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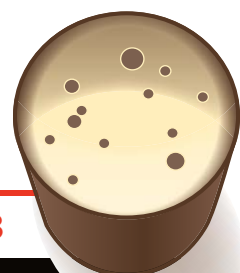


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## DERBY CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL



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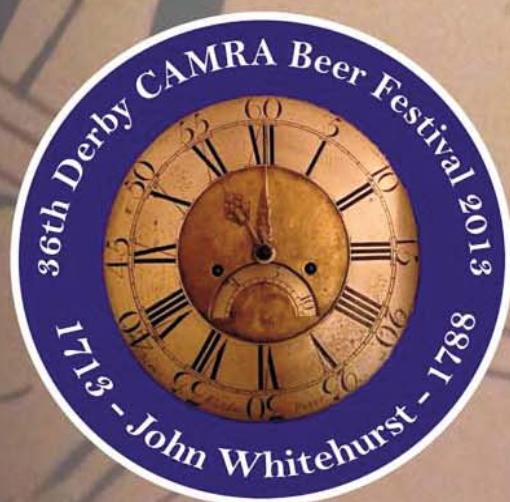


# DERBY CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL

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## Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival

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City Charter's 36th annual CAMRA beer festival taking place from  
**Wednesday 10th - Sunday 14th July 2013**

**T**his exciting event will take place in the Darwin suite of the Assembly Rooms and for the first time in a large marquee based on the Market Place in the heart of Derby giving the festival a different and fresh feel.

This year we will be celebrating the life of the famous clockmaker and scientist John Whitehurst who was born 300 years ago and lived in Derby.

There will be a huge variety of real ales to choose from including a bar featuring Derby's many breweries in one place which we are proud to say will be a first for the City. Different Derbyshire ale's will also feature along with an abundance of beers from across the Country.

A fantastic variety of ciders and continental

drinks will also be available to choose from and we are pleased to announce that the mead stall will return again this year due to its popularity last year. Many other stalls will also feature including Pipers crisps, Merry Berry Chocolates, CAMRA merchandise & membership and a cheese stall! And as usual there will be a good variety of entertainment to complement your beer.

Finally, look out for the Ale Trail during the month of June, which will allow you a warm up to the festival and also reward you on completion with a free beer in the festival and reduced entry. If you need any further info then just visit our Summer Beer Festival web page at [www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival)

## Ale Trail

To get everyone into the spirit for the Summer Beer Festival, this year there is an Ale Trail running throughout June and up to the end of the festival on the 14th July. The trail includes 20 pubs in and around the City of Derby and anyone completing the trail will receive free entry to one session of the beer festival before 5pm and also a free drink. To take part simply collect a trail card from one of the participating pubs and then drink at least a pint of real ale in each to gain a sticker. Suggested routes will be posted onto the Derby CAMRA website Summer Beer Festival page so keep your eyes posted. Although the trail has already started there is plenty of time to complete it so get trailing and discover why Derby is possibly the best place in the world to drink beer.

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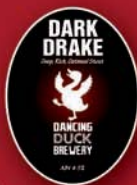
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# Festival Beer Offerings

Let us take you on a tour of the liquid offerings that we will have available. First off the marquee which will feature a 40 metre long, double stacked stillage featuring over 150 different beers. At right angles to this is one of our cider and perry bars. Once again the Summer Beer Festival will stock at least one beer from every brewery in Derbyshire and a lot of the beers from outside the City of Derby will be found here. This will be supplemented by a range of beers from across the country. Look out for the festival special from the Devon Brewer, Isca Ales, featuring the Czech Bobek hops.

Moving inside the main building and upstairs into the Darwin Suite we are featuring 24 hand pumps, where the rest of our bounty of fantastic beers will be served. There is also cider and perry served here. This bar will showcase the Everards brewery of Leicester – try their new Italian style beer.

Exiting the Darwin into the foyer we have a

special bar celebrating the City's brewers. Do you know how many there are in the City of Derby? Come and find the answer. To the left you will find the continental bar serving 38 different bottled beers. Here you will find such diverse offerings as fruit beer, wheat beer, Kolsch, Pils and the mighty Geuze. Like the well known beer by-product from Burton, you will either love Geuze or hate it. Mead will also be available from this bar and as you drunk it all last year before the festival had closed, we have ordered even more.

Opposite there will be brewery bars from Titanic and Blue Monkey both serving beer from traditional hand pull. Finally further along the corridor we have two other brewery bars featuring Fullers of London and Muirhouse of Ilkeston. Muirhouse are providing us with another special beer to commemorate John Whitehurst FRS. New for this year will be three continental beers served from font at the Muirhouse bar. Two beers come across the water from Belgium (Senne and DeMolen) and the third, Flying

Dog, all the way from the United States. Seek out the Festival Special from Revolutions, which will be an American IPA and see how they compare.

For more information visit the Derby Summer Beer Festival website at [www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival) which can be accessed by using the QR code below or for iPhone users download the Derby Beer Festival app from the Apple App Store. [appstore.com/derbybeerfestival](http://appstore.com/derbybeerfestival)



## Festival Cider with Suzie

May is a good month for cider makers and cider drinkers too. The weather gets much warmer, or at least it is supposed to, and the cider made last autumn is now ready for drinking. You need patience to be a cider maker; the six months plus between the hectic days of cider making in the autumn and now is a long time to wait, but early indications are that the 2012 vintage will be fine. Also at the beginning of May we have CAMRA's National Cider and Perry judging, held at Reading Beer and Cider Festival. Ciders and perries from all over the country which have come through regional heats are on the bar producing a fantastic selection of close to 200 varieties. Judging is by blind tasting, which means the ciders are in containers identified only by number so the judges have no prior knowledge of what they are tasting. For me this is the only fair way to judge beer or cider. Anyway, after a gruelling session during which those judging, and I was one of them, were forced to sample a large number of ciders and perries the winners were Cider – Springfield Wobbly Munk (from Llangovan, Monmouthshire) and Perry – Dunkertons Medium (from Pembridge, Herefordshire). We hope to have both of these on the cider bar at the Derby Summer Festival.

As you probably already know the layout at Derby will be different this year with a marquee in the Market Square instead on the Main Hall in the Assembly Rooms which is being refurbished. This will not affect the cider / perry bar which will be bigger and better than ever. The main bar will be in the marquee with a smaller bar in the Darwin Suite. Although we cannot quite match the number of varieties on sale at Reading, your Cider Bar Manager has been diligently scouring the country to provide you with a varied and interesting selection of quality real ciders and perries. Local ciders will include Spencer & Haspel's Shock, of indeterminate ABV, from Ockbrook. Of course we will have Three Cats from Morley; I'm sure you would be disappointed if it wasn't there.

