ Monday 4th February
- Stumble, Long Eaton 8.30pm start
- ▶ Wednesday 6th March
- AGM Spanish Bar, Ilkeston 8.00pm start. Some members of the committee are retiring so if anybody is interested in taking on a position please come along

Further Information contact Secretary, Anyas Boa 0115 8499967

DISCOUNTS 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 and 25p off a half

The Barge, Long Eaton 10p off a pint and 5p off a half

The Bridge, Sandiacre 15p off a pint

The Steamboat, Trent Lock

20p off a pint and 10p off a half real ale & cider

Coach & Horses, Draycott 50p off a pint

Queens Head, Marlpool 20p off a pint, 10p off a half on all real ales

PUB NEWS

At the **Rutland Cottage**, Ilkeston, (*left*) Judy Fowley is the new landlady. 2 regular beers Pedigree and Sir Blondeville and 2 changing guest beers all in good condition on our last visit, worth a visit if in the area, food served everyday 12.00-3.00, 5.00-8.30 Sunday lunch 12.00-4.00.

The Great Northern, Langley Mill was closing in the New Year for a short period for refurbishment now owned by Pub People Co.

General Havelock, Ilkeston NO LONGER giving CAMRA Discount.



Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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, Mark Grist on 07818 466076 or e-mail m.grist2@sky.com to join the Yahoo group.

DIARY

Tuesday 26th FebruaryBranch Meeting - The Cock,
Clifton.

Tuesday 26th MarchBranch Meeting - Smith's Tavern,
Ashbourne.

Tuesday 30th April AGM - Smith's Tavern, 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

Alexandra

Babington Arms

Brewery Tap/Royal Standard

Brunswick

Exeter Arms

Falstaff

Five Lamps

Flowerpot

Furnace

Greyhound NEW!

Little Chester Ale House

Mr Grundy's Tavern

New Zealand Arms

Seven Stars

Slug and Lettuce

Smithfield NEW!

Old Silk Mill

Bell (Smalley)

(Melbourne)

Peacock

Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

The Brackens (Alvaston)

The Dragon (Willington)

Harrington Arms (Thulston) Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel)

AMBER VALLEY

Black Swan (Belper)

Cross Keys (Turnditch)

George Inn (Ripley)

Holly Bush (Makeney)

Hop Inn (Openwoodgate) NEW!

Hunter Arms (Kilburn)

King Alfred (Alfreton)

King William (Milford)

The Lion (Belper)

Poet and Castle (Codnor)

Red Lion (Fritchley)

Strutt Club (Belper)

Talbot Taphouse (Ripley)

Tavern (Belper)

Thorne Tree (Waingroves)

Waggon & Horses (Alfreton)

A Guide to.



CAMRA LocAle is an



Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth) Kings Head (Duffield)

SURROUNDING AREA

Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)

Lawns (Chellaston)

Miners Arms (Carsington)

Nunsfield House Club (Alvaston)

Okeover Arms (Mappleton)

Queens Head (Little Eaton) Pattenmakers (Duffield)

Royal Oak (Ockbrook)

Royal Oak (Wirksworth)

Vine Inn (Mickleover)

White Post (Stanley Common)

White Swan (Littleover)

Contact: Atholl Beattie LocAle Coordinator t: 07772 370628 e: locale@derbycamra.org.uk

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 iscount

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

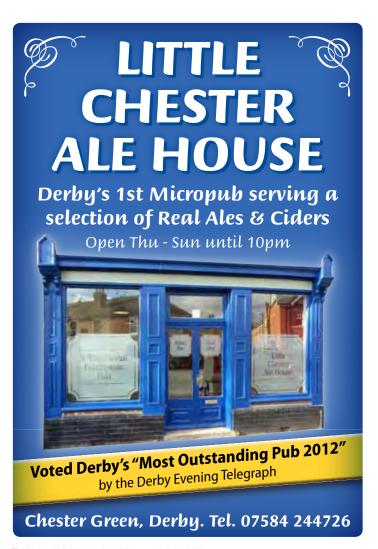
Look out for the posters in these pubs to see what's on offer. Below you will find a list of discounts available in the local area, if you know of others that are not listed here then please get in touch.

▶ DERBY, SURROUNDING AREAS & AMBER VALLEY

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Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half		
Babington Arms, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half Guest Ales only		
Broadway, Derby	20p off a pint		
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		
Little Chester Ale House, Derby	10p off a pint		
Mr Grundy's, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half,		
Old Silk Mill, Derby	25p off a pint		
Portland Hotel, Derby	All real ales £2.50 a pint		
Seven Stars, Derby	20p off a pint		
Slug & Lettuce, Derby	10% off a pint		
Standing Order, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half Guest Ales only		
Smithfield, Derby	20p off a pint		
Thomas Leaper, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half Guest Ales only		
Wardwick Tavern, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half		
King Alfred, Alfreton	15p off a pint		
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		
Hollybrook, Littleover	20p off a pint		
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half		
Markeaton, Allestree	20p off a pint		
Masons Arms, Mickleover	15p off a pint		
Midland, Ripley	15p off a pint		
Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield	10p off a pint and 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		

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, we will advertise your pub through this column in every edition of the Derby Drinker and on the Derby & National CAMRA websites.





