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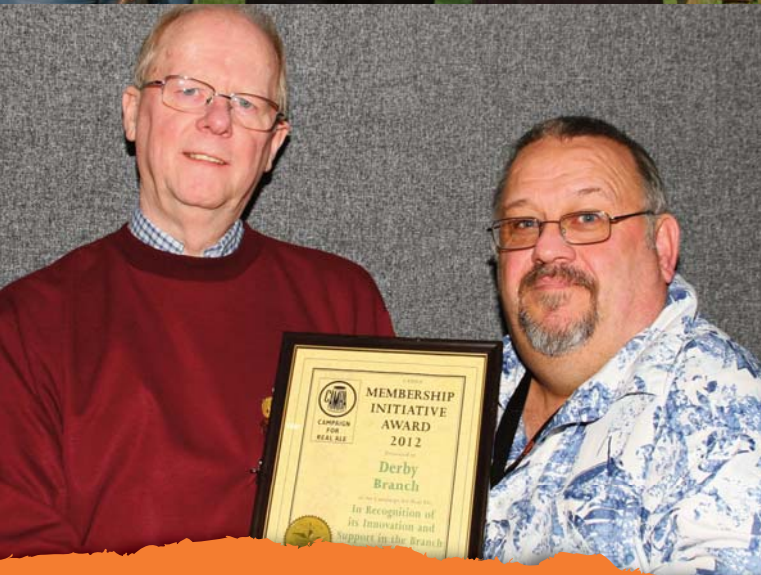
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"Cheers!"



Derby CAMRA Awards 2013



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Derby CAMRA Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival

The 36th Derby City Charter Beer Festival has now passed and we are starting to turn our attention to the 37th in 2014. But before we close the door on this great event let us have a look at what really happened between the 10th July and the 14th July 2013 in the Market Place, Derby.

At 18:30 as the fanfare played, the Mayor of Derby, Fareed Hussain, together with our own Beer King opened the festival to the general public and in you came. As the door totals went past 1000 we knew we had something special on our hands. Of course the marquee had been standing in the Market Place for nearly a week and with the weather also getting into the spirit of things we should not have been surprised. So records were broken as you tried the beers in the marquee and inside the Assembly Rooms.

The pace was kept up on Thursday as entertainment was provided by Radio Mary, The Herron Brothers and the Black Pig Border Morris troop. Despite the

temperatures inside the Assembly Rooms, the brewery bars from Muirhouse, Fullers, Blue Monkey and Titanic took some brisk trade. Do not worry, the refurbishment of the Assembly Rooms will include new air conditioning so this was a one off! Moving into Friday there was no quenching your thirst as the continental beer made their way through 2464 bottles (not all on Friday!). The continental beer on tap also proved popular with 210 litres being consumed over the period of the festival - that is around 360 pints in old money.

By the end of Friday's entertainment from Shamus O'Blivion, Reverb and the Herron Brothers, things had gone so well in the marquee that we started to call on our reserves - ok we admit, you had all but drunk us dry. We did not need the Thunderbird quite, but with our dedicated cellar staff working until 2am restocking beer and then starting again at 6am the next morning, we opened Saturday with a further 5600 pints. Special thanks go to Dancing Duck, Leatherbritches, Babington



Arms, Mr Grundys, Wentwell, Falstaff and Middle Earth who were our Thunderbirds.

Saturday was a little calmer but we still saw huge numbers passing through our doors and enjoying the food and drink on offer. 3 Eyed Fox and Rip It Up took you through the midday session and on into the afternoon, with Joint Honours and the Legendary Steaming Izaacs and the Backline Blues Band taking up the evening's entertainment. Erm yes the hog roast did catch fire - ooops!

So finally the Sunday session with Blues Town helping us all to wind down and recount the 36th Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival and what a huge

success it had been. The taps were all turned off, the pumps set to rest, the shives and keystones sealed and the staff sat back and sighed. All in all we had sold 33613 pints (give or take a few) of real ale over the four days - again a new record. A staggering 10,227 had passed through our doors - yes also a record. Yet another great effort from our volunteers saw the whole festival taken down by Wednesday. Now a memory but we will be back with the 37th in July 2014. And of course do not forget the Winter Festival in 2014 which will host the CAMRA National Winter Ales Festival. From all in Derby CAMRA our greatest thanks go to all who came and made this a record breaking year.



Derby CAMRA Awards 2013



It's been a busy year so far for Derby CAMRA both presenting and receiving awards.

It all started with the Pub of the Year Awards (see Edition 149) which saw the Exeter Arms take the City Pub of the Year and the Royal Oak at Ockbrook the Country Pub of the Year. We then went on to present the Club of the Year to the Nunsfield in Alvaston (See photo front page top right) with the runner-up being the British Legion Club in Allenton.

The Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse then chipped in presenting two awards voted for by their customers. The Beer of the Festival went to Shiny Brewery of Derby for their exceptional New World (See photo front page bottom right - Pedro Menon of Shiny Brewery accepts the award from Chair of the Fest, Gillian Williams). While Cider of the Festival went to local Morley cidemakers, Three Cats (See photo front page top left - Sue & Chris Rogers of Three Cats accept the award from National Executive member, Julian Hough pictured in the centre of the photo).

