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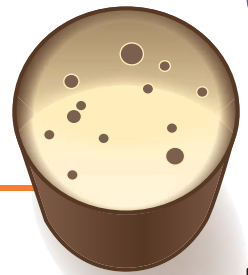


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"Cheers!"

Derby CAMRA Awards 2014



City Pub of the Year – Furnace Inn



Country Pub of the Year – Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield



City Pub Runner-Up – Little Chester Ale House



Country Runner-Up – Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Details inside plus Mild & Summer Ale Trail 2014... ►

Derby CAMRA Awards 2014

The Derby CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year Awards were presented recently at specially organised, well attended socials at each pub where Branch members mingled with the locals to enjoy the occasion. The overall Branch Pub of the Year & City Pub of the Year Winner, the Furnace Inn on Duke Street in Derby saw the full contingent of pub staff in attendance to receive the award (see front page photo) from Derby CAMRA Chairman, Gareth Stead who gave an anecdotal, Shiny speech to mark the award. The Chairman was also on hand at the Little Chester Ale House on the same night to give owner, George Lambert the runner-up award for Derby's first Micro Pub innovation (see front page photo).

The Country Pub of the Year Winner's Presentation also proved to be a popular event at the Pattenmakers Arms in Duffield where Claire Muldoon and Emily Bowler (see front page photo) were delighted to receive the award from Gareth Stead and a put on a marvellous buffet to send

everyone home happy. Since the occasion we have also had the great news that the licensees are staying after a long dispute with owners, Enterprise Inns. Finally, the Royal Oak at Ockbrook team (see front page photo) were pleased to accept their runners-up award from CAMRA National Executive member, Julian Hough who went on to receive a lifetime achievement award at the Derby CAMRA AGM for his long service to the campaign both locally, regionally and nationally (see photo below, Julian on the left accepts tankard from Branch Chairman, Gareth Stead).

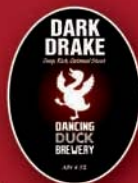


Derby CAMRA Club of Year 2014 - Spondon at the double

Two Clubs in Spondon achieved a notable double in this year's Derby CAMRA Club of the Year Awards with the Liberal Club being crowned Club of the Year and the Village Club receiving the Runner-Up Award. This is a fine achievement for both clubs as the competition this year was particularly tough with more clubs competing than ever before. They had to overcome a 3 time winner - the Nunsfield House in Alvaston, last year's runner up - the British Legion in Allenton, the Rolls Royce Club, the Littleover Social Club and the Darley Abbey Club. Both will be presented with certificates at forthcoming socials and we hope to have photos in a future edition of Derby Drinker.



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Derby CAMRA City Charter BEER FESTIVAL 2014 - It's on !!



We are pleased to confirm that Derby City Charter Beer Festival will still be taking place this summer from **9th - 13th July** despite the closure of the Assembly Rooms. The location will now be on the Market Place, in marquees with outside seating areas to enjoy the sunshine. The committee are still working on the logistics but the evening entertainment headliners can now be confirmed:-

Wednesday
Noway2Norway
(German rock band)

Thursday
Willie and the Bandits
(blues, rock, latin & folk)

Friday
The Wam Bam Band
(soul)

Saturday
Ferocious Dog
(6 piece contemporary folk rock)

A vast selection of beers from near and far will be the backdrop of the festival along with ciders, meads and continental beverages. Various food stalls will also be present. The

theme for this year's festival is celebrating 50 years of Derby Mountain Rescue, which we hope you will agree is a very worthy cause. The event will be showcasing at least one beer from every Derbyshire brewery, giving special attention to the breweries located within the City of Derby - the best place to sample real ale in the world. The Assembly Rooms staff and Derby Live are working closely with the committee to help make the event a huge success. The festival capacity will be on a scale with previous years. However the event will have a whole new feel being outdoors and all on ground level. Luckily last year has proved to be good practice for the volunteers with the marquee being present.

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Real Ale Capital Status Confirmed as Derby Provides a Beer Festival Every Day of the Year

A recent edition of the Lonely Planet Guide described Derby as the "Best place to drink Real Ale in the World" and who are we to disagree as the results of the City's **Annual Beer Census** undertaken by members of The Derby Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale have confirmed Derby's status as **Real Ale Capital of Britain** per population head for yet another year.

The census took place in February and involved 8 different pub crawls around the City which saw a **record number of Real Ales** available on any one given night. 325 were counted (up 49 on last year) with 195 different ones available (up 15 on last year) and these came from just 71 pubs averaging 4.5 Real Ales per pub.

In total **78 pubs** were visited, 2 were shut and 5 had no real ale. **9 pubs had 10 or more Real Ales on** and leading the way was the Babington Arms (16), Brunswick (14), Five Lamps (14), Flowerpot (13), Alexandra (11),

Furnace (11), Mr Grundy's (11), Standing Order (11) and Thomas Leaper (10).

Marstons Pedigree is still the most dominant brand in the City available in 31 pubs with Sharp's Doom Bar coming up fast on the rails in 20 pubs and Bass in 10 pubs. But local ales are well represented with beers from 12 of the City's breweries widely available - Brunswick, Black Iris, Dancing Duck, Derby, Derventio, Falstaff, Hartshorns, Mr Grundy's, Rowditch, Shiny, Titan and Wentwell. Beers from other breweries around the area were also well represented - Blue Monkey, Burton Bridge, Castle Rock, Leatherbritches, Nutbrook and Thornbridge to name a few.

The average price of a pint was found to be £2.94 (7p up on last year). However in reality a lot of pubs were hovering around the £3 a pint mark with some now regularly topping it. But it was pleasing to see a lot more

pubs offering the CAMRA discount on pints and half's. The dearest pint of the night was found to be a whopping £3.60 at the Tap for Timothy Taylors Landlord (which was only £3 at the Brunswick). The honours for the cheapest pint went to the Abbey at Darley Abbey where Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter was £1.80 a pint.

So there you have it, a few stats to bear in mind while crawling around Beer City once again proving that per population head Derby has more Real Ales available than any other City.

Derby CAMRA Chairman, Gareth Stead said *"For Real Ale enthusiasts Derby is probably the best place to drink in Britain, if not the World as the Lonely Planet Guide states. People come from far and wide to sample the City's delights as its pubs truly provide a Beer Festival every day of the year"*.