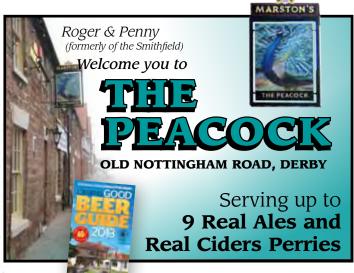
Inaugural Ashbourne CAMRA Beer Festival 22-24 March 2013

The newly formed Ashbourne CAMRA Sub-Branch are planning their 1st Beer Festival only a few months after coming into existence.

The Beer Festival will take place in the **Ashbourne Town Hall** on the Market Square and will run on Friday 22nd March from 1.00pm - 11.00pm, Saturday 23rd March from 12 noon -11.00pm and Sunday 24th March from 12 noon - 3.00pm. Admission will be £2.00 at all times Friday & Saturday **(CAMRA members free)** with free entry to all on Sunday.

There will be between **25-30 beers** and seven ciders/perries with all the beers being local to within 40 miles of Ashbourne except for one guest beer from South Wales. There will be **live music** at lunchtimes and evenings, probably 2pm-4pm and 8pm-10pm with the acts still to be confirmed. It all sounds very promising and hopefully it will give the beer scene in Ashbourne a much needed boost.

Further information can be obtained from the Branch Chairman, Mark Grist at m.grist2@sky.com or check out the Ashbourne section on the Derby CAMRA website <u>www.</u> derbycamra.org.uk





DearToper...

onsider! Dear Toper, this chilling question: could it be that CAMRA's upper echelons have been infiltrated by agents of the Temperance Movement? I hear you chuckling into your pint Dear Toper, but alas, it might not be as ridiculous a supposition as it sounds, and would go a long way to explaining the CAMRA leadership's, lacklustre, too little, too late, response to the dreaded "Beer Duty Escalator", which had been around for nearly half a decade, and

ratcheted up an average 50 pence on a pint, before they decided to launch their "e-petition". I can't help but think, that the time to have attacked this particularly odious tax scam, was when Alistair Darling first unveiled it in 2008. With a General Election just around the corner at that time, real pressure might have been brought to bear upon our self serving political class, as the CAMRA membership in certain key marginals could have made a telling difference, had their national leadership urged them, not to vote, for candidates who were pro the escalator.

Unfortunately, as things now stand, with our near bankrupt economy dipping in and out of recession, like

a drowning man's head bobbing up and down in a vat of beer, I can't see the present Chancellor, who is desperate to get money from whomever and wherever he can, giving up this particular cash-cow in a hurry, e-petition or no!

The frightening thing about the escalator (which some people are only now belatedly waking up to) is that it is potentially the most damaging thing to hit the pub trade in decades. Those of us, who did our arithmetic at its inception, realised then, that if this awful, ever swelling, monster, was allowed to run its full course, it would drive thousands of pubs out of business. To make matters worse, growth remains sluggish and austerity measures are biting hard, with the result

Beware of Spies in the Camp



that for many, whose incomes have been squeezed hard, a pint at the local has already become something of an occasional luxury, and the last thing they need is the escalator to add to their woes. A frightening prospect looms: if the escalator is allowed to run its full course, and I fear that it will be, the only people able to afford to drink in pubs, will be soccer stars and bankers (expense fiddling M.P.s. will no doubt retreat into their subsidised bars). As for the rest of us, I suspect that we will be forced to troop off to the local supermarket, where I am sure that ale and other alcohol products, will continue

to be sold as loss leaders, despite the government's plans for minimum pricing per unit, but more of that in the next issue.

"There are places where CAMRA members can get a reasonably priced pint," I here you say Dear Toper; "their local beer festivals!" Well, not for much longer, because if our aforementioned, lacklustre leadership have their way, we'll all soon be paying for the privilege of attending our own beer festivals, which will mean that a pint there will work out to be even more expensive than in the pub! You might quite reasonably ask, what is the point of complaining about the escalator when we can't even get our own house in order? Alas, that I cannot answer, and I fear that our leadership can't either. Consider that Dear Toper!

D.T.

Last Orders

Mick Chambers

Mick Chambers, a well known figure in the pubs around both Derby and Belper, died suddenly at home over the first weekend of January 2013.

He was 60 years old. Mick had been a member of CAMRA since the 1970s and was a passionate advocate of traditional cask beer and the pubs that served it. He didn't like keg beer, plastic 'glasses', or sitting down in pubs. He always preferred to stand at the bar. Of course sitting can be very precarious business, as it was on one of the few occasions I can recall him being seated in a bar. He was perched on a tall stool in the Olde Dolphin Inn late one New Years Eve. At some

point he leant back rather too far while clutching a celebratory glass of Scotch and toppled to the floor, although he did arise still holding the whisky glass and amazingly without having spilt any.

Until very recently he had been one of the leading volunteers at the summer Derby Beer Festival in the Assembly Rooms, stewarding and serving the public, and spending hours doing the even less glamorous tasks behind the scenes.