Finally May saw the 2nd Year of the Derby & Amber Valley Mild Trail with the Furnace taking the Best Mild Pub in Derby for the number and quality of different milds it served during the month (See photo on this page - Luke & Kelly of the Furnace accept the award). While Mr Grundys took the runner-up spot (See photo on this page - Richard and Matt of Mr Grundy's accept the award).

It hasn't all been about giving though as Derby CAMRA where pleased to receive a Membership Initiative Award at this year's National CAMRA Members weekend and AGM that was held in Norwich (See photo front page bottom left - Tim Williams former Membership Secretary of Derby CAMRA receives the award from National Executive Member, Keith Spencer).

We congratulate all those that received this year's awards and look forward to presenting a few more over the coming months.

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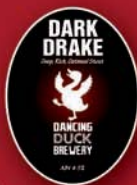
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First Shoots of Derbyshire's Micro Pub revolution

By Mark Fletcher



You may not be aware, but at the end of July Derbyshire gained its third micro-pub with the opening of the Muirhouse Brewery Tap on South Street in Ilkeston joining the already established Marlpool Brewery Ale House, Marlpool and the Little Chester Alehouse in Derby. The Brewery Tap has a single large room with a bar at one end serving four cask conditioned ales and a real cider. No music, no fruit machines, no televisions, just great atmosphere! In the sometimes excessive hub-bub of Ilkeston, an oasis of calm and relaxation.

So what makes a micro-pub? The definition of a micro-pub is a little unclear and it could be argued that the English language does not yet support the concept, but some points are clear. Micro-pubs are small usually single room affairs running on basic uncomplicated terms and concentrating on serving good cask ale and real cider. The Butcher's Arms in Herne, Kent is attributed with the acclaim of being the first micro-pub in Britain and many of the concepts of what a micro-pub is has come from there. The phrase KIS-KIS "Keep It Small – Keep It Simple" in some parts sums up the

concept, but it is the atmosphere that makes micro-pubs so special for those of us who frequent pubs.

Of course we are all aware of the origin of the name 'pub' as a shortening of public house, but in modern times we forget that it really was a house for the general public. This was where people went to in the evenings (typically) to relax and socialise with their neighbourhood. The modern pubs with their large rooms, food available all day, piped music and television screens liberally spaced around the place have lost much of the original traditions of a public house. While this is not a criticism, simply progress, micro-pubs can be seen to be offering the original values of the public house. A place to relax, and socialise with your neighbours – a public front room if you like.

Derbyshire's first micro-pub, the Marlpool Brewery Ale House opened in 2010 in a former terrace house just off the main road in Marlpool near Heanor. You can easily walk past the pub thinking it is still a terrace house, but it is well worth seeking out, though it does have very restricted

opening hours. A small two roomed establishment, the bar itself appears to take up half the total space available. The real ale on offer is of course dominated by the Marlpool brewery, but that is no bad thing.

In November 2012, Derby's first micro-pub, the Little Chester Ale House, opened in Derby over-looking Chester Green, an idyllic part of Derby a short distance from the town centre. The corner premises in part of a terrace, was formally a dry-cleaners before being converted to its present use. A long single room punctuated by the bar to give some "hide-aways", reminiscent of the old snugs. The pub is connected to the Wentwell brewery, also of Derby. The cask conditioned ales from Wentwell are complimented by a varying range of beers from across the country.

All three micro-pubs offer good quality products in an uncomplicated atmosphere that promotes relaxation and conversation. In our busy high speed world this is surely what the doctor orders. So seek them out, relax and enjoy.



Back to the Future:

The Good Beer Guide 40 years on

By Paul Gibson



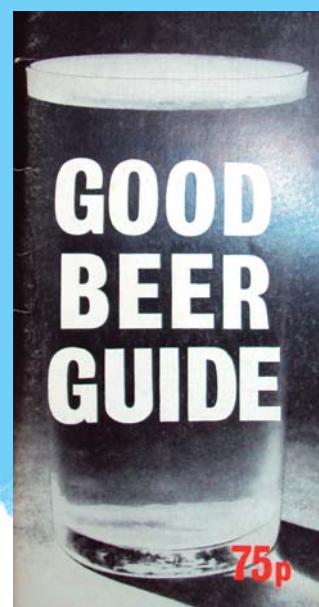
Noah's Ark, Derby



Shakespeare Inn – Shardlow

September will see the publication of the 2014 CAMRA Good Beer Guide, a hefty tome of nearly one thousand pages. In stark contrast, the first Good Beer Guide in 1974 was monochrome and just 96 pages slim. There were no pubs listed for Scotland, with Derbyshire having 18 pubs (no breweries) and descriptions were sparse, indeed none existent in some cases! In the intervening years the Derby CAMRA branch area has diminished owing to the creation of various branches and sub-branches, leaving just 8 pubs featured in '74 extant today. Derby Drinker despatched Paul Gibson to see how these pubs have fared.