Moving around the country in a clockwise direction we will have cider from Whin Hill, made at Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk. This is a far flung outpost of cider making, but they have planted orchards of cider apples and perry pears and are doing well; worth a visit if you are in the area. Pickled Pig, from Streatham, Cambridgeshire is a relative newcomer to the cider scene. They use local apples and make a very quaffable cider. From Maidstone, Kent we will have the ever popular Double Vision (cider) and

Impeared Vision (perry); both clear and dangerously drinkable. Somerset is still the heart of cider making territory and they will be well represented. Hecks are one of my favourite cider makers and we will have their Port Wine of Glastonbury; for those who like proper traditional cider there will be Naish's Dry. The bar would not be complete without Winkleigh from Devon, this time we will have their Autumn Scrumpy.

Herefordshire is the most important part of the country for perry making and we hope to have CAMRA's current champion perry, Dunkertons. While much real cider and perry is, in fact, organic, few brands are actually marketed as such. We have two which are, Carey Organic (cider) and Butford Organic (perry), both from Herefordshire. Finally, we must not forget Wales where some excellent cider is made these days. CAMRA's current champion cider is from Springfield, as well as that we will have a selection from Gwynt y Ddraig, including Celtic Warrior (new to the festival), and Two Trees Perry. The above is just a taster; the full range can be found on Derby CAMRA's website. See you at the festival.

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## Brass Band Leads Beer Fest Music Parade

**D**erby City Charter Festival hosts the usual variety of entertainment this year both on the marquee stage and the Darwin area. If it's tribute bands you want, well!! There ain't any, all the performers are from the local area and offer an array of (not too heavy) musical styles.

### HERE'S THE LINE UP.

**WEDNESDAY** - (opening session) **Liquid Brass** is not a brass band in the traditional sense and instead actively attempts to avoid the stereotypical image with a programme comprising of rock, pop & jazz arrangements. It's not unusual for the performance to encourage audience participation. The Ripley Morris Men will also be performing their usual brand of Cotswold dances.

**THURSDAY EVE** – **The Herron Brothers** (guitar/vocal duo) take the marquee stage at 8pm to perform a series of popular sing - a - long songs from their vast repertoire (they will also be opening up Friday eve session). Radio Mary have their own sound which has a blend of musical influences, a contagious cocktail of folk based catchy tunes which makes them a favourite at the Acoustic festival of Britain. To add to this the Black Pig Border Morris (bit scary if you have never seen them before) makes this an evening not to be missed.

**FRIDAY EVE** – **Shamus O'Blivion and the Megadeath Morris Men** are highly accomplished musicians and as a band have been steadily earning a reputation for playing rock influenced Celtic music (traditional Irish & Scottish) in a hard edged fast and cheeky style. Their outlandish stage show is both extremely visual and very amusing delivering high energy, super fast jigs and reels, enigmatic Celtic melodies all with a whole



Radio Mary



Shamus O'Blivion and the Megadeath Morris Men

heap of rock attitude. Meanwhile on the Darwin stage Reverb The Band – a premier five piece covers band based in the East Midlands will be performing the hits you know from the 50s up to the present day.

**SATURDAY EVE** – **Joint Honours** are a university formed band from Derby formerly known as FIRES & FIRPLACES their sound is an amalgamation of several different genres, from The Streets right through to the Beach Boys. Having only been together three years they have been well rated with high support slots and also playing London's O2 arena. Their catchy arrangements and close harmonies have grabbed the attention of BBC with plenty of air play.

**The Legendary Steaming Isaacs** open the evening with a rhythm & brass section playing a variety of rock, funk & soul. Backline Blues play the Darwin stage from 9pm with their own style of Blues, Funk & Rock.

### MUSICAL AFTERNOONS

**THURSDAY** - **Martin Atterbury** at the theatre organ. Time to relax, reflect and enjoy all the old songs of yesteryear (Martin has guested many times on the Blackpool Tower Ballroom Wurlitzer).

**FRIDAY** – **The Bill Bailey Jazz Band** back once again for a session of New Orleans blues and foot tapping jazz.

**SATURDAY** – **3 Eyed Fox** a young local band with an ever growing following consisting of a classically trained violinist, a guitarist and a vocalist with their own brand of folkly rock. Meanwhile on the Darwin stage Rip it Up will be having a rock & roll party from the pre Beatles & Stones 50s era.

**SUNDAY** – **Blues Town** will play out the last session of rock & blues with the help of a few guests. Note – this will be on the Darwin stage.

Have a good festival  
Terry Morton.

## MAGIC NUMBERS

During the Opening Night of this year's Summer Beer Festival we are hoping to welcome the **350,000th** customer.

This means we will have provided all the fun, music and choice of quality beer to over a third of a million drinkers over the years of our festivals. That lucky customer will get a surprise gift package and a personal welcome from the Derby Beer King as they come in.

We are one of the oldest festivals in the country and this year is our 36th, a number that we share with the Great British Beer Festival. In 1978 the first Derby Festival was a small affair in the Queens Hall organised by a small group of enthusiasts. It has now grown into a large and impressive festival attracting real-ale fans from all over the country, with a huge beer selection, music and food. In this time our city has grown into 'The Beer Capital of the Country' and 'The perfect place for a pub crawl.'

We will offer a warm welcome to a very special customer coming to our very special 36th Derby City Charter Beer Festival. We are also proud of the fact that we have given generously to many charities over the years and sent thousands of pounds to CAMRA HQ to support our campaigns. Come and celebrate our successes with us this year.

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## John Whitehurst remembered (1713 – 1788)

the town and married well above his social standing, to Elizabeth, the daughter of Rev. George Gretton. Their only child, James, sadly died in infancy and the business passed to his nephew and namesake, John Whitehurst II on his death in 1788, and remained in the family for several generations.

Whitehurst was described in his obituary as having an "easy and obliging" manner, often mistaken as serious by those who were unfamiliar with his dry sense of humour. He was described as a thin man "somewhat above middle stature", wearing "moderate dress" and eating a "temperate diet". It seems as though he was a quiet modest man.

Like many of his Derby contemporaries, Whitehurst developed a wide-ranging interest in scientific observations and experiments, particularly in the field of mechanics, pneumatics and hydraulics. In 1775 on the strength of his accuracy, he was appointed by the government to become first official "Stamper of the Money-Weights", work which led to his proposal of the still controversial standardisation of European weights and measures including the adoption of a decimal inch.

His exquisitely drawn diagrams of the rock strata and fossils taken from careful observation of the geological formations of Derbyshire and Ireland formed the basis of his important geological treatise *An Inquiry into the Original State and Formation of the Earth*. The book was intended to aid "the discovery of valuable substances concealed in the lower regions of the earth" and

became one of the foremost geological tracts of its day.

While serving as stamper of the money weights in London, he developed gout, followed by a long and painful illness of the stomach and bowel. He died of the complaint in February 1788, aged 75, and was buried beside his wife at St. Andrews in Grey's Inn, London.

Whitehurst was an all-rounder with an amazing string of achievements to his name, and is well worth celebrating in the way we know best – a pint of good beer!