Football and cricket were his other main interests. He was a terrace season ticket holder on the old Pop Side and a member of Derbyshire County Cricket Club, until the twin tragedies of all seater stadia in 1995 and the abandonment of Queens Park in 1998 caused him to stop attending. He at least got to witness the intoxicating triumphs of the first half of the 1970s at the Baseball Ground, although also suffering the hangover of the later plunge down the divisions.

He was a very loyal friend, a good companion and someone who liked socialising in the sort of pubs where conversation is both possible and encouraged, and I will miss him very much. Mick Jones.

Malcom Kay

It is with deep sadness we learn of the passing of Malcolm Kay (Beery Bits & Bobs) as many of you will recall his colourful stand at beer festivals over many years. He was meticulous about how he set up his stand and although he had extensive lines of merchandise (including T-shirts, Bar Towels, Pin Badges etc.) he could always put his hand on it in a flash. He was passionate in his love of cricket and would spend many a long hour working on his computer listening to the latest test match. His passing on the 22nd October signals the end of an era. Malcolm's funeral was well attended by family, friends and work colleges from across the country. He will be sadly missed by all who know him.



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

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

▶ FEBRUARY

Friday 1st - Annual Beer Census (ABC) crawl All around Derby - 8pm.

Thursday 7th - Chester Green Mini Survey

Little Chester Ale House 9pm, Coach and Horses 10pm.

Monday 11th - GBG selection meeting

Falstaff, Derby - 8pm.

Wednesday 13th - Branch Meeting

Thomas Leaper, Derby-8pm.

20th - 23rd - Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival The Roundhouse, Derby.

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► MARCH

Saturday 9th - Social TripBurton-On-Trent to coincide with the DERT (the Dance England Rapper Tournament)

- Noon.

Wednesday 13th - Branch Meeting

Patten Makers, Duffield - 8pm.

22nd - 24th - Ashbourne Sub Branch Beer FestivalTown Hall, Ashbourne.

TOWN Hall, Alshiel

▶ APRIL

Thursday 11th - Branch AGM Flowerpot, Derby - 8pm.

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



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Crossword

No.32 by Wrenrutt

▶ ACROSS

- Faust girls turn out as thrifty ones (10)
- Shropshire's Parish Bitter brewer (4)
- An exciting culmination possibly resulting from 2 down? (8)
- An expressed wish for something to come, possibly a ferry (4-2)
- 10 The "Inebriate Woman" from the 1970s, possibly a Dane (4)
- 11 Something attached to Derby Cathedral's tower to pull in the birds! (7.3)
- 12 Fed up or gone away (6.3)
- Locust tree fruit, and Wrath of Pecan (US beer) ingredient (5)

Derby pub containing its new

Ruing G&S could bring about

Demon ale this isn't unless

Birmingham's Gosta Green

pub more appropriate for its

Wholesale Vegetable Market?

Hang about for the Beer

brewery plant (9)

these stimuli (7)

with alcohol (8)

- Stretch, filter or song, it's all the same (6)
- Coventry district where the Boat is permanently grounded
- Spanish fragrance for type of sherry (7)
- 13 Want a singer for a romantic evening? Put a serener ad in for him or her (9)
 - 15 Brewery at 1 down, appropriately (5.4)
 - 16 Broach the subject's vowels for a horsedrawn four-wheeler (8)
 - 18 Charms worn by titled 23 across perhaps (7)
 - 20 A sweet white wine from the Bordeaux region (7)
 - 21 An Essex bitter from place for the continent, discerning drinker (6)

Congrats!

The winner of Crossword No. 31 is P W Ruane from Toton, Notts picked up in Jolly Sailor at Hemington

- Flavour Wheel's phenolic quality (5)
- 19 Adorable 'L' variation for an Elgarian enigma (9)
- 22 Place where suspected terrorists are kept at bay (10)

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- 23 An ideal lady partner to go to the races with (4)
- 24 Maris Otter flavour with pet on a rainy day redolence, not on the Beer Flavour Wheel! (3.3)
- 25 Cicero up for someone in residence (8)
- 26 Russian/Bulgarian ruler or expert government adviser about rats (4)
- The rest of us, apart from Scotland (10)
- Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2013) 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. 31

▶ ACROSS

(5.2.8)

▼ DOWN

- 1. METROPOLIS 6. GUST
- 8. CARTERET 9 VIFNNA
- 10. ALES 11. FELL RUNNER
- 12. IRONVILLE
- 14 BOSOM

▼ DOWN

- 1. MECHANICS
- 2. TORPEDO 3. PARAFFIN
- 4. LITTLE LONGSTONE
- 5. SEVERN
- 6. GREEN HOPS
- 7. SAN REMO
- 13. NIGHTLIFE 15. MR GRUNDYS
 - 16. REVEREND 18 IRON AGE
 - 20 ICF BOAT
 - 21. SPLIFF

17. SINGE

23 RFAU

24. TAHITI

26. PELE

19. UNCEASING

22 TOOTHPASTE

25. OVERLORD

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