In **Derby**, the **Exeter Arms** was described as "smallish" with the effervescent Barbara Gibbons pulling pints of hand drawn Draught Bass and serving wholesome food that merited Good Food Guide recognition. Originally, the interior comprised of the area immediately in front of the bar servery, and the snug, but the knocking through into two traditionally furnished rooms and the acquisition of the cottage next door render "smallish" as obsolete. Well-kept Dancing Duck beers and an imaginative food



menu have culminated in Martin Roper and Denise Sage receiving the coveted Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year award in 2013. **The Horse and Groom**, Parker Street, is unrecognisable from the small, mid terrace inn on Elms Street that has morphed into a spacious corner house following the acquisition of two adjoining properties. Draught Bass has always been the staple here, and is augmented by a changing choice of guest beers. You can see great live bands for free on Saturday nights and, happily, the Groom is 2013 Good Beer Guide listed. **The Noah's Ark** was opposite the hugely popular Morledge market which, when it closed, caused considerable consternation amongst Derbeians. Home Ales (Nottingham) brewery last fired its copper 20 years ago but current custodian, Poppy, has administered a deep clean to the cosy tavern, and the central servery has Draught Bass rubbing shoulders with a couple of guests, one of which was Adnam's Broadside

on my visit. Brewers' Tudor is prominent inside and out, and the photographs and historical information displayed come courtesy of the local studies library. This attractive pub is doing nicely, thank you, on wet trade alone, so why not call in and see for yourself? Back in '74, the **Nottingham Arms** in front of the old Infirmary was a fairly basic Bass house, since when it has been renamed the **Florence Nightingale** and a single storey extension has been added. The pub is primarily a night time venue and is closed from Monday to Wednesday inclusive; unfortunately this coincided with my visit but external signage indicates that Marston's Pedigree is available.

The **Gate, Brassington**, had had Charles Castledine at the helm for 31 years by the time the first guide was rolling off the press. This characterful Marston's house, with views to die for, now has three rooms instead of two and, on recent evidence, still serves a fine pint of Pedigree, together with a brace of guests from the Marston's stable. Charles was a guest of Derby CAMRA when the branch toured Marston's brewery in 1976.

In the late 18thC James Brindley's Grand Trunk Canal made the inland port of **Shardlow** so busy that it was dubbed "Little Liverpool" and, today, half a dozen pubs have survived. The Marston's house, the **Dog and Duck**, has Pedigree, EPA and a Wychwood beer

complementing a comprehensive food offering. This ancient corner house has a huge garden and the cavernous interior with photographs of the Trent and Mersey Canal, as it's known now, bears little resemblance to its original self. Further along London Road is the former Home Ales house, the **Shakespeare**, which offers Pedigree and Bombardier. Since '74 a restaurant has been added to the rear and a large garden with mature trees has plenty to amuse children.

When the first guide was published, **Willington** had no railway station nor marina but, close to these

facilities, a clutch of three pubs has survived and prospered partly owing to the massive Toyota car manufactory nearby. When I called at the **Rising Sun** it was in the throes of extensive redecoration and I was pleased to hear that the separate rooms will remain intact. This is a Marston's house of some antiquity with Pedigree, Single Hop (Endeavour) and Jennings High Spy all vying for attention.

It says something for the quality of the original 8 Good Beer Guide pubs that they are all trading today after three recessions and a hefty hike in on-trade taxation.



Horse & Groom, Derby



Dog & Duck, Shardlow

Good Beer Guide 2014

The brand new edition of CAMRA's popular Good Beer Guide will be out in Mid-September and should be available to purchase around a few pubs in the area towards the end of the Month as well as online from www.camra.org.uk. See who has made the new guide and how it compares to the 1st Good Beer Guide in 1974. Full details in the next Derby Drinker including a look at Derbyshire's new entries.

CAMRA's 28th National Breweriana Auction

Ever fancied owning a slice of brewing history? Then CAMRA's National Breweriana Auction is just the thing. Returning to Burton on Trent's Town Hall on Saturday 6th October, it again promises over 150 interesting auction lots; everything from mirrors to trays; wall signs, figurines, bottles and books.

If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, the auction is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get some great bargains plus many of the items on sale can appreciate in value. And, of course, like any CAMRA event, there is some good beer on sale all day.

The event starts at 11am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there. The event is being launched by the Mayor of Burton followed by bidding starting at 12.30pm. Entrance is by catalogue (£2.50), available on the day, or £3.50 in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 01923 211654 (answerphone) or baustin@supanet.com. If you can't get there, postal bids are accepted, just contact Bill.



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Old Bell

Old Bell Chimes again

As reported in the last Derby Drinker the Old Bell on Sadler Gate in Derby is now open or at least the Tudor Bar at the rear is serving 3 real ales from local breweries. The pub is an absolute gem and was in danger of being lost forever so it's nice to see it being lovingly and painstakingly restored and brought back to life. As well as the Tudor Bar, the Tea Rooms are now open and future additions include a front and upstairs bar overlooking the delightful courtyard. So if you've not yet visited then why not pop and drink-in the unique surroundings.

Golden Eagle Takes Flight

Another Derby pub we reported on last time is now open as well, the Golden Eagle on Agard St which has been refurbished by the newly set up Titan Brewery. Its striking external appearance covered by artwork which depicts Derby's past is complemented by similar inside with old pictures and artifacts donated by the local community. The pub has undergone many

guises in recent times and was another in danger of being lost forever so it's nice to see it open again serving up to 6 Real Ales including being the only outlet for Titan Brewery beers.