Jane Whitaker

On your way to the festival, spare a moment to look up Irongate where the blue face of the Cathedral clock can be seen. This is the successor to the clock whose mechanism created in 1745 by the mechanical wizard and scientific genius John Whitehurst and marked time for the citizens of Derby for almost 200 years. With a mechanism resembling "a monster musical box", the carillon played a different tune each day of the week using music from popular songs of the day such as "The Lass of Pattie's Mill" and "The Highland Laddie". He was paid both by the church wardens and the Borough Corporation for maintenance and winding of the clocks. No doubt this daily chore was passed over to one of his apprentices!

Why is this distinguished clockmaker worthy of such recognition in Derby today? Whitehurst was not merely a turret clock maker, but he also designed and made elegant, durable and accurate timepieces, long case clocks, barometers and compasses for his wealthy and distinguished patrons. He was also a prominent member of the Derby Philosophical Society and the Birmingham-based Lunar Society (so-called as its members met by the light of the full moon), and was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Not a native of Derby, Whitehurst opened a clock-making business in the Derby in 1735, to avoid setting up in opposition to his father and brother in his home town of Congleton, Cheshire. He soon became well respected in



## Festival Ticket Deals

Package and advance fast track ticket deals are available. For those visitors who don't want to miss a night at the festival then we'd recommend buying the package deal, getting free entry on Wednesday evening when you buy tickets for Thursday to Saturday evening. If you want to save money and skip to the front of the queue, then our Fast-track advance tickets will save you £1 on evening ticket prices and give you fast-track entry into the festival when you arrive before 8pm. Book your tickets at [www.derbylive.co.uk](http://www.derbylive.co.uk)

## CHARTER FESTIVAL STAFFING APPEAL

If you can spare some time we'd like to hear from you. If you have never worked at a beer festival before then now is the time to take the plunge and give it a try. It's fun. You will meet a lot of like-minded enthusiasts and you will get a few beers - also something to eat if you can do a couple of shifts together. Most shifts are just three hours. If you have access to the internet just follow this link: <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summerbeer-festival-staffing> and you will be able to complete the form in a couple of minutes. No stamps, no bother! If you don't have access to the internet and need a paper copy for any reason or have any other questions, then please email me at [summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk) I very much look forward to seeing you at the festival.

Julian Tubbs, Staffing Officer.

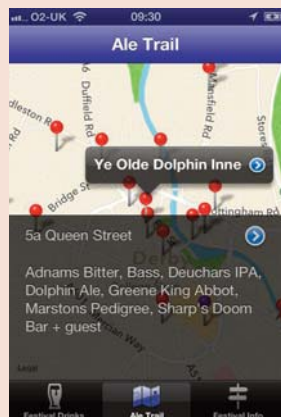
## FESTIVAL APP AVAILABLE NOW

Using the App you can see the list of drinks available at the festival, and search through it to find one you want to try.

Create your own shortlist, make notes, and provide feedback on drinks to the festival committee.

It will also give you directions to all the pubs on the Ale Trail.

The App is available on the App Store, the address to download the app is [appstore.com/derbybeerfestival](http://appstore.com/derbybeerfestival)







# Last Post for the White Post

**B**y the time you read this the White Post in Stanley Common maybe no more as Erewash Borough Council's planning department in all its wisdom has granted permission for demolition to Walton Homes Ltd under Permitted Development Rights. This is a complete travesty for the locals who signed a 500 strong petition against it and to the many CAMRA members who objected to the proposals. It looks like planners have totally ignored the wishes of the locals and the many visitors who use the pub. Did they not consider the fact that it's the only village pub and a thriving community asset, obviously not. It has been listed in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide many times for the quality of the ales and its regular pub Beer Festivals always proved popular. To demolish a pub, the

central part of which is probably about 300 years old is a cynical act by developers who have scant regard for the history of the pub or the local people that use it. For a pub enjoyed by many to end this way is a complete tragedy and we will mourn its loss. It will close for the last time on 29th June but you may still wish to air your views to Erewash Borough Council's planning department by contacting them at [enquires@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:enquires@erewash.gov.uk).

What this case does highlight though is the need for local people to gather together and get their pubs listed as a 'Community Asset' under the Localism Act. Nominations for community assets can be made by parish councils or by groups with a connection with the community. If the nomination is accepted, the group will be given time to come up with a bid for the asset when it is sold. Further information about this scheme can be found on various Government websites including [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

## Great British Beer Festival 2013

This year's Great British Beer Festival takes place at London Olympia from 13-17th August showcasing a fantastic array of over 800 Real Ales, Ciders & Perries and Continental Beers as well as live music and food throughout. Visit the Festival website: [www.gbbsf.org.uk](http://www.gbbsf.org.uk) for full details of opening times, prices, special offers, etc.

## Do you want your Brewery Bar at the National Winter Ales Festival ?

With CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival taking place in February 2014 at The Roundhouse, Pride Park, Derby - now is the time to contact the Festival Sponsorship Manager Mike Ainsley if you are interested in showcasing your Brewery - with a Brewery Bar. You would have to provide your own bar front and stillage; staff it throughout the Festival and be able to offer attractive terms to the Festival.

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by Mark Grist

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The Yeaveley Arms at Yeaveley is currently closed and for sale around £450k.

Pubs in Ashbourne currently up for sale: The Coach & Horses, The Horns, The Ketch at Kniveton (although this may have sold recently, needs confirmation.).

The Dog & Partridge at Thorpe is still undergoing renovation, but there have been delays due to changes having to be made to the originally planned works.

Two pubs may be undergoing change of ownership/tenancy in the near future. The Olde Vaults is being relinquished by the current landlady, who will however continue to run the White Swan next door. The tenants of the George & Dragon are looking to end their tenure shortly as well.

The White Hart has new managers in and has changed opening hours, not opening at lunchtimes, but also opening later into the night from Thursday to Sunday.

The new owners of the Green Man Royal Hotel have announced plans to turn the empty building into a 'retail, dining and drinking destination' and a planning

application has been submitted to Derbyshire Dales District Council for this purpose. Phase 1 includes plans to restore part of the building to retail use but unfortunately to our dismay this will result in the loss of both the Boswell & Johnson bars. Phase two and three are based around restoring the coaching inn yard to create a vibrant retail, dining and drinking destination and several 'pub groups' have reportedly made enquiries about moving into the building. Whether this happens at all is anyone's guess but we urge developers to rethink plans for this historic, listed pub and retain at least a drinking area that will serve quality Real Ales like it used to.

Mild May - the Smith's Tavern in Ashbourne had a programme of guest milds on throughout the month, with offerings from Oakwell (Barnsley Mild), Sarah Hughes (Dark Ruby Mild) & Front Row (no.8 Mild). All well received and Dave hopes to be able to continue to offer a mild periodically through his guest programme.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 25th June** - sub-branch meeting - 8pm  
-The Bowling Green, Ashbourne.