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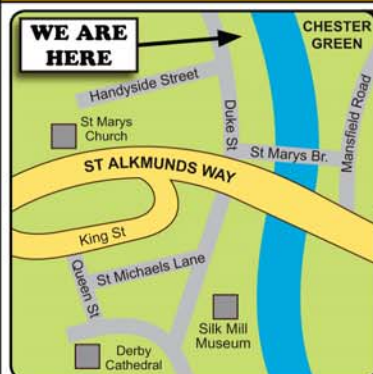
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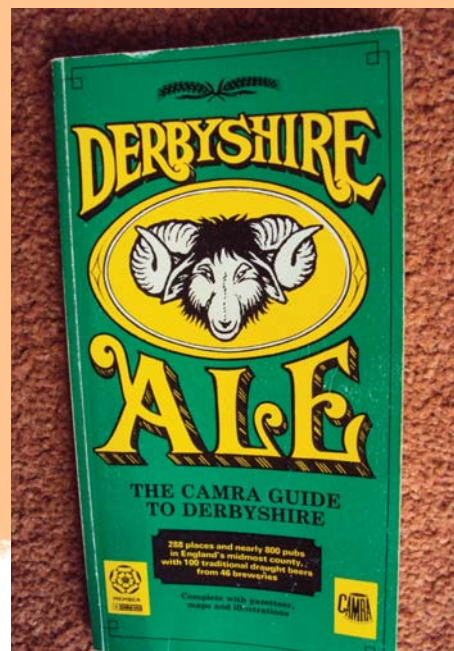
24 Years On Part 2

In the second of the three part series, Paul Gibson looks at the fluctuating fortunes of some of the outlying pubs listed in **Derbyshire Ale**. The 1990 guide was a collaboration of Derbyshire CAMRA branches, listing 800 real ale pubs, and those which were featured are in **bold type**. Such was the popularity of **Derbyshire Ale** that not one, but two reprints had to be ordered.

There have been some notable success stories at pubs that are now within the Amber Valley CAMRA branch area. At various times in the last ten years, the **Hunter Arms**, Kilburn, the **Black Bull's Head**, Openwoodgate and **Old Oak**, Horsley Woodhouse, have all been closed. Industrious and imaginative persons have rescued them and this has been recognised by CAMRA Pub of the Year awards to all three. Mark and Paula Showers bought the Hunter in 2009 and turned a struggling, Victorian, Bass pub into a thriving freehouse serving quality ales and good food. The striking frontage of the Hunter was captured in a high quality line drawing by the guide's Editor, Reg Newcombe. The Creighton family has turned around the fortunes of the Old Oak which was threatened with demolition before the Creighton's acquired the Woodhouse pub that enjoys far reaching rural views. Multiple choice of the real stuff and the popular RuRaD bar combined to propel the Oak to the last 16 of the nation's CAMRA Pub of the Year competition in 2009. Alas, the **Jolly Colliers** (Ward's) and **Knife and Steel** (Ind Coope) in Woodhouse haven't survived. The Bamford family ran the Bull's Head, high

above Belper at Openwoodgate between 1954 and 1978 but following Greene King's take-over of Hardy and Hanson the handsome hostelry closed. Andy Horsfall and Nikki Butt have revived the place in spectacular style and opened the rustic Bedlam Bar where, at weekends, beer aficionados congregate.

Heanor, the former mining town, was well pubbed and beer buffs would seek out the **Rays Arms** on Ray Street, for its Hoskin's (Leicester) ales. The multi roomed, well upholstered interior was the perfect place to enjoy a pint or two of the superb Penn's Ale. Sadly, this imposing pub has called last orders but despite this, and other losses, there are still several good watering holes including the newly crowned Erewash CAMRA Pub of the Year, the **Butcher's Arms** down Hands Road in Langley. The **Queen's Head** (ex-Shipstone's), at nearby Marpool remains worthy of attention, but towards Ripley along the A610 at Loscoe, the ancient **Coach and Horses** (Hardy and Hanson) was demolished earlier this year. In Ripley itself, half of the dozen listed pubs have closed. It's pleasing to report, however, that thanks to Amber Ales having breathed new life into the former Shipstone's house, the Talbot (Taphouse) on Butterley Hill, and J D Wetherspoon installing a good range of guest beers at the Red Lion, the town's beerscape looks much brighter. Enterprising licensees at the Pear Tree, **Holly Bush** and Beehive have also helped to rekindle interest in real ale.



The elixir known as Ruddle's County was a big draw at the **Chequers**, Ticknall, which I first had the pleasure of visiting in 1975. I recall the dulcet tones of Radio Derby's Barry Ecclestone's commentary of the Rams' thrashing of Real Madrid in the European Cup on the pub's radio. How times change: Ruddle's Rutland brewery has slipped into history, the lovely, 16thC Chequers faces an uncertain future, and will the Rams ever reach the same dizzy heights again? The white painted **Sir Francis Burdett** on a sharp bend before entering Melbourne also sold Ruddle's County, but was de-licensed many years ago. In 1969, John Thompson, a market gardener, converted the ground floor of his home, a former farmhouse, into the eponymous **John Thompson** pub. And it was here in Ingleby that Derbyshire's dormant brewing industry revived in 1977 when the wonderfully fruity JTS XXX was launched. John's son, Nick, now runs the pub and brewery.



Butcher's Arms



Howard Arms



Miner's Standard



The White Lion



Coach and Horses



John Thompson



The Hunters Arms

One of the most improved pubs over the years is near Sawley Marina, namely the **White Lion**, which is also the home of Old Sawley Brewing Company. The light, airy interior has a central servery with Bass and Blue Monkey BG Sips vying for attention with ever changing guests frequently from micro-breweries. Also, 4 real ciders were present when I visited. Brewing is currently upstairs but a new brew house adjacent to the pleasant, outside seating area, will fire its copper from September. Saturday and Sunday tend to be the days most likely to offer the home brews.

The **Green Man and Black's Head**, long the bastion of Ashbourne's real ale scene, is a profound loss, though it's mooted that new licensed premises may be incorporated within the redevelopment. The **Howard Arms**, Cubley, was a cracking, multi roomed, Marston's house that's now the private residence of a multi-instrumentalist and singer/song writer from the 60s and 70s.

The cosy **New Inn** (Bass), Hazelwood Road, Duffield, has gone, as has the **Vaults**, Wirksworth, a convert to Sam Smith's in the 70s. In nearby Middleton, Alan Johnson has resuscitated the **Nelson Arms**, and the **Rising Sun** continues to prosper, although the **Duke of Wellington** (Bass) has closed. Up the hill from "Wuzzer", at Bolehill, lay the **Miner's Standard**, a stone-built tavern of considerable character with a landlady serving Draught Bass straight from the cask. This, alas, is another casualty. And it isn't just out of the way places, such as Bolehill, that have felt the wind of change that's sweeping through the pub trade. On the main A6 at Whatstandwell, two former Hardy and Hanson houses no longer slake the thirst of day trippers returning from tourist hot-spots. The **Homesford Cottage** with its unmissable "Kimberley Ales" writ large upon the roof of the building opposite is now a B&B, and the **Derwent Hotel** serves coffee and cakes instead of Kimberley ales. These pubs dispensed Kimberley beer through electric pumps, a method of dispense favoured by Nottingham brewers but now extinct like the old breweries themselves.