White Horse set to Gallop

The White Horse on the Morledge in Derby has undergone a £270k refurbishment with an attractive drinking area outside at the rear, and real ale will once again be given the priority it deserves. The city centre pub has had something of a chequered history with name changes and a knocked through interior. It did, however, enjoy a golden spell in the John Barnes' era of the mid 80s, when it served impeccable Ansells' Mild and Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale.

Dronfield takes Derbyshire's Pub & Club of the Year

The Three Tuns in Dronfield has been announced as this year's CAMRA **Derbyshire Pub of the Year** after beating off strong

competition from other Derbyshire pubs including Derby's Exeter Arms. The pub was taken over by Spire Brewery after a period of closure and now sells 12 real ales from Spire and guests, 12 real ciders/perries and a selection of Continental draught beers. It offers friendly and comfortable surroundings with good value food and drink and hosts regular charity events as well as popular beer festivals. And in a notable double for Dronfield the Hilltop Sports & Social Club has been named as CAMRA Derbyshire Club of the Year.

Locals bid to save the last pub in the Village

After the recent troubles at the White Post, Stanley Common reported in the last Derby Drinker, locals in **Bamford**, Derbyshire are bidding to save their pub, **the Anglers Rest** after it too was threatened with closure. As part of the campaign, the pub has been registered as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act which gives local people the power to stop the clock when a pub goes up for sale giving them six months to prepare a bid and compete to buy it. A community benefit society was formed in Bamford and has so far raised almost half of the asking price and is hopeful of raising the rest. Liz Marshall, a member of the society told CAMRA that: "Our vision is to create a family friendly, welcoming atmosphere selling local real ales and good, affordable locally sourced food". We wish them well and any other group trying to save their local and if you want any further information on the CAMRA 'List your Local' campaign please visit <http://www.camra.org.uk/listyourlocal>.

Nottingham Beer Festival

Nottingham's CAMRA Robin Hood Beer Festival returns to Nottingham Castle, right in the city centre, once again this year. The dates are **Wed 9th to Sat 12th October**. A wide range of real ales and real ciders will again be on offer, with over 1,100 different Cask beers and around 200 real ciders and perries. Advance tickets are now on sale and more details can be found at www.nottinghamcamra.org

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Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2013

RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL HITS THE BUFFERS AT BUTTERLEY, BUT STEAMS ON TO ALFRETON!



Sadly the Amber Valley CAMRA Ripley Rail Ale Festival that has been held at the Butterley Station for the past 3 years has been forced to move. The success of the festival has meant that it has outgrown the Butterley site, plus costs have escalated to extent that a move was inevitable. After much searching for a suitable site within the Amber Valley CAMRA boundaries, the Bowls Hall at Alfreton Leisure Centre, Church St. Alfreton was chosen.

This means that the festival is now called The Amber Valley CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival. This site does not have the ambiance of the railway station, but has the advantage of heated indoor toilets, a fire limit of 1500, seating and tables for over 500, all facilities under one roof and

no mud!! It is also very handy for both bus and train stations and has a large car park. The Bowls Hall is not a gymnasium room of the type that puts some folk off leisure centre festivals, but has a much lower ceiling, far better acoustics and 2 stages for entertainment in the evenings.

There will be even more excellent beers than last year, more ciders and perries, plus wine, soft drinks and snacks available.

The beer list will be available to view on the Amber Valley CAMRA website closer to the festival date. Beers of all types and styles will be sourced from all over the country, only the crème de la crème of beers and ciders will be purchased for your delectation.

New 2013 commemorative glasses with 1/3 and 1/2 pint lines will be available as tankards or

stemmed as in previous years, these are sponsored by The Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, Belper, the Amber Valley Pub of the Year. Hire glasses will also be available again on sale or return. Hot & cold food will be available at all sessions, with a hog roast on Friday and Saturday.

The daytime sessions will be music free, and a quiet room is available for those who prefer to chat during the evening entertainment. Talking of which this year's line-up is second to none with a fantastic array of bands over the three days. Thursday evening will see Blue Shift kick it all off combining jazz, blues, gospel and folk in a mix of original songs and striking reworkings of classics. Friday will then witness Who tribute, Who's Next supported by Junction and

rounding it all off on the Saturday will be the mighty Rolling Stones tribute, Rollin Stoned supported by the Almaboobies.

It is strongly advised that you buy advance tickets for Friday & Saturday evenings, to ensure admission. Friday & Saturday evening tickets are available from local pubs, or from the Amber Valley CAMRA web site www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk Tickets are not needed for any other sessions. We also still need help staffing the event so if you can spare some time then e-mail avbfstaffing@gmail.com or call 07828 19 77 95.

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AmberValley CAMRA Branch

By Trevor Spencer



AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Diary

The September Branch Meeting will be at the Victoria, Alfreton, while in October we are at the Old Kings Head, Belper, with both meetings starting at 8pm. The **September Survey Trip** will be on the **21st**, and will visit pubs in Denby, Kilburn and Horsley Woodhouse, while the October trip will be on the **19th**, going to Openwoodgate and other pubs on the outskirts of Belper. There will be a free bus for both trips departing from Ripley Market Place at 7:30pm, and picking up in other places by arrangement. To book contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966.