**Thursday 11th July** - minibus to Derby Charter Beer Festival - leave Smith's Tavern 6.30pm

**Tuesday 30th July** - sub-branch meeting - venue tbc

Contact Branch Chairman, Mark Grist on  
07818 466076 or e-mail [m.grist2@sky.com](mailto:m.grist2@sky.com)





# Grand Return of an Old Favourite



If you're in Derby for the CAMRA beer festival, or if you happen to live here, a pub well worth a visit is the recently revamped Bell and Castle, situated on Burton Road close to the City Centre. The pub is over two hundred years old and many Derby folk will have fond memories of the place, but alas it had seen a steady decline in its fortunes during the last few years, and closed in September of last year, leaving many wondering as to whether it would ever open its doors to the thirsty again. Well, I'm pleased to announce that it has, and that the new owners, who have been working lovingly on the place since March, are determined to recapture its former glory, with, amongst other things, an array of real ales (there are six handpumps) and ciders. Also on the way is traditional home-cooked, quality food and live music. (I wonder if the famous piano will make a return?)

Front of house is the ever-cheerful and capable Nicky Sharp, who will no doubt be familiar to many real ale drinkers in Derby, as she has been serving and keeping beers in the city for the last fifteen years, and proudly boasts that the last two pubs in which she worked were both in the Good Beer Guide.

Many original features (such as fireplaces) have been discovered during the refurb, and the pub has an excellent beer garden, just the place to soak up some summer sunshine over a pint or two. Last but not least are the ladies and gents toilets, which come as a pleasant surprise, but I think it is best if you explore them for yourselves.

Peter A. Elliott

## From one Bell to the other



The historic Old Bell Hotel on Sadler Gate in Derby looks set to reopen after a period of closure and £1m worth of refurbishments. The building dates from about 1650 and Older Derbeians will remember the former coaching inn in its halcyon days when it was said to have sold the best pint of Bass Worthington in town. The Derby Dilly bar is now a shop unit but the Bell will still boast five bars and two restaurants with at least one bar serving Real Ales. There are also plans to have a café/tearoom and hotel and it is hoped to bring back live music as well as staging weddings, conferences and other events. The building will open in stages with the first room to open being the Tudor Bar where Councillor Eric Reed, who, as Mayor, opened the second Derby CAMRA beer festival, was a familiar figure. Other rooms will open in due course later in the year bringing this historic Derby building back to life again and we wish the Old Bell every success and look forward to the Real Ales on offer.



# Brewery in Focus - The Falstaff

**On the 1st April 2003 Jim Hallows and Steph Briggs took over the reins of The Falstaff, 74 Silver Hill Road, Derby. Now 10 wonderful years on they are firmly part of the life force of this incredible pub and Brewery, Gillian Williams went along to meet them and share their story.**

**T**he Falstaff in so many ways encapsulates the elements which ensure a pub is the beating heart at the centre of a Community. With an honest welcome this multi roomed pub has an outdoor seating area, interesting decor plus their own Falstaff ales producing a magic recipe which draws customers back time after time.

Completed in 1886 and designed by James Wright a Derby architect The Falstaff was originally built as an Inn with stables attached. To the side there is terracotta tiling with the date and insignia 'P G & F Ld' for Derby Maltsters Pountain Girardot & Forman. Combine this with baroque features and a large elliptical arch entrance and this is not your average back street boozier.

When Jim and Steph became licensees of The Falstaff there was no brewery operating as it had been mothballed by a previous Landlord. It took about 6 months to trace and remedy an electrical issue within the brewery itself and the couple's sense of humour shines through by naming one of their first beers 3 Faze.

The first brew however appeared around the 21st December 2003 and was mentioned in Derby Drinker by Pip Southall who said something like "Falstaff Brewery rises from the ashes" and so Phoenix was named.

On a 5 barrel plant with 3 fermenters Jim triple brews on a regular basis having been taught initially by brewing Guru Dave Corby (who helped establish brewing at Leatherbritches and Thornbridge). Jim has learnt his trade well and modestly says "The essence of a good brewery is consistency of product while adapting and listening to your customers".

In The Falstaff you'll find 4 real ales on sale including usually:

3 Faze - 3.8% abv a golden session ale with light honeyed lemon notes

Fist Full of Hops - 4.5% abv a golden amber ale with complex citrus notes dry hopped with exactly a fist full of hops.

Phoenix - 4.7% abv a copper brown ale with sweet malt and dark toffee flavours leading to a hoppy finish

Smiling Assassin - 5.2% abv a dark amber ale with rich fruity malt flavours and balanced finish

A floating seasonal ale - brewed by Jim and named by Steph. This year's theme is Famous Quotes and already Dr Seuss and Jimi Hendrix are out there waiting to be savoured and discussed.

They also sell at least 1 or 2 real ciders, oh yes and they also make some cracking Mild having been awarded Derby's best Mild in May Award for 2012.

Balance is the key here as the pub and brewery work well together organisation, book work, maintenance, cleaning and upkeep are the day to day realities of a successful business. Steph sums up their approach as "Making the pub belong to the customers, making the customers welcome and creating the sort of pub we'd like to drink in ourselves".

Both Jim and Steph are ex nurses and when they took the brave step over the threshold there were only 5 pictures in The Falstaff and some wooden flowers. The walls are crammed now with posters and items which reflect their interests and hobbies.

I leave with the customers joking and telling me about The Falstaff Family; the ghosts; the pub dog who's had 8 puppies and acted alongside Willem Dafoe. This is a unique destination pub and well worth seeking out just 30 minutes walk from Derby railway station.

For more information ring The Falstaff on 01332 342902.





# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

By Trevor Spencer



## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Diary

**Monday 15th July** Beer Festival Meeting, Travellers Rest, Kilburn 8pm start

**Saturday 20th July** Survey Trip to Aldewasley/Milford/Makeney, bus leaves 7:30pm from Ripley Market Place, contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 to book

**Thursday 25th July** Branch & Committee Meeting at the Greyhound, Belper, 8pm start.

### News

#### Beer Festival on the move

This year's Amber Valley Beer Festival will take place at the Alfreton Leisure Centre from 12-15 September featuring 100+ beers, ciders, perry & fruit wines. There will be entertainment on Friday evening from WHO'S NEXT (Premier Who Tribute) and on Saturday evening from ROLLIN' STONED (Rolling Stones tribute). Further details next time or check out the website [www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk](http://www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk)

The Beehive, Ripley, is currently planning to open its own brewery. The date of the first brew is as yet undecided, so watch this space...

The Beehive will hold beer festivals from July 4th - 7th and August 22nd - 26th

The Poet and Castle, Codnor is under new management, while the Codnor Inn is up for sale, as is the Devonshire Arms, Alfreton, which closed its doors, at least for the time being, on May 12th.

### Focus on Kilburn

Bearing in mind the awards won by the Hunter Arms, which has twice been named Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year, one could almost be forgiven for believing that there's nowhere else to go in Kilburn. However, one would be wrong, there is another pub in Kilburn, and like the Hunters it's well worth frequenting.