Another Hardy and Hanson pub, the **Queen's Head**, Little Eaton, was a plain but welcoming two roomer that fell into decline under Greene King's stewardship. Happily, however, it's been transformed by Derby Brewing Company with its beers and locally sourced food featuring. Derby Brewing Company has also acquired the **Kedleston Hotel**, whose opening we eagerly await.

The next Derby Drinker will conclude the Derbyshire Ale review by looking at some city pubs that fell on hard times but then revived in startling style.

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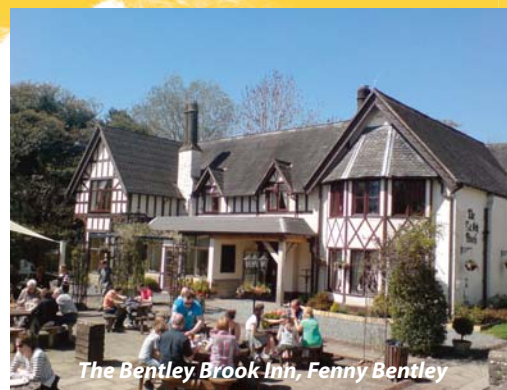
The sub-branch AGM will be held at The Cock at Clifton on Tuesday 27th May at 8pm. All are welcome.

The Yew Tree at Ednaston reopened at the end of February after a period of six months closure. There have been some internal changes to the three bar areas – one room has had a new extended bar area installed and the larger counter has allowed room for a cask to be sat on the bar back, so that beer can be dispensed directly by gravity. This will be in addition to the three hand-pumps retained. A pool table has been recently installed and changes to the food offerings include pizzas cooked in a wood-burning oven. In support of the re-launch, the sub-branch will be holding its monthly meeting there in July.

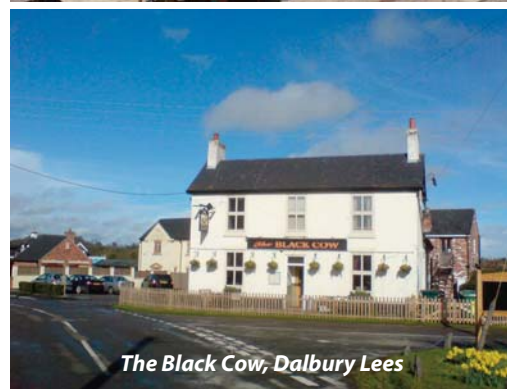
The Izaak Walton Hotel at Ilam has finally been sold and looks set to reopen at the end of May, so we hope to report on it in the next edition. Close by to Ilam, the Dog & Partridge at Thorpe also continues its long road to reopening and there may be a date set by the time you read this. Again, we will report on it as soon as we can.

The Smith's Tavern played host on April 4th to the 50th birthday celebrations of yours truly, with a specially brewed one-off 9-gallon barrel available to all, commissioned from the Hopcraft Brewery in South Wales, with recipe input and physical assistance with the mashing coming from my family. This was a dark oatmeal stout/porter brewed at 5.0% and was universally received extremely well, not least by myself...christened "Gristy's Fifty", it was offered free to all-comers, but we asked for donations to MacMillan Cancer Support and with the aid of a magnificent single donation of £200, we raised an incredible £447, rounded up to £450. My heartfelt thanks go out to all.

The Bentley Brook Inn at Fenny Bentley will be holding its annual beer festival starting on Friday 23rd May through to Monday 26th May, as well as the Black Cow at Dalbury Lees, so this is a great opportunity on a long weekend to visit a couple of good local festivals.



The Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley



The Black Cow, Dalbury Lees



The Yew Tree, Ednaston

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AGM – The Cock, Clifton

Tuesday 24th June
Branch meeting – The Bentley Brook Inn,
Fenny Bentley

Tuesday 29th July
Branch meeting – The Yew Tree, Ednaston



CAMRA has launched its first ever national online pub guide – **whatpub.com** - dedicated to helping the public find the best pubs to suit their needs across Britain.



Following an extensive two year project by thousands of CAMRA volunteers, whatpub.com features 47,000 pubs, around 36,000 of which serve real ale - making the site the most definitive online guide to real ale in the UK. Whatpub.com offers over thirty different search fields ranging from dog friendly pubs to those that offer newspapers or live music, making the results customizable to each person's individual preferences. Another key feature is that of the 35,800 real ale pubs featured, around 22,000 have details of the real ales being served - taking the guess work out of a visit for real ale lovers. A full entry offers a description and pictures of the pub, the address, opening hours, who owns it, lists the regular real ales they stock, states whether the pub offers Guest Beers, highlights the pubs main features e.g. availability of food, gives a map of where the pub can be located, sat nav reference, OS reference and highlights the local transport available.

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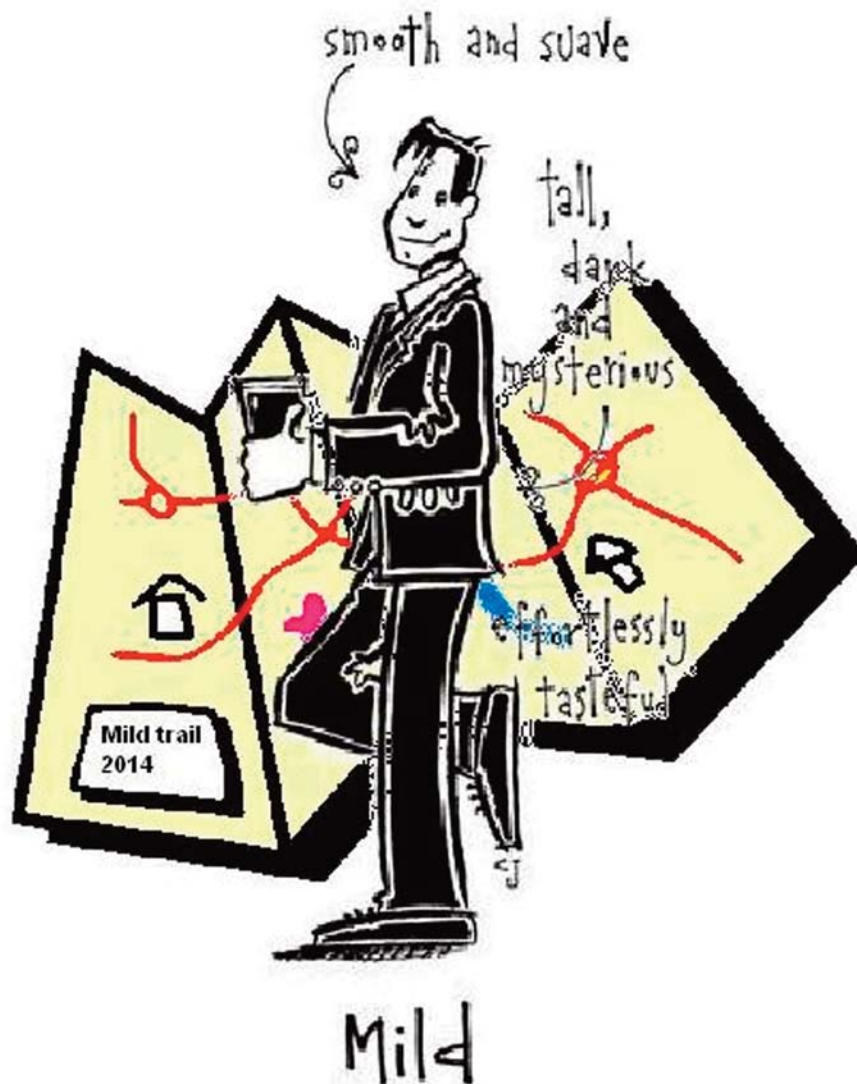
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MILD in MAY and SUMMER ALE TRAIL 2014