Amber Valley CAMRA will run a Cider Trail between October 1st and November 3rd, which is open to any pub in the area prepared to sell at least one Real cider or Perry during that period. Any pubs wishing to take part need to contact Branch Chairman Chris Rogers.

Beer Festivals

Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival September 12th-15th

Thorn Tree Waingroves Beer Festival September 12th-15th

Beehive, Ripley Beer Festival September 26th-29th: November 7th-10th

New Inn, Riddings Beer Festival October 3rd-6th

Pub News

The Greenhill Tavern, Riddings, has been refurbished, and is now selling Real Ale.

Amber Valley
Long Service Awards

These days it's not unusual for a tenanted pub to change hands fairly often, and some pubs in Amber Valley have done so three or more times in just over a year. So, when we discovered that a couple of our landlords had been tenants at their pubs for over 15 years, while three of the pubs in the Branch area had been owned by the same people for a lengthy period of time, we decided to honour them by presenting CAMRA certificates to mark their long service.

The certificates were presented at the end of July, and we hired a mini bus to take us to the pubs. The first award went to Steve and Lisa Cresswell at the **Beehive, Ripley**, who have owned the pub since 1993. Next, it was the turn of Graham and Lynn Fisher, who have been tenants, first under Hardy

Hanson's and now Greene King, at the **New Inn, Riddings** for almost 20 years. We then moved on to the **George, Lower Hartshay**, where Phil and Lynn Rawson have been behind the bar, first as tenants and nowadays as owners, for 16 years. The next port of call was the **Holly Bush, Makeney**. The Bush has been owned by John Bilbie for over 30 years, and although John no longer serves behind the bar he has ensured that the pub has been run to a high standard from the day he bought it, so we decided to honour him for this. The final award of the day went to Simon and Annie Rawson, tenants at the **Pear Tree, Ripley** for over 16 years and, like the New Inn, beginning with Hardy Hanson's and now Greene King.

Mild Trail Presentations

The Amber Valley Mild Trail winners for 2013 are the Hunters Arms, Kilburn, who narrowly beat joint runners up the Thorn Tree, Waingroves and 2012 winners the Beehive to take first prize. Certificates to mark the achievement were presented to all three pubs during July.



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Cider

with Suzie



Firstly, thanks to all you cider and perry drinkers who came to this year's Derby Summer Festival, braved the heat in the marquee and drunk more cider and perry than has ever before been consumed at a single event in Derby! You drunk some 4,400 pints from cider makers situated throughout the country. One of the main distinctions in cider circles is between "Traditional" cider / perry, generally made in the west of the country from apple and pear varieties grown specifically for the purpose and therefore not good to eat (they are generally high in tannin, making them taste bitter). This is contrasted with "Eastern Counties" cider which is made from cooking and eating apples.

Some purists will tell you that the only cider worth drinking is of the traditional variety and they have a point, the very best ciders and perries usually come from the traditional areas. Nevertheless, with judicious blending of the available fruit Eastern Counties ciders can be more than

acceptable. My own view is that an Eastern Counties perry, made from eating pears just doesn't work; still, this is not a problem since such pears can go into the cider. Perhaps 10 – 15% pears lightens and softens the cider, so all the available fruit can be put to good use.

The cider bar at Derby does sell a preponderance of traditional ciders but since Derby is in the East Midlands (just) it seems reasonable to offer a choice of Eastern Counties ciders too. Three Cats is one such cider since it is normally made from very local fruit. Because of the diabolical summer last year and consequent lack of local fruit, Cat was boosted with some traditional cider fruit from Herefordshire. This resulted in a darker and, arguably a more full bodied cider than usual, not quite what some customers expected, still, if we get a decent summer it will be back to normal next year.

A trawl through the East of England took us to visit some fascinating cider

makers. At Bradgate Park, Leicestershire there is Charnwood Cider, made by Rob Clough. Rob is a Park Ranger as well as a cider maker. His cider is dry, fruity and very refreshing. The operation is small scale so the outlets tend to be very local, well worth a drink if you come across it. Also in Leicestershire, at Cross Farm, Hallaton is Bottle Kicking Cider, made by Rob Morton. This is a very impressive setup and Rob clearly intends to make an impression on the cider scene. It is made from a mixture of local and cider fruit. Cider and Perry are made there; both were clear, medium and highly quaffable, well received at the Festival.

Further away at Streatham, Cambridgeshire we find Pickled Pig, run by Charles Roberts. Charles raises pigs and cattle as well as making cider; an ideal combination since the pressed fruit makes a highly nutritious animal feed, and they love eating it! Porkers Snout, medium sweet and hazy is his main offering; it appears only occasionally in this area

but will be available at Peterborough Beer Festival in October. Our travels finally took us to Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk. This appears to be an unlikely outpost for cider making, but extensive orchards have been planted and some good cider, both eastern counties and traditional is made there. Sampling and takeaways are available from Stearmans Yard, in the centre of Wells.