The pub concerned is the Travellers Rest, which is on Chapel Street, about 5 minutes walk from the Hunters. Owned by Punch Taverns and run by Kev and Lorna for the last 3 years, the Travellers consists of three areas around a central bar, with a small car park in front of the pub and a garden area at the back. Four Real Ales are always available, including interesting micro brewery beers rather than National offerings, along with a cider, and the pub has darts/dominos and skittles teams on

various nights of the week, as well as a quiz on Thursdays. The opening hours are 5-12 Monday to Thursday, 4-1am Friday, 12-1am Saturday and 12-11 Sunday. The 138 passes the /Travellers, while the Amber Line and 9.1 services stop nearby

The Hunters itself is, of course, as good as ever, with at least 8 Real ales and several Ciders available. A deserved Good Beer Guide regular, the pub has a large car park and outside area. Inside is a tastefully-decorated single roomed pub, but with several separate seating areas, and should you enter through the front door you would be confronted with an impressive array of hand pumps with beers from Blue Monkey, Oakham, Spire, St Austell and Sarah Hughes often available. There is also an upstairs bar, often the venue for Amber Valley CAMRA meetings and other functions, which itself has a couple of hand pumps. A Free House owned by Mark and Paula, the Hunters is open all day, every day from 12 noon onwards. Occasional Brewery days and a regular quiz night on Tuesdays are among the features of this fine pub. The Amber Line stops outside the Hunters, while the 9.1 and 138 stop around 3 minutes walk away on Highfield Road.





# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

by Mick Golds

## Pub of the Year Presentation

Our members were part of a full house at The Dewdrop, Ilkeston on 24th April to present the Pub of the Year certificate to Phil & Jack Paxton (see photo). This pub goes from strength to strength and is a well deserved winner, let's see what happens when Ilkeston gets its new railway station next year situated adjacent to the pub. Thanks to the pub for the buffet provided.

## Mild May Crawl

Weather wise, Erewash valley chose the best day of the year so far, for their Mild May crawl on May Day Bank Holiday. The crawlers commenced at the Red Lion in Heanor with their trail guides in hand and eager to collect as many stickers as possible. An on time departure and a long march led us to the branch's smallest award winning pub, the Marlpool Ale House. This was followed by the neighbouring Queens Head. We then caught the advertised bus (no. 20) into Ilkeston and another stretch of the legs to get to the branch's Pub of the Year, the Dewdrop Inn, here we were joined by a few late stragglers. After a well earned rest in the Dewdrop there was another long walk back into Ilkeston town centre where some were side tracked by the recently reopened Spring Cottage (unfortunately no mild was available), whilst others went onto the next stop, the

Poacher. A hop across the road led to the Spanish bar and the crawl concluded at the General Havelock. It was pleasing to note that the majority of pubs were serving mild and some had more than one. An earlier complaint to the new branch chairman, that not all pubs on the mild trail were serving mild, led to some research on just how they were included on the trail. And of course, this was organised sometime ago giving plenty of time for memories to fade. It would seem though that some Landlord's may need educating on the differences between mild, stout and porter. And for some maintaining a good quality mild for the whole of May is a significant challenge.

## Pub News

On a recent visit to the Erewash Hotel, Station Rd, Ilkeston 2 real ales were found on the bar, Blue Monkey PG sips and Jennings April Fool. I was also informed that a third beer will be available soon, possibly Oakham Citra. This pub is worth a visit (see photo).

Also very nearby on Bath Street is the newly refurbished New Inn which has one changing real ale available in this fine old pub (see photo). The New Inn, Long Eaton has reopened, local real ales selling well and good quality at £2.30 pint. The Great Northern, Langley Mill is still open.



## BREWERY NEWS

### NORTH STAR

April saw North Star complete its first full year as an operational brewery. Richard is satisfied with its continual slow steady growth. They are now producing eight different beers including Embankment Ale which is brewed exclusively for the Embankment pub in Nottingham. A new mild is also to be added to the range. A recent move to retailing through the wholesale trade is aiding delivery & collection which was proving difficult due to the part-time nature of the operation. To sum up, Richard is particularly pleased with the numerous repeat orders he is receiving.

### MARLPOOL

The brewery is still very busy producing their core range of beers, but despite this, Andy and Chris have managed to add 2 occasional beers to their range; 'Classic' 4.8% which uses the Kimberley recipe and 'OwdSowj' 5% a full bodied traditional dark beer. Meanwhile the attached Alehouse is still attracting drinkers from near and far with its range of 7 real ales and now features the recent addition of an outside bar which will hopefully see plenty of use – if we get a summer this year.

### MUIRHOUSE

Exciting news has reached us of the planned opening of their Brewery Tap on South St in Ilkeston towards the end of July. This will be a 'Micro Pub' in a converted shop unit serving 4 Real Ales initially from their own range plus guest beers. Further updates next time.

## Meetings

Wednesday 3rd July - Blue Bell, Sandiacre.

Wednesday 7th August - Great Northern, Langley Mill (please check website nearer date). All meetings start at 8.30pm. Contact Secretary, Jayne Tysoe on 0115 8548722 or [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

## Socials

Saturday 22nd June - Richard will lead a survey crawl of Draycott, Breaston and some of Long Eaton pubs leaving The Victoria, Draycott 3.00pm. Saturday July 20th - Rail trip to Potteries meet Derby Station 10.30am for 10.42am train. Contact Mick Golds for further details on 0115 9328042. Or see website.

## Pub Discounts

Please remember to show your Camra card.

Barge Inn, Long Eaton - 10p off Pint, 5p off a half, (includes cider).  
The Bridge, Sandiacre - 15p off a pint.

Coach & Horses, Draycott - All cask ales £2.50 pint.

The Poacher, Ilkeston - 15p off pint.

Queens Head, Marlpool - 20p off a pint 10p off half (includes cider).

Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston - 15p off pint Mon – Thurs only.

Seven Oaks, Stanton by Dale - 20p off pint.

Steamboat Inn, Trent Lock - 20p off pint, 10p off half (includes cider).



# Summer Fests

Summer wouldn't be summer without summer Beer Festivals and we highlight several below, by all means not all of them but the ones we've been told about.....

## JUNE

The **Nunsfield House Club** in Alvaston, Derby is the first to chip in with a Beer Festival on Friday 28th (12.00 - 12.00), Saturday 29th (12.00 - 12.00) & Sunday 30th (12.00 - 11.00). There will be 18 Real Ales on sale along with 6 draught ciders and 12 continental bottled beers and live entertainment on Saturday. Admission to the festival is free to Camra members with a charge of £3.00 to go in the function room for the entertainment. Also that weekend **Cromford Mills** has a local brewery Beer Festival from 29th -30th (12 Noon until 7pm) featuring Derbyshire micros, music and a BBQ.