Alexandra Hotel <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Babington Arms <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Bell & Castle <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Brewery Tap <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Brunswick Inn <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Ye Olde Dolphin Inne <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Exeter Arms <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Falstaff Tavern <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Five Lamps <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Flower Pot <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Furnace Inn <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Greyhound <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Golden Eagle <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Honeycomb Mickleover <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Horse & Groom <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Little Chester Alehouse <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Mr Grundy's <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Old Silk Mill <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Queens Head Little Eaton <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Royal Oak Ockbrook <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Drink at least half a pint of Mild or Real Ale. 2. Fix the collected sticker in the corresponding box. 3. Red mild stickers to the left. 4. Blue Real Ale stickers to the right. 5. Score the beer in the box below. Finally, attend the 37th City Charter Summer Beer Festival and claim entry & ale.				Old Spa Inn <i>Mild Real Ale</i>		Thomas Leaper <i>Mild Real Ale</i>	
				Score	Score	Score	Score

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Free Beer from Real Ale	X	X	X	X



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MILD in MAY and SUMMER ALE TRAIL 2014



Welcome to the Mild in May and Summer Ale Trail. The trail officially starts on the 10th May and runs up to the start of the 37th Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival on the 9th July, so you have plenty of time to get supping. To complete the trail, you need to drink at least half a pint of Mild or Real Ale in each of the pubs listed and collect an appropriately coloured sticker. A completed trail card will then entitle you to free entry to one session of the Summer Beer Festival and some free beer. Pubs marked with an (*) at least will not have Mild on during the whole of May. The table below lists the pubs in the trail together with their address, opening times and directions on getting there. For example routes and more information visit the Derby CAMRA summer beer festival website www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival

Pub	Location	Opening Times	Directions and Notes
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, DE1 2QE	All day	Walking from the bus station towards the railway station the "Alex" is on the right by the traffic lights.
Babington Arms	11-13 Babington Lane, DE1 1TA	All day	Situated at the top end of town, turn uphill where the pedestrian area ends past St Peters church.
Bell & Castle	98 Burton Road, DE1 1TG	All day	From the Babington continue up the hill and over the roundabout into Burton Road.
Brewery Tap	1 Derwent Street, DE1 2EN	All day	Situated on the other side of the river from the Council House just after the bridge.
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway Terrace, DE1 2RU	All day	Situated at the end of the old railway cottages close to the railway station.
Olde Dolphin Inne	5a Queen Street, DE1 3DL	All day	Centre of town close to the cathedral.
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, DE1 2EU	All day	Across the river from the Council House take the right fork after crossing the bridge.
Falstaff Tavern	74 Silverhill Road, DE23 6UJ	All day	On Normanton Road turn up Lyndhurst Street, follow the road round and cut into Society Place.
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, DE1 3BH	All day	Around 10 mins walk out of town. Follow King Street round into Duffield Road.
Flower Pot	23-25 King Street, DE1 3DZ	All day	From the cathedral head out of town along Queen Street then turn left into King Street.
Furnace Inn	9 Duke Street, DE1 3BX	16:00 - 23:00 12:00 Fri-Sun	Alongside River Derwent. From the Silk Mill walk under the ring road and straight into Duke Street.
Greyhound	75-76 Friar Gate, DE1 1RN	All day	On Friar Gate approximately 100 metres past Friar Gate bridge on the left.
Golden Eagle*	55 Agard Street, DE1 1DZ	All day	Agard Street runs parallel to the furthest end of Friar Gate.
Honeycomb*	Ladybank Road, Mickleover. DE3 0NR	See notes	Mickleover bus to Ladybank Road shops. Open Mon eve, Tue-Thur mid-day & eve. All day Fri-Sun.
Horse & Groom*	48 Elms Street, DE1 3HN	All day	From Kedleston Road, Elms Street is opposite St Alkmund's Church.
Little Chester Alehouse*	4a Chester Green Rd, DE1 3SF	15:00 – 22:00	Corner of Chester Green and Mansfield Road, 10 mins from town. Bus routes H1, Nines, Amberline.
Mr Grundys	36 Ashbourne Road, DE22 3AD	All day	On Ashbourne Road, a continuation of Friar Gate. Around 15 minutes walk from town.
Old Silk Mill*	19 Full Street, DE1 3AF.	All day	On Full Street close to the Silk Mill Museum near the cathedral.
Queens Head	131 Alferton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DF	All day	In the centre of Little Eaton. Bus routes 9.2 or the Amberline stop outside. Journey time 10 mins.
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook, DE72 3SE	11:30 - 14:30 17:30 - 23:00	Bus 9 or 9A from bus station at xx:05, (last 18:05). Journey 25 mins. Last return 18:33, no Sun service.
Olde Spa Inn	204 Abbey Street, DE22 3SU	All day	Towards the furthest end of Abbey Street set back on the right.
Thomas Leaper*	27 Iron Gate, DE1 3GL	All day	Centre of town between the Market Place and the cathedral.



Trail Details, Instructions & Beer Scoring

This year we have merged the Mild in May promotion with the Summer Beer Festival Ale Trail. The Trail will be launched for the 10th May and run until the 37th City Charter Summer Beer Festival on 9th July 2014. Participants will initially be collecting red "mild" stickers from each pub in return for drinking a half or more of Mild. At the end of May participants will then additionally be able to collect blue "real ale" stickers in return for drinking the same quantity of Real Ale. Stickers, once collected, should be attached to a trail form in this publication. Additionally forms can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website. See the Summer Festival page or the Mild in May article.