The next big cider event in Derby will be at the National Winter Ales Festival, held at the Roundhouse from 19th to 24th February 2014. However, you needn't wait that long, Amber Valley are holding a Beer & Cider festival at the Leisure centre, Alfreton from 12th to 15th September, and of course at the Nottingham Festival in October there is a massive cider bar. Also in October pubs in Amber Valley and Erewash Branch areas will be participating in a cider trail; watch out for details.

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Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

by Mark Grist

Pub News

The Yaveley Arms, Yaveley - a correction,

There was a factual error concerning the status of this pub in the last edition, for which we wish to make a sincere apology to the management of the Yaveley Arms. We are happy to report that the pub is open and trading and we would encourage readers to continue to go there. Opening hours are varied, so you may wish to call ahead to determine the best time to visit and/or book a table for meals. They can be contacted on 01335 330771.

We are sad to report that the **Roston Inn, Roston** (known to all and sundry as The Shant) closed its doors in June. There seems to be no immediate prospect of it re-opening, but we will monitor activity in the hope that it may be resurrected. This part of our area is now almost completely devoid of pubs, with the Crown at Marston Montgomery being the only survivor in a large area between Ashbourne & Rocester.

The £300k refit at the **Coach & Horses, Ashbourne** continues feverishly, with a projected opening date of mid-August.

The plans for the refit of the **Green Man, Ashbourne** have now been passed by the Town Council and phase 1 is about to commence with the removal of the current bar areas to make way for a clothing outlet. The branch membership has been in personal contact with the owner and architect, who are both very willing to talk to us and an open dialogue is being maintained with particular regard to the plans for phase 2, which will hopefully see a bar area installed elsewhere within the complex.

The Bowling Green, Ashbourne has recently re-instated a third beer line and featured Adnams Bitter to start their programme of guest ales, which is lined up to include beers from Wincle Brewery amongst others in the near future. A very welcome addition to the beer choice in the town.

The George & Dragon, Ashbourne featured a guest ale from Welbeck Abbey in early July, brewed in conjunction with Dukes Ales Wholesalers - Anouk Ale (4.0%) is infused with lavender and early reports are that it is proving very popular. **The Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne** has also taken the beer as a guest in recent weeks.

The Miraj Hotel, Ashbourne has closed down and with it the **Black Sheep Bar** - this only ever featured Marston's Pedigree on draught, but is still a blow for the town due to the sudden lack of bedrooms in the town for visitors. No solid news on its fate, but one rumour is that it will be turned into a private residential nursing home.

The Compton Social Club, Ashbourne now features a single guest real ale - Sharp's Doombar was on recently. This is a private sports & social club, but guests are welcome once signed in.

The leasehold tenancy of the **Horns, Ashbourne** remains up for sale, as it has been for some time now. This is a very old pub with a lot of history and some interesting internal features, so it is hoped that a buyer will be found and a sympathetic takeover will happen.



BRANCH BEER FESTIVAL

Tentative plans are being made for the next sub-branch beer festival, although it is likely to move in 2014 from March to August. This is not primarily due to the fear of a repeat of the snow, but largely due to the need to use a bigger venue. It is hoped that we may be able to use an iconic location within the town subject to agreement and availability, and confirmation of this will be circulated as soon as possible.

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

by Mick Golds

Social Report

On Saturday 22nd June we had a trip around Draycott and Breaston organised by our Membership Secretary, Richard Syson. A good turnout started from the Victoria then pulled in the Coach & Horses and Olympic before going on in the rain to Breaston to do the Navigation, Chequers and Bulls Head. All the pubs had a good selection of hand pulled beers. We did intend to carry on walking the Derby Canal to The Bridge Inn, Sandiacre but never made it due to the inclement weather, thanks to Richard for a good day out.

Another social was done on Saturday 20th July when 15 assorted Camra members went to the Potteries. The original plan for this trip was to go from Derby to Kidsgrove by rail intending to start at the Blue Bell then by bus to Burslem and Hanley. However due to East Midlands trains doing their utmost to scupper the trip by terminating the service at Uttoxeter station due an engine fault and as the next train wasn't for an hour we decided to do the trip in reverse. Unfortunately this meant having to miss out The Holy Inadequate but we will pull this in on another trip in 2014. Having got off the train at Stoke it was a short bus trip to Hanley and The Coachmakers (see photo). This pub is a little gem and should be visited as it is still under threat of closure, we were made very welcome and had the last drink straight from the barrel with help from one of our group, Gary (see photo). Then after discovering that the Blue Bell closes at 4.00pm it was a mad dash on the No.20 bus to Kidsgrove. This is another Potteries classic pub, nothing in this pub but good ale, cider and friendly

conversation. We then headed for Burslem, a great town with a good choice of real ale pubs and finished off in the Bulls Head, the Titanic Brewery Tap before the short bus trip to Longport for the train back to Derby. No problems going back, some finished off the trip with a last drink in The Alex. Thanks must go to Mick for organising the trip with Carole's help and thanks to all those that came and we had a few new faces too.

Pub News

The **Great Northern, Langley Mill** has now re-opened, a few members attended the opening night after an invitation from Pub People Co. Our first impression on entering the pub was bright and friendly with 6 hand pulled beers and an excellent range of free food provided, it was a shame that more people did not attend, all in all a good night (see photo) Mick, Jim, landlord Dick and the Brett brothers.