## JULY

Over in Ilkeston the **Spanish Bar** is holding one between 4th - 7th with a theme of North verses South + Local Micros, 20 Beers and 6 Ciders will feature with entertainment on Friday night from Midnight Pumpkin Trucks, Saturday night the Blues Brothers and Sunday afternoon 2.00 - 5.00pm from Kick & Rush. There will be a Hog roast on Saturday and B.B.Q on Sunday. The same weekend 4th-7th the **Beehive** in Ripley will be holding one while up in **Warslow** their annual Beer & Food Festival takes place at the Village Hall from 6th - 7th with 20 Ales + Ciders. Then two big hitters weigh in from 17th -20th when the **Old Dolphin** and **Old Silk Mill** in Derby go head to head with over 80 beers between them as well as live entertainment and food. The Old Dolphin will have local covers band 11th Hour on the Saturday

night and the Old Silk Mill is hoping to have its much vaunted garden area at the side of the pub open for the event, it will also have a preview session on Tuesday 16th. Towards the end of July **Mr Grundy's** in Derby will be holding another charity beer fest on 26th and 27th with all funds going towards a good cause and the village of **Elton** will be holding their annual event on Saturday 27th at Jubilee Field with live music and camping available.

## AUGUST

Into August the **Dog & Partridge** in Marchington holds one from 8th -10th with 20 beers and live music each night. And the same weekend the **Fishpond** in Matlock Bath have one from 9th - 11th with over 50 Real Ales, food and live music. Then August Bank Holiday Weekend will see one or two with the **PotFest** in Derby from 22nd -25th featuring 40 Real Ales, live music and BBQ and the **Steampacket** in Swanwick featuring a "People's Choice Beer Festival from 22nd -26th with beers and ciders voted for by their customers. The top ten beers will appear at the mini-beer festival with live music and a Real Ale quiz. The **Beehive** in Ripley will also be holding one over the Bank Holiday from 22nd - 26th.

## SEPTEMBER

Then finally summer will be rounded off at the **Peacock** in Derby from the 5th - 7th with their 2nd annual Beer Festival featuring over 20 Real Ales, live music and BBQ.

So there you have it, plenty of Beer Festivals to keep you occupied this summer and there are probably one or two others around the area that we are not aware of as well so keep an eye out on your travels and check with the event beforehand for the exact dates, times, etc.

## LAST ORDERS



### Jean Whitehurst

The sad news reaches us of the death, in early May, of Jean Whitehurst, formerly of the Sir Robert Peel (pictured today). Alf and Jean Whitehurst ran the Robert Peel in Park Street for a remarkable 42 years, during which time the Ind Coope corner house was Good Beer Guide listed and hosted many an early Derby CAMRA meeting. Derby CAMRA's first campaign, after the branch's formation in 1974, was a call to Derby's Allied Breweries' licensees to retain their handpumps in the face of considerable coercion from the brewery to have them removed, to facilitate the installation of pressurised, keg beer. After the Wagon and Horses on Ashbourne Road relented to Allied Breweries' demands, the Robert Peel was Derby's solitary pub to serve real draught Ind Coope Bitter. It was the epitome of a traditional street corner local; friendly, welcoming, a good darts' team and, quirkily, the only way women could access the Ladies was to go through the Gents! Sadly, the Peel closed some years ago. In 1976 the tide started to turn back towards real ale when Ind Coope introduced the magnificent Draught Burton Ale, brewed in Burton, to some of Derby's pubs, including the Robert Peel. It's a measure of CAMRA's progress that in those far off days only a dozen different real ales were available in the town, whereas now, approximately 180 different ales are available. Jean was predeceased by her husband, Alf, and Derby CAMRA sends its condolences to the Whitehurst family.

**Paul Gibson**

### Ninkie Coe

Further sad news was the death of Ninkie (Lilian Edith) Coe who was a former licensee of the Bell & Castle in Derby. The wording of her death announcement is perhaps very apt in that she, unlike her husband, was truly the life of that pub for the many years they kept it. She was extraordinary. It is perhaps fitting that the pub is about to open again with hopefully a new lease of life.



# BOOK REVIEW

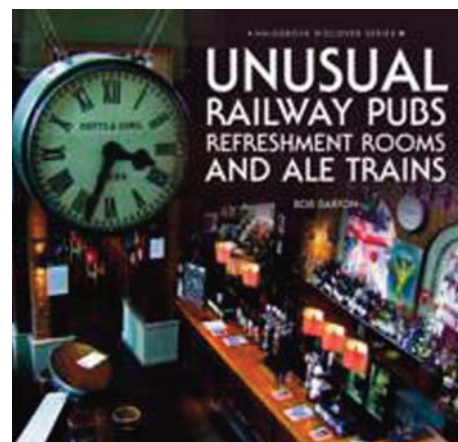
## ON TRACK FOR UNUSUAL PUBS, VIA DERBY

**Pub, real ale and railway enthusiast Bob Barton realised there wasn't a book combining his passions so 5 years, quite a few pints and thousands of miles by train later, he has produced a lavishly illustrated book, *Unusual Railway Pubs, Refreshment Rooms & Ale Trains*.**

This is more than a guide to pubs on existing and former railway stations in Britain, though that fills a big chunk of the 144 pages. The author reveals that synergies between rail and ale extend much further than public houses. Also featured are railway themed ales, breweries in railway buildings, a calendar of beer festivals in engine sheds and goods yards, and the phenomenon of steam-hauled ale trains on heritage railways. The history of the subject includes the decline of coaching inns, the birth of new types of refreshment places

for rail travellers and how the iron horse transformed the brewing industry. Even London's St. Pancras station once housed a massive beer cellar. The title will be popular both with readers who want to sample some eclectic drinking places (most of which can still be reached by train) or indulge in nostalgic armchair excursions infused with hops and steam.

The establishments featured range from bars in a vintage wooden carriage and signal-cabin to palatial Edwardian waiting rooms. **Derby's Brunswick** gets its due recognition as the world's oldest railwaymen's inn and the **Roundhouse**, location of the winter beer festival and soon to be National Winter Ales Festival is also featured. Oh and film fans don't need a ticket for the original Brief Encounter refreshment room. The book is Published in June 2013, price £16.99 by Halsgrove Publishing and should be



available in your local Waterstones. The author Bob Barton is a freelance travel writer and former senior press officer at tourist board Visit Britain. ISBN 978 0 85704 173 9, hardback, 214 x 230mm, 144 pages.  
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# The Eagle has landed on Titan

Derby's micro brewery boom sees no sign of abating as Titan Brewery is set to launch at the former Graduate pub on Agard St. The brewery is being set up by former Mr Grundy's brewers and Father and Son team, Brian & James Collins. The beers will initially be brewed on the Mr Grundy's plant and will include a Bitter, Pale, IPA and Stout with further brews coming at a later stage. They will be available at their Brewery Tap, the Graduate which will revert to its former name, the Golden Eagle which older readers will fondly remember as a place you could get a late lock-in drink after time. The pub will be refurbished along the "Micro Pub" concept and guest beers will be available as well as their own. No date is yet given for the opening but we warmly welcome it to Derby's Real Ale scene and look forward to trying the new Titan Brewery beers there.