There are 22 pubs taking part in the trail listed below. Each pub will endeavour to stock a Mild at least once during May and all will stock Real Ale for the whole duration of the trail. More up to date information and transport details can be found on the Summer Beer Festival page of the Derby CAMRA website. You have two months to complete the trail, so

we encourage all participants to drink responsibly.

Pubs taking part are: Alexandra Hotel, Babington Arms, Bell & Castle, Brewery Tap, Brunswick, Dolphin Inn, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Five Lamps, Flower Pot, Furnace Inn, Greyhound, Golden Eagle, Honeycomb in Mickleover, Horse & Groom, Little Chester Alehouse, Mr Grundy's, Old Silk Mill, Queens Head in Little Eaton, Royal Oak in Ockbrook, Old Spa Inn and Thomas Leaper.

One free entry to any session of the 37th City Charter Summer Beer Festival to be held on the Market Place starting 9th July will be awarded to anyone completing at least 10 pubs. In addition you will be entitled to a free pint of any Real Ale up to 5% ABV. Another free half pint will be awarded each additional set of 5 pubs. The number of Mild stickers will be calculated additionally, giving a further pint at 10 stickers, then an additional half at 15 and 20. So a form with 20 red Mild stickers will give free entry to the

Beer Festival and 4 free pints of beer up to 5% ABV. All free beer will be awarded at the Summer Beer Festival. Depending on which session and what you drink this could save you up to £18 just for drinking.

So we can show recognition for the effort the pubs are playing, we ask you to score the beer you drink in line with the CAMRA National Beer Scoring scheme. Please mark your card alongside each pub for Mild and Real Ale according to the following criteria:

- 0 – No real ale or undrinkable**
- 1 – Poor**
- 2 – Average**
- 3 – Good**
- 4 – Very good**
- 5 – Excellent**

More details on beer scoring can be found on the Whatpub.com website. The winning pub will be awarded a certificate in recognition of their services to Mild and Real Ale. CAMRA members are asked to also enter their score on the whatpub.com website.

We would also like to know your favourite Mild and Ale on the Trail and which Pub it was found in so please complete the below:

Favourite Mild

Favourite Ale

If you would like to give Feedback on the Trail then e-mail: mildmonth@derbycamra.org.uk

AmberValley CAMRA Branch



AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Belper Goes Green CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2014

The second Belper Goes Green Beer & Cider Festival is to be held again at the Belper Rugby Club, Derby Rd, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1UU, this year supported and organised by the Amber Valley Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. The festival runs from **Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June**. Admission is free at all times. The beer festival is open from 6pm to 11pm Friday and 12 noon to 11pm on Saturday & Sunday. There will be 30 beers and 8 ciders and perries on sale. A wide range of styles, types and strengths of quality beer will be available from local and not so local breweries. To see the beer list go to www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk

On Saturday & Sunday the Belper Rugby Club Strutts Playing Field will host many stands and attractions including; live acoustic music, stalls, crafts, energy advice, community mosaic, scarecrow making, electric bikes, soft archery, natural health, workshops, books, plants & much, much more. See www.transitionbelper.org for full details. Hot & cold food will be available from Leafbone Pizza, Sophisticakes Patisserie, Fresh Basil, Remarkable Food, Sound Bites and Coopercakes. The site is situated on the main A6 road just 5 minutes walk south of Belper town centre. Belper rail & bus stations are also only 5 minutes walk away. CAMRA members interested in helping at the beer festival should contact Phil at avbfstaffing@gmail.com for more details.

Cider & Perry Trail

Throughout June Amber Valley CAMRA will be running a cider trail, on similar lines to the one run last October. You drink a half pint (or more!) of real cider or perry in one of the participating pubs and text a score for it out of 5. There will be a prize for the individual visiting the most pubs, and also awards for the pubs with the highest average score. The Amber Valley website or posters in participating pubs will give further details.

Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2014

The 5th Amber Valley CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival (formerly Rail Ale Festival) is moving to a new venue at Strutts in Belper and will run from **Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th September**. It will take place in the main hall of this former school and in 5 rooms on the ground floor plus 3 rooms on the first floor all in the North wing with all beers, ciders, perries and wines being served from a marquee in the North Quadrangle. There will

be over 100 beers, ciders, perries and wines available plus soft drinks and hot & cold food at all sessions with a hog roast on Friday and Saturday. Thursday & Sunday will be music-free with music in the afternoon and evenings on Friday & Saturday. Tickets will not be sold for any sessions this year so just come along and pay on the door. Further details next time or check out the website.

Holly Bush Remembers

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday May 26th the Hollybush at Makeney is holding a World War 1 themed day with brass band, military memorabilia, BBQ, entertainment for the kids and a mini beer & cider festival plus a spitfire flyover and display. The event starts at 2pm.

Branch Diary

Meetings – 8pm

Monday 12th May - Beer Festival Meeting at the French Horn, Market Place, Codnor.

Thursday 29th May - Branch Meeting at the Welcome Tavern, Belper.

Monday 9th June - Beer Festival Meeting at Thorn Tree, Waingroves.

Socials

Saturday 17th May & Saturday 14th June - Social survey, destination to be announced. By free minibus from Ripley Market Place at 7:30pm, Belper Market place at 7:45 and other pickups are available on request. Please contact Jane Wallis (Social Secretary) on 01773 745966 or 0779 620 4519 or by e-mail at mick.wallis@btinternet.com to reserve a place.



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Cider

with Suzie



We've had some fine spring weather recently, so what could be better than a tour around Herefordshire. It's a lovely unspoilt county and home to lots of first class small and medium sized cider makers. The bonus here is the perry because Herefordshire is the natural home of perry making; most of the cider makers here also make perry.

First stop is Newton Court, some 4 miles south of Leominster. Here Paul Stevens runs a working farm with a fine herd of cattle (Herefords, of course). There is a shop selling his cider and perry, I had some Yarlinton Mill cider and his new-season (2013 vintage) perry has available; still a bit sweet but full flavoured. In common with many of the smaller producers his cider and perry are organic without being certified as such; official accreditation is quite expensive and many small producers don't regard it as worthwhile.

A short distance away at Sutton St. Nicholas is Rathays Old Goat

Cider, run by Graham Blackmore. This is a very small operation and a prior appointment is required. The "Old Goat" is due to the herd of angora goats, very friendly too, who live there. The excellent cider and perry are mainly due to a fine, mature orchard, planted by Bulmer's in the 1960's. This is more of a hobby than a commercial operation, but it is a real gem.

Also a short distance away, at Ocle Pychard (lovely name) we find Oliver's cider, run by Tom Oliver. This is another working farm, but with sheep rather than cattle. Tom has another interest, going on the road, on tour with various bands, but he still has time to make plenty of quality cider and perry. Both are available through the farm shop in draught or bottles. Oliver's is a multiple award winner, both at a regional and national level.