A New Bar open on South Street Ilkeston is **The Muirhouse Brewery Tap**, opposite the bingo hall, 4 hands pumps, 1 real cider opening times 12-11pm everyday. I will do a write up and photo in the next issue.

The Navigation at Breaston seems to be having problems, a group has been formed calling themselves Friends of the Breaston Navi and an inaugural meeting was held in the pub on Tuesday 23rd July to form a committee. It seems to be the age old problem of uncertainty of the future of the pub, sorry we do not have much information at the time of going to press.



Meetings

Weds Sept 4th - Spring Cottage, Wilmot St, Ilkeston - Start 8.30pm.

Weds 2nd Oct - Railway, Sawley - Start 8.30pm.

Contact Secretary, Jayne Tysoe 0115 8548722 or www.erewash-camra.org

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 pint.

Coach & Horses, Draycott - All cask ales £2.60 pint.

The Great Northern, Langley Mill - 15p off a pint.

The Poacher, Ilkeston - 15p off Pint.

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

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

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

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New Zealand Arms
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Slug and Lettuce
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Bell (Smalley)
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The Dragon (Willington)
Harrington Arms (Thulston)
Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel) (Melbourne)
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)
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Royal Oak (Wirksworth)
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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)
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Crown & Cushion, Derby	10p off a pint
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Furnace, Derby	20p off a pint
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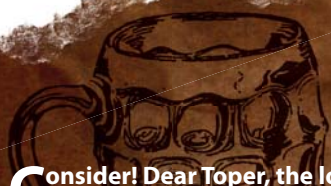
 

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Personally I see nothing in a tram system that cannot be achieved for a tiny fraction of the infrastructure cost, by a good bus service. One of the problems (and there are many) with modern trams, is that they often run on one linear route, that usually dissects the host city, the urban sprawl of which might be fifteen miles or more in diameter. So after all of the disruption, chaos and headaches caused to everyone using the city centre during the construction process, the loss of trade to businesses, and the huge cost incurred by local taxpayers, the only people who derive any use from the route are those who live or work on or near it – and of course beer tourists.

The simple axiomatic fact, Dear Toper, is that local authorities got rid of their original trams many years ago for one compelling reason, and that was because they were CRAP when compared to the new and more efficient buses! And it's the same today, modern trams are literally "trammed" dinosaurs that are unable to adapt to new road layouts without major reconstruction work being undertaken. And as for circumnavigating temporary road closures caused by roadwork's etc. try diverting a tram round the block! For that matter, try steering one around a drayman's lorry making a delivery!

The main reason that trams are back on our city streets, is because they are perceived to be a low carbon form of transport. The little green men (and women – I'd hate to be thought of as being politically incorrect) of the environmentalist lobby (who increasingly dictate the warped

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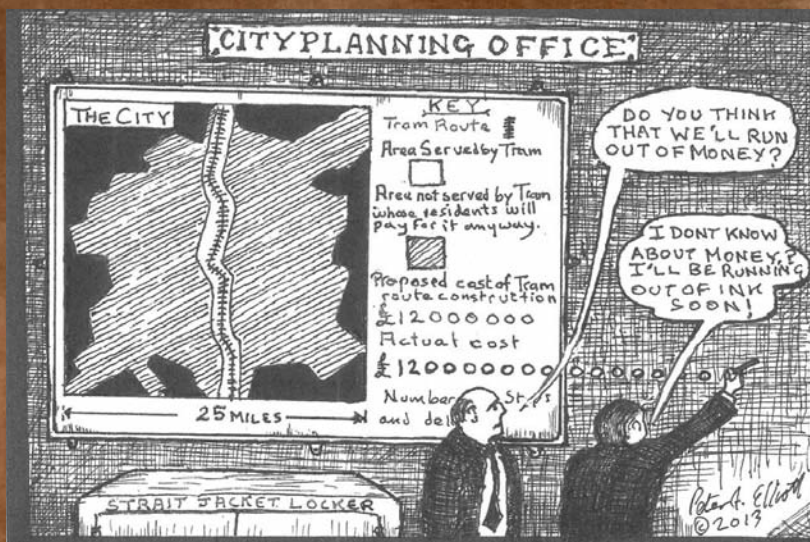
thinking of our spineless political class) no doubt believe that the electricity which powers modern trams is totally derived from those useless and unsightly wind farms that now blight much of our once lovely countryside. And talking of "unsightly", just look at what those modern tram routes have done to some of our historic city centres. Many now are disfigured by broad swathes of concrete track bed, wide enough to land a small airliner on and flanked by rows of looming steel poles, from which is strung a network of cables, like an electrified spider's web suspended over the garish stainless-steel and glass tram-stop shelters, wherein huddled would-be passengers await the death-

knell-like clang of the approaching tram. But they wait in vain, Dear Toper, for it has broken down, and the one behind can't overtake it and come to their aid, because it's trammed!