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# FUTURE PERFECT UNDER YOUNG LICENSEES

*Paul Gibson looks at the impact of some young licensees on Derby's real ale scene*

**Back in the 1970s, traditional pubs tended to be run by well-established licensees of senior years, but towards the end of the decade things were changing.**

In 1977, twenty two year old **Tony Williams** became manager of the newly opened Blessington Carriage and Ben Bowers restaurant on Chapel Street. At a time when Derby was in the grip of a Bass/Allied Breweries duopoly, the former furniture store and onetime pub initially served real draught Marston's and Ansells' bitters. In the early 80s "The Bless" gained Good Beer Guide recognition; hardly surprising given that it sold two great Burton brews, namely Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale (DBA) and the new kid on the block, Burton Bridge Bitter. Remarkably, four decades and three recessions later, Tony is still in charge and the pub is thriving, although Ben Bowers restaurant closed many moons ago.

In 1985, after gaining valuable experience at the Mafeking, CAMRA member **Nigel Barker**, became Derby's youngest

licensee at the city's oldest pub, the Dolphin. Draught Bass was the staple here, but Nigel introduced a guest beer policy, and I still recall a great pint of Kimberley Classic which was worthy of the name. Nigel ran many more pubs including the Old Silk Mill across the road from the Dolphin and the much lamented Baseball Hotel. Nigel a consummate "front of house" man and cellarman has now established the Wellington, Birmingham, as one of the second city's premier real ale houses.

By the new millennium younger licensees were becoming more common and in December 2010, **Anna Dyson** and **Ralf Edge** who'd acquired skills at the neighbouring Brunswick, reopened the Alexandra on Siddals Road. The "Alex" will



Blessington Carriage

the helm. The inimitable Terry Holmes, who guided the "Mill" and Dolphin to Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year accolades, was Steve's mentor.

It's hard to exaggerate the impact **Pedro Menon** has had on the Furnace Inn, Duke Street, since taking over last summer. In the post Hardy and Hanson's era the Furnace's flame began to flicker until Pedro bought the struggling tavern close to Strutt's Park. Not only has Pedro introduced beers which are rare even to Beer City, but now brews from the on-site Shiny brewery are available for your delectation. New World was voted the best beer by punters at February's Roundhouse festival. Pedro, an old head on young shoulders, makes no apology for constantly rotating his real ales, and the Furnace is runner-up in the Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year, city category, 2013.

A kilometre from the Furnace, across Darley Park, is the ancient Abbey in Darley Abbey where **Lee Jackson** and **Sally Orgill** are the current custodians. They are mindful of Samuel Smith's brewery's traditional values, but have introduced changes, including all day opening and the reopening of the wonderful Undercroft bar, that auger well for the Abbey's future.

**Who said real ale was an old man's game?**



Alexandra Hotel



Furnace Inn

forever have a place in Derby CAMRA history, as the venue for the fledgling branch's first meeting in July 1974. Ralf and Anna have built a reputation for sustained excellence of quality for their cask beer, which is augmented by 50 continental bottled beers. To their eternal credit, they even found time to oversee the organization of the inaugural Roundhouse beer festival in 2011.

Another Good Beer Guide listed establishment, the aforementioned Old Silk Mill, has 25 year old **Steve Moore** at

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## 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  
Crown & Cushion  
Exeter Arms  
Falstaff  
Five Lamps  
Flowerpot  
Furnace  
Greyhound  
Little Chester Ale House  
Mr Grundy's Tavern  
New Zealand Arms  
Seven Stars  
Slug and Lettuce  
Smithfield  
Old Silk Mill  
Peacock  
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

### 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)  
Lawns (Chellaston)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Nunsfield House Club (Alvaston)  
**Old Talbot (Hilton) NEW**  
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)

### AMBER VALLEY

Black Swan (Belper)  
Cross Keys (Turnditch)  
George Inn (Ripley)  
Holly Bush (Makeney)  
Hop Inn (Openwoodgate)  
Hunter Arms (Kilburn)  
King Alfred (Alfreton)  
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 accreditation scheme to promote pubs that sell locally-brewed real ale.



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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, SURROUNDING AREAS & AMBER VALLEY

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
Brunswick Inn, 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
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
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
Victoria Inn, Derby -	1 free pint of Cloughies Pride per 24hr visit
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
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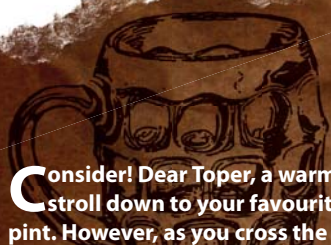
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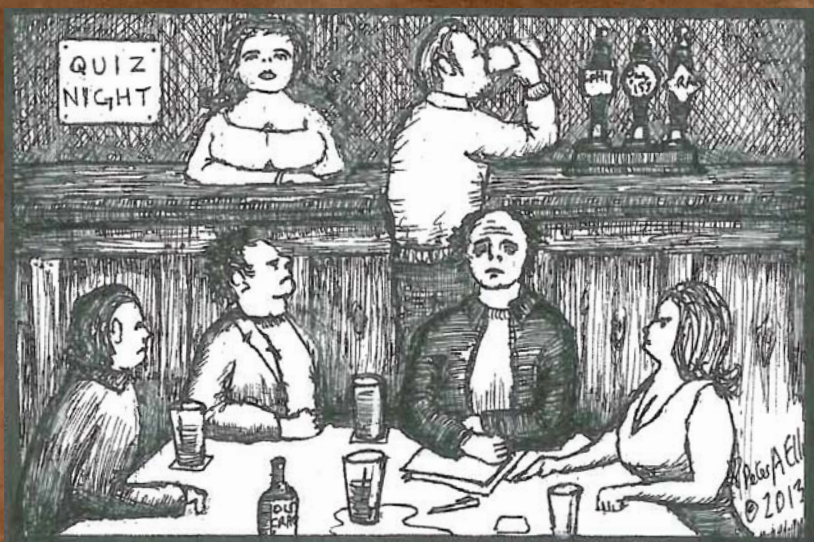
# Dear Toper...

## We Want Answers!

Consider! Dear Toper, a warm summer's evening, whereon you stroll down to your favourite hostelry in search of a well earned pint. However, as you cross the threshold you think that you have entered the local library by mistake, for although the bar room is crowded there is no hum of convivial conversation, indeed, the place is deathly silent, and the various customers are sat huddled in tightly packed little groups, straining their ears – for what? And then you hear it, a voice barely audible on the crackly P.A. system, that calls out, "Which international footballer had a sex change recently?" Yes, Dear Toper, it's "Quiz Night" at the local!

As you make your way to the counter, the various groups of quizlings that you pass by look up give you accusing glares, no doubt assuming in their collective paranoia that you are attempting to peer over their hunched shoulders and peruse their answer sheets. You arrive at the bar and order a pint; everyone knows what you're drinking, because yours is the only audible voice other than the quiz master's. You receive your pint and pay for it, however, the till drawer noisily slams shut just as the quiz master asks the next question.