Towards the Welsh border, near Abbey Dore we arrive at Gwatkins cider. Dennis

Gwatkins, with his bushy beard and braces is one of the real characters of the cider scene. This is another working farm, complete with an excellent farm shop selling a wide range of farm produce as well as cider, the smoked streaky bacon being especially delicious. Gwatkins specializes in single apple varieties; his Stoke Red is smooth tasting and pretty sweet. A good medium is his Norman cider, while for those liking something really dry I'd recommend the Foxwhelp.

No tour of Herefordshire would be complete without a visit to my final destination, Ross-on-Wye Cider & Perry Co. Ltd. at Peterstow, otherwise known as Broome Farm. This is an idyllic spot, with the farmhouse and outbuildings set amongst extensive orchards. These are all cider apple and perry pear trees with a large range of varieties represented, some quite rare. The proprietor is Mike Johnson and you will soon find yourself in his

sampling cellar, a place that is difficult to leave! Mike has made a point of offering help and encouragement to other budding cider makers in the area, as well as holding a number of open days each year, so Broome Farm has become the hub for cider making in that part of Herefordshire. Also available at the farmhouse are cream teas, evening meals (with cider) and accommodation, so it is an excellent spot for a short break.

Finally, throughout June Amber Valley CAMRA will be running a cider trail, on similar lines to the one run last October. You drink a half pint (or more!) of real cider or perry in one of the participating pubs and text a score for it out of 5. There will be a prize for the individual visiting the most pubs, and also awards for the pubs with the highest average score. The Amber Valley website or posters in participating pubs will give details.

Wassail

The Chequered Flag is waved as new Micropub crosses the line



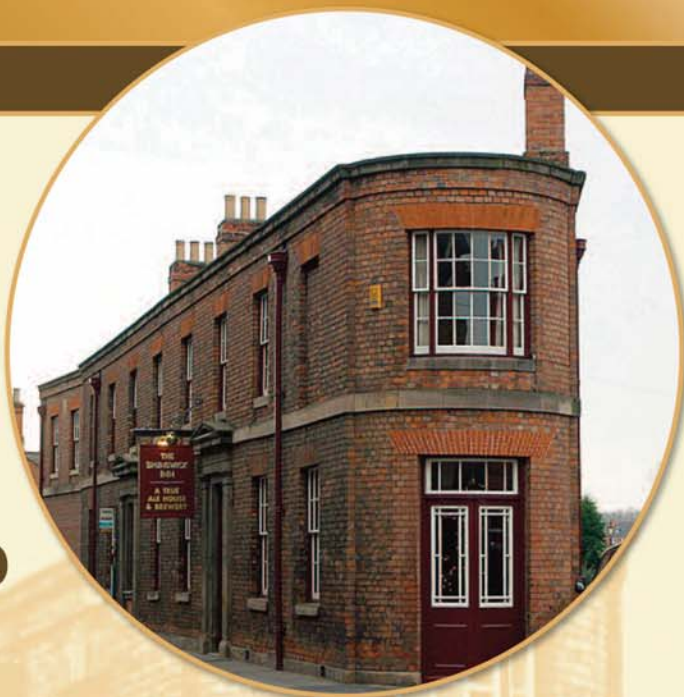
We reported in the last Derby Drinker that a new Micropub was under starters orders in Castle Donington, well we are now pleased to announce that it's up and running and racing ahead. Called appropriately the Chequered Flag to mark the Village's long association with the nearby racing track, the pub has lots of car and bike racing memorabilia on the walls. It is located on Borough Street and is the latest micropub to open being run by Michael Willies and Caroline Campbell who were living on a boat at Willington Marina before chatting to Gary Hodder from the Cask and Pottle

micropub in Tutbury and the rest as they say is history. The beer is served on gravity from a room behind the bar and local micros are heavily featured so why not call in and give it a try. Opening hours are 12-2.30pm and 5-9.30pm Monday to Thursday, 12-10.30pm Friday & Saturday and 12-3pm and 5-9.30pm Sunday.

Micropub for Melbourne

It seems that the appetite for new micropubs has no bounds as a proposed new one is due in Melbourne where planning permission has been applied for at the old HSBC bank on the High Street. We await developments with interest and will report on things further in a future Derby Drinker.





Reuniting The Brunswick Pub & Brewery

New licensees Alan & Philippe & Brunswick Brewer James, look forward to welcoming you this May...

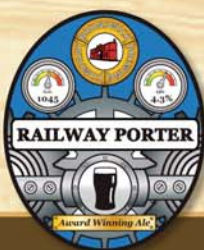
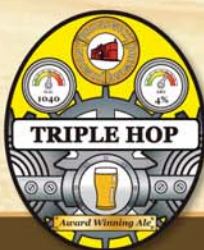
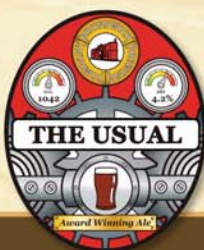
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- AND 8 regular changing cask ales
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- NEW regular live music
- Regular CAMRA discount - 20p off a pint

Keep a look out for our exciting new seasonal ales created by James, if you would like to know more he would love you to pop in for a chat or give him a call!

Alan & Philippe have accolades as winners of CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010, 2011 and 2014 while at The Crown, Uppingham & Brewer James has been brewing award winning ale at The Brunswick now for 11 years.

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

by Mick & Carole Golds
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Pub of the Year

We are pleased to announce our Branch POTY award for 2014 is the Butchers Arms at Langley which was re-opened on December 12th 2011 after a period of closure. This down to earth and cosy pub is well supported by the local community and an asset to the area. An ex-Hardy & Hanson then Greene King pub it is now a free house run by Chris Turner of Coppice Side Brewery in partnership with Richard Creighton of Leadmill and Bottlebrook Breweries with their beers on sale as well as a selection of other micro brewery beers.

There was a well supported presentation evening attended by both branch members and locals alike and very fine buffet was provided by Michelle (see photo of Kevin our Branch Chairman and Chris & Michelle Turner on the occasion). Opening hours are Mon-Thurs 4.00-10.30 Fri & Sat 3.00-12.00, Sun 12.00-11.00. The pub is also on the Nottingham mild trail and well worth a visit.

Pub News

The Stumble Inn, Long Eaton is now the home of Songbird Brewery which is operated by Samantha Dodsworth, the head Brewster who is the daughter of landlord, Martin Dodsworth. The brewery has been in progress for 2yrs and finally started brewing in Christmas 2013, it's a 2 barrel plant

supplying outlets the Long Eaton Cricket Club and the Rugby Club. Beers at the present are Melody Pale 4.5%, Double Bass bitter 4.2%, Ale House Rock 4.8% and Mild Thing 4.2% which was tested on our visit and will be on for the mild trail. Martin and Samantha would like to thank Carl of Full Mash for all his help in getting started. The pub will be doing a mild swap with Falstaff brewery and hopefully this will be available for the mild trail. Opening hours are Mon, Tues, Weds 2.00-12.00, Thurs Fri Sat & Sun 12.00-12.00.