Of course, besides environmentalists, trams do have other enthusiasts, who travel hither and thither on them to no specific destination and for no other purpose than to simply be on them. They are usually unmarried males of around fifty, who still live with their mothers and have train sets in their attics. And talking of folk with "train sets in their attics"; do the little green men (and women) seriously believe that the electricity that powers

these modern day dinosaurs is solely derived from those ludicrously expensive renewable sources that are driving many of our poorer citizens into fuel poverty? The reality is, that trams are powered by electricity generated, for the most part, from those "nasty" fossil fuels that they so despise!

Heaven help us if some idiot politician decides that, to save the planet, beer delivery vehicles have to be electricity powered; if the ale ever arrives at the pub at all, it will cost about £10 a pint! Consider that, Dear Toper! **D.T.**



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Saturday 7th - Regional Meeting - Rowing Club,
Derby - Noon.

Thursday 12th - Good Beer Guide Launch,
New Zealand Arms, Derby - 8pm.


Saturday 21st - Trip - Great Central Railway Beer Festival -
Loughborough - Train from Derby at 11.20am.

Thursday 26th - Suburbeer - Littleover - White Swan
8.30pm, Half Moon 9.30pm.

OCTOBER

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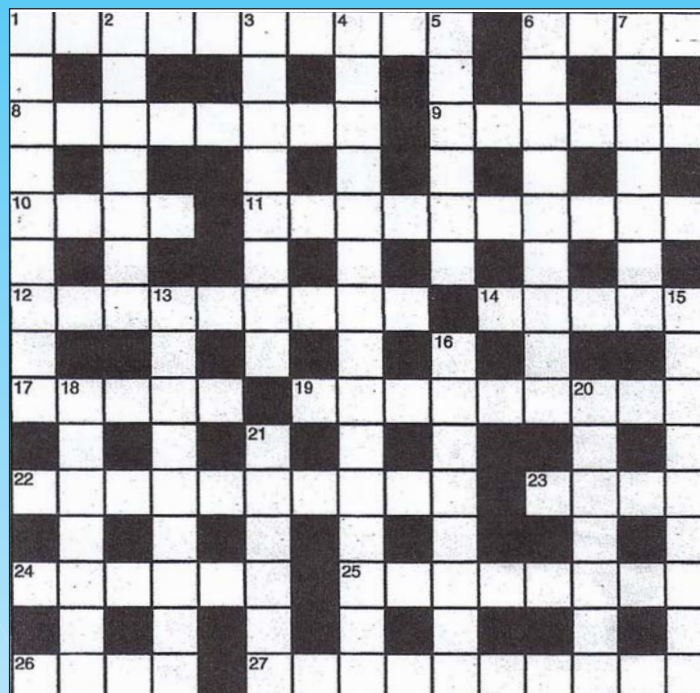
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Across

- 1 Thwaites's straw-coloured bitter and great fell walker (10)
- 6 Root out a wrong answer (4)
- 8 Prior use about this excellent superlative (8)
- 9 A dark, strong 16th century recipe beer from Williams Bros Brewery, Alloa (6)
- 10 Caprice for a Derbyshire brewery (4)
- 11 A light beer from NE Derbyshire: could be interesting! (6.4)
- 12 Two aspects of marine life combine for this Peak village (9)
- 14 Hide in the tallest ash tree (5)
- 17 B—off from spirit becoming sexually excited (5)
- 19 Ancient stannary town where Dartmoor IPA's on tap at the Exeter Inn (9)
- 22 A sharp pear, to put it in other words (10)
- 23 Low pitched draught bitter, once a brewery (4)
- 24 Diversion re-routed (6)
- 25 Alluring, perhaps (8)
- 26 British Railways Eastern Region initially brother, informally, in Southern USA (4)
- 27 25th January in Scotland: 5th November in England? (5.5)

Down

- 1 Gold session beer from Great Gable (9)
- 2 Hinted at in a confused dimple I mention (7)
- 3 This bitter comes to end in Ashover Brewery (8)
- 4 Isca's golden beer (5.2% ABV) of stone grotesques and a New Zealand seaport (9.6)
- 5 In the swing of things adjectively (6)
- 6 A 'best' from the Swan Microbrewery (9)
- 7 Russian currency to a T creates problems (7)
- 13 A brown ale connected, namely, with Captain Cook or Inspector Morse (9)
- 15 Look back in wisdom (9)
- 16 Synonymously sees (8)
- 18 A mature non-professional (7)
- 20 Drag tin around for engaging in commerce (7)
- 21 Her cub may change to become an angel (6)



- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Correct grids will go into a draw for a £10 prize.

Crossword No 34 Answers

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1. ARTISAN GIN
6. BLED
8. MARTELLO
9. TRIERS
10. SAIL
11. NIGHT WATCH
12. IDENTICAL
14. ENDED
17. NO CRY
19. IDIOMATIC
22. FISHING ROD
23. AMIS
24. SNATCH
25. GOLD CARD
26. AYER
27. RANDOM TOSS

Down

1. ADMISSION
2. TERMITE
3. ATLANTIC
4. GEORGE AND DRAGON
5. NOTATE
6. BRITANNIA
7. EARACHE
13. NORTH STAR
15. DOCKSIDES
16. BORDELLO
18. ORIENCY
20. TIMPANO
21. ANCHOR

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Birmingham.

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