"Can you repeat that?" a half dozen exasperated quizlings call out in unison, whilst at the same time casting peevish glances in your direction. The question is duly repeated. As usual it concerns one of the T.V. soaps, and a florid woman with bleached hair and sagging breasts, can't contain her excitement at actually knowing an answer for once, and blurts out, "I know that one!" What she fails to realise is, that you have had to have led a really sad existence to have gained such knowledge. But it would be churlish to deny the poor woman her moment of fame, after all the pub quiz is the one time that her sedentary existence of eating junk food in front of the T.V. gives her an advantage in life. The reason being that most of the questions in an average pub quiz seem to revolve around T.V. programmes (particularly the soaps) which leads me to wonder if the only time that quizlings ever leave their armchairs to go to the local, is on quiz night?



The quiz drones on, and then the funereal atmosphere is shattered by the nerve-jangling arrival of the (so-called) music round, which as usual features extracts from current top ten hits. Despite the fact that these hits are marketed with gullible school children in mind, many of the quizlings recognize the succession of discordant rackets, and jealously scribble down the names of the artists and songs as if they were committing to paper the meaning of life.

The questioning eventually grinds to an end, and the teams are then instructed (several times) to swap their answer sheets for marking. Smug grins cross the faces of some teams as they realise that they have

more answers than the team whose sheet they are marking. Other teams, realising the reverse, down what is left of their drinks and sullenly leave before the marking has been completed, which causes the quiz master untold grief.

The marking finally, and after much bickering, completed, the winning team is announced over the P.A. which sometimes raises a chuckle in certain quarters, because they usually have silly names like "Four Plus Four" or "Eight Thick Chavs". And as their cunningly thought up team name indicates, there are eight of them in the winning team (as is the norm) and as usual the prize is a gallon of ale, so they all get a pint each.

So, after two hours of nervously shielding their answer sheet from anyone within what they presume to be viewing distance (about 20 feet for the more paranoid amongst them), angrily telling people to keep their voices down, arguing with one another over disputed spellings, and sneaking out into the fetid atmosphere of the toilets at regular intervals to consult their mobile phones in search of answers, they have won a whole pint! They are not really winners, they are in fact very sad losers. Consider that Dear Toper! D.T.

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**Tuesday 25th** - Social - Rowditch Inn, Derby - 9pm.

**28-30th** - Nunsfield Club Beer Festival, Alvaston, Derby -  
Possible Club of Year Presentation - check website for  
details.

## JULY

**Thursday 4th** - Branch Meeting - Alexandra Hotel, Derby.  
Also Derby CAMRA Birthday Celebrations.

**10-14** - Derby City Charter Beer Festival - Assembly Rooms  
& Market Place.


**Friday 19th** - Survey trip to Thulston, Aston, Weston,  
Ingleby by free minibus.

## AUGUST

**Saturday 3rd** - Beer Festival Workers trip to Liverpool.

**Thursday 8th** - Branch Meeting, TBA in Derby.

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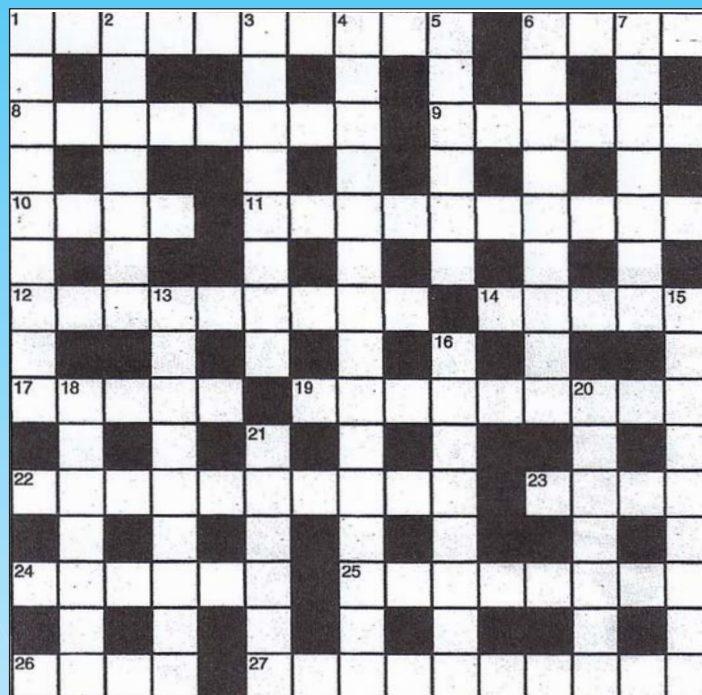
## No 34 by Wrenrutt

### Across

- 1 What Northamptonshire's Warner Edwards Distillery produces (7.3)
- 6 Del Boy looks back to find a Slovenian lake (4)
- 8 Famous Cognac, nothing added, for defence towers (8)
- 9 Those making an effort, and judges (6)
- 10 Isla confused by wind power propulsion (4)
- 11 Rembrandt's and Pratchett's nocturnal timepiece (5.5)
- 12 In dialect the sort of twins sometimes hard to distinguish (9)
- 14 What our revels now are says Prospero in *The Tempest* (5)
- 17 "No woman" then what, sang Bob Marley? (2.3)
- 19 What a particular area's way of speech is (9)
- 22 His fording unravelled an essential anglers' tool (7-3)
- 23 Kingsley and Martin are friends in Paris (4)
- 24 Grab enterprising chants (6)
- 25 Derby Pensioners' traveller's friend could be a cold drag (4.4)
- 26 Logical Positivism's philosopher (4)
- 27 One of Flipside's pale ales (6.4)

### Down

- 1 A fee to get in, or confession (9)
- 2 In the short term I test, partially, a white ant (7)
- 3 Cornish organic brewery producing an ocean of beer (8)
- 4 Belper inn overlooked by its house bitter's name (6.3.6)
- 5 How composers fill their scores; art gallery missing (6)
- 6 A new brewery which Bucks a trend (9)
- 7 AA cheer? A contradictory auditory pain (7)
- 13 Facer's porter (5.4)
- 15 Canary Wharf used to be one of these (9)
- 16 Italian restaurant in Wapping or a house of ill-repute (8)
- 18 Eastern quality could be knowledge of where you are (7)
- 20 I'm on tap for a drum (7)
- 21 A truly Titanic bitter (6)



- ▶ Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2013) recommended.
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## Crossword No 33 Answers

### Across

1. DIABOLICAL
6. ARCH
8. RAMSGATE
- 9&4. LITTLE CHESTER ALEHOUSE
10. ERNE
11. ESTATE CARS
12. TRANSFORM
14. LIVED

### Down

1. DERVENTIO
2. AMMONIA
3. LEAVES OFF
4. See 9 across
5. LOLITA
6. ANTICLINE
7. CALORIE

17. OCHRE
19. BLUE PETER
22. BIRMINGHAM
23. ACES
24. SPLEEN
25. ULTIMATE
26. GROG
27. MEERSCHAUM

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