General Havelock - Ilkeston

After a visit to the pub and speaking to Andrew (brother of Stephan Rutherford who is recovering from a heart problem) he let us know that he has now taken over the reins of this establishment with the intention of pulling the Havelock back to its former busy self and hoping to re-gain some of its lost custom. The General Havelock in our opinion is a very special pub brought back from a long closure and we should support it to make sure it doesn't close again, this also depends to some degree on the way it is run by the management as well as the punters who use it. On our visit they had 7 real ales which will be rotating and 5 real ciders and they also doing snacks till 8.00pm. It's also back on the Camra discount trail which is good news.

Meetings

All start at 8.00pm.
Contact Secretary, Jayne on
0115 8548722

Wednesday 7th May
- Three Horeshoes, Ilkeston

4th June
- Steamboat, Trent Lock

2nd July
- General Haverlock, Ilkeston.

Discounts

Please remember to show your
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The Bridge, Sandiacre
- 15p off a pint

Bridge, Cotmanhay
- 20p off a pint

Blue Bell, Sandiacre
- 10p off a pint, 5p off a half including
real cider

Coach & Horses, Draycott
- 30p off a pint, 15p off a half

General Havelock, Ilkeston
- 20p off a pint, 10p off a half

Navigation, Breaston
- 10p off a pint

Observatory, Ilkeston
- 10p off a pint

Poacher, Ilkeston
- 15p off a pint

Queens Head, Marlpool
- 20p off a pint, 10p off a half including
cider

Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston
- 15p off a pint (Mon -Thurs only)

Steamboat, Trent Lock
- 20p off a pint, 10p off a half including
cider

Twitchell, Long Eaton
- 20p off a pint



Butchers Arms



Butchers Arms



Kevin, Chris & Michelle



Samantha in Songbird Brewery



Stumble Inn



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
Bell & Castle
Brewery Tap/Royal Standard
Brunswick
Crown & Cushion
Exeter Arms
Falstaff
Five Lamps
Flowerpot
Furnace
Golden Eagle
Greyhound
Little Chester Ale House
Mr Grundy's Tavern
New Zealand Arms
Old Bell
Old Silk Mill
Peacock
Seven Stars
Slug and Lettuce
Smithfield
Thomas Leaper **NEW**
Wardwick Tavern
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)
Blacks Head (Wirksworth) **NEW**
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)
Okeover Arms (Mappleton)
Queens Head (Little Eaton)
Queens Head (Ockbrook)
Pattenmakers (Duffield)
Royal Oak (Ockbrook)
Royal Oak (Wirksworth)
Vine Inn (Mickleover)
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.



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

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



CAMRA 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
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Bell & Castle, Derby	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
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
Mr Grundy's, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Old Spa Inn, Derby	20p 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 -	30p off a pint
Wardwick Tavern, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby	20p a pint discount on selected guest beers
King Alfred, Alfreton	15p off a pint
Brackens, Alvaston	15p off a pint
Lawns, Chellaston	10p off a pint and 5p off a half
Cross Keys, Turnditch	20p off a pint
The Dragon, Willington	20p off a pint
Arkwrights Bar, Belper	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
George & Dragon, Belper	20p off a pint
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Royal Oak, Ockbrook	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Red Lion, Fritchley All real ales	£2.50 a pint
Red Lion, Hollington	20p off a pint
Cross Keys, Swanwick	15p off a pint
Steampacket, Swanwick	15p off a pint
George Inn, Ripley	10p off a pint
White Swan, Spondon	15p off a pint

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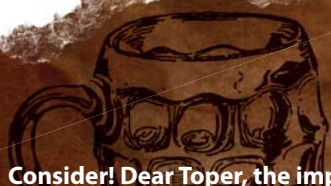
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Dear Toper...

Consider! Dear Toper, the impending (hopefully) sunny days of the forthcoming summer; one of the joys of which are those lazy Sunday afternoon strolls, that culminate in a refreshing pint at some rural hostelry. But alas, Dear Toper, this harmless form of pleasure is under threat from dark forces, for increasingly, Sunday afternoons have become the time when children are allowed to invade the sacred confines of the pub!

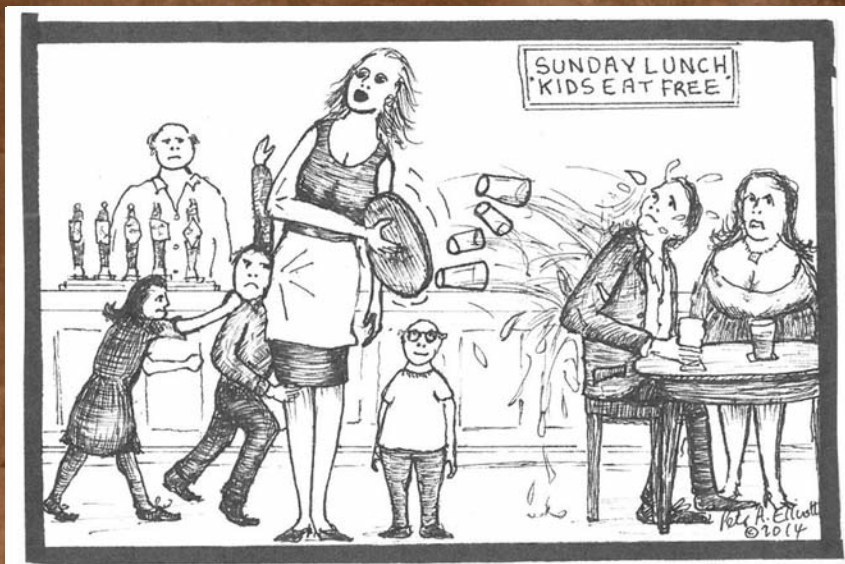
Having consumed their Sunday pub lunch (or more likely, having decorated both themselves and their immediate surroundings with it) the little darlings (they usually hunt in packs) are seemingly left to their own devices, which usually means running back and forth, screaming and tormenting the family pet (some huge, overweight and ill-trained dog, with mange) to the extent that it barks and whines even louder than they shriek, whilst one of their feckless parents gets sozzled on overpriced poor quality wine, and the other (the designated driver of the gargantuan people-carrier that is blocking the entrance to the car park) sits around scowling over a soft drink,

that has been in their hand so long that it has taken on the temperature and consistency of blood. Neither of the non-doting parents appears to understand that their odious offspring (and massive stinking pet) have become a nuisance; indeed they seem completely oblivious to the existence of their irksome brood, until one of their number inevitably collides with a waitress carrying a tray of drinks. The parents, having made a half-hearted attempt to help the bar-staff clear up the mess, now endeavor to appear strict, and in an effort to diffuse the various glares that are being cast in their direction, they loudly (for the benefit of their aggrieved audience) instruct their wayward brats to: "Sit down and behave!" This the sullen little people do reluctantly for about thirty seconds before becoming restless, at which juncture they are told to, "Go outside and play!"

Beer, Brats and Burgers

The juvenile delinquents, along with the flea-bitten family pet, now invade the beer garden, where they plague those poor stateless refugees known as "smokers", who, having been banished from the cosy interior of the pub, now find their last tenuous grasp on licensed premises - that nub-end-carpeted refuge next to the wheelie bins, in the corner of the beer garden - under siege from shrieking children and howling canines intent on urinating on any upright object that doesn't move!

An old friend of mine (very old!) frequently points out that the natural consequence of allowing women into pubs, was that sooner or later they would insist upon bringing their brats in with



them. Personally I would not go as far as banning women and children from pubs altogether, but I do believe in the old Victorian maxim that, "Children should be seen and not heard," unless of course they get stuck up a chimney whilst doing some worthwhile task, and make a plaintive, though polite, cry for assistance. (As for women, well, anyone who thinks that you can keep them quiet, has obviously not been married.)

But do not despair, Dear Toper, help may be at hand, for I recently noted that there was some talk of extending the school day to twelve hours. Personally I think that twenty four hours, seven days a week, would be a far more reasonable target to attain, with bars on the windows to ensure the compliance of the inmates! And as for the family pet: I'm sure that some dodgy burger manufacturer somewhere would be interested! Consider that, Dear Toper!

D.T.

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volunteers + guests.

Sat 10th - Mild Trail Crawl beginning at The Falstaff at
7.30pm before setting off for the Brunswick & Alexandra.

Wed 14th - Branch Meeting - Furnace, Derby - 8pm.

Sat 17th - Best of Derbyshire Pub Tour by Mini Bus. Leaves
at 11.30am.

Fri 23rd - Survey Trip - Thulston, Aston, Weston, Ingleby -
Free mini bus leaves at 7.30pm.


Wed 28th - Social - Greyhound, Derby - 8.30pm & Golden
Eagle, Derby - 9.30pm.

JUNE

Wed 11th - EGM & Branch Meeting - Rowing Club, Derby -
8pm.

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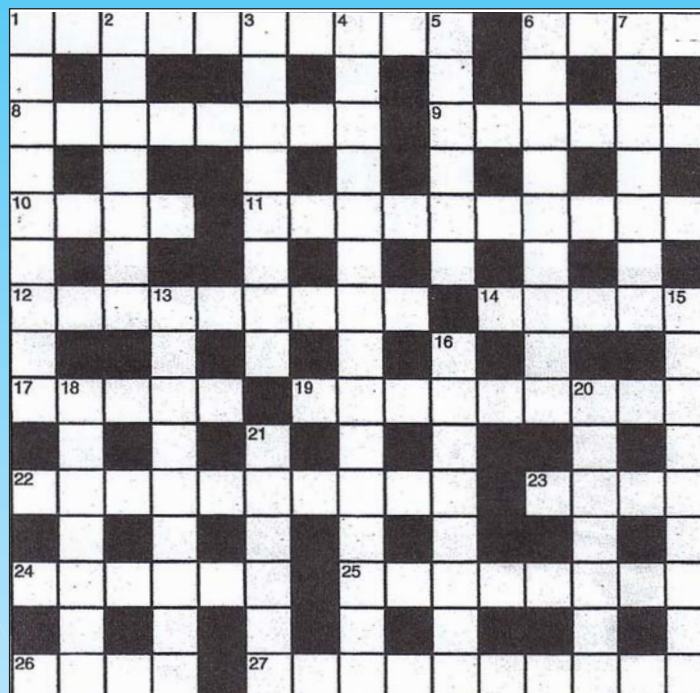
Crossword

No 39 by Wrenrutt

**Crossword
winner is**

Sheila Parish

from Nottingham
picked up in
Bell at Smalley



Across

- 1 Elicit blot to discover a 15th century Florentine painter (10)
- 6 The second part of Uley's strong, piggy ale (4)
- 8 Glasgow's Clockwork Brewery's pale ale (5.1.1.1)
- 9 Plus 'makers Arms', the Duffield pub which recently Punched above its weight! (6)
- 10 Old Devil's favourite dark beer from Brigstock (4)
- 11 Condition needing an urgent visit to the pub (as long as it's not 'dry') (10)
- 12 Mixed up Tom arises, creating fine sprayers (9)
- 14 Wines can adapt to connect a muscle to a bone (5)
- 17 See 16
- 19 Russian heavenly White Sea port (9)
- 22 Itchen Valley's malty bitter ale, hopefully sold in a giant bottle! (10)
- 23 With 'gate' becomes a Derbyshire brewery, and its bitter (4)
- 24 A form of hurdy-gurdy suited, perhaps, to Parisian old ladies (6)
- 25 A domestic barker (5-3)
- 26 A Greek god: a sore rose indeed (4)
- 27 An old socialist soccer player who would be in the hole nowadays (6.4)

Down

- 1 Cardiff brewery tangled up with a wild fruit to indoctrinate (9)
- 2 Plant explorer backed before a small company (7)
- 3 Infantile, in another word (8)
- 4 If this Derbyshire brewery produced Weißbier would it be renamed 'Lederhosen'? (15)
- 5 Hinder within a limp Edelweiss plant (6)
- 6 A station I can get around to bursting point (9)
- 7 Pipe this when wanting to cry (4.3)
- 13 Social tuneful gatherings which, if split, could become melodious beers (9)
- 15 A mural illumination (4.5)
- 16 & 17 Where Derby hosted 2014's National Winter Ales Festival (3.10)
- 18 Former eminent Shakespearean actor and producer (7)
- 20 A Tynesider and his dialect (7)
- 21 I, enemy? No: it's about being a native of an Arabian country (6)

- Access to Chambers Dictionary, and the 'Bible' (aka the Good Beer Guide 2014) 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 38 Answers

Across

1. DECOMPOSED
6. PUBS
8. GLADIOLI
9. FUNNEL
10. IDLE
11. TRIPARTITE
12. HERMITAGE
14. FLASH
17. SPIRE
19. ASPARAGUS
22. NO-MANS-LAND
23. PLEA
24. CLOTHE
25. SONGBIRD
26. BRAN
27. DUNHAM GOLD

Down

1. DOGFIGHTS
2. CRAWLER
3. PROSTATE
4. SMILING ASSASSIN
5. DEFRAY
6. PANATELLA
7. BREATHS
13. MERCASTON
15. HUSBANDED
16. GARDENIA
18. PROWLER
20. GALLICO
21. ASCEND

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