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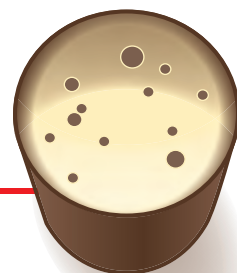


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## Derby City Charter Beer Festival Market Place 8th - 12th July 2015



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# Derby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival 2015

**D**erby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival takes place 08-12th July on Derby Market Place. This year we are very excited to announce that there will be a generous selection of Scottish ales available that have been sourced from various locations around Scotland. We are sure that everyone will discover a new and exciting ale that they have never tried before. Brewery bars will have a local theme that will include Dancing Duck & Peak Ales. Everards are kindly sponsoring staff T-Shirts whilst Lexi's Mead Bar will also make a return to the festival. An abundance of Cider and Perry will also feature and the continental bar is going to be even larger than last year.

The marquee is expected to be bigger and there will be outside areas so visitors can soak up the sun. Entertainment is varied from Big Bands to Folk (see full article).

This year the festival is celebrating the life of Joseph Paxton and we will be raising a glass to his achievements such as the expertly engineered fountain on the Chatsworth estate. Did you also know that the most popular variety of banana in our part of the world, the Cavendish banana, was originally

cultivated by Paxton in the famous greenhouses at Chatsworth? To this very day the Cavendish holds 95% of western market, who would have thought that these started out in Derbyshire!

Admission is half price for U26's to all sessions and free to visitors that are 60+ to lunchtime sessions with valid proof of ID. CAMRA members will be admitted free of charge to all sessions upon presenting a valid card.

The Mayor of Derby will officially open the festival on Wednesday 08th July at 18:30 followed by a brief talk by Robert Evans of Peak Ales before the music commences.

*To keep up to date with the latest festival news please visit:*

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<http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival> we will endeavour to post the full beer list here when it is finalised.

We hope you can pay the festival a visit and enjoy some of the fantastic beers on offer!

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# CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

## LIVE ON THE MARQUEE STAGE

Festival goers can enjoy the usual array of musical genre with almost 100 performers looking forward to the event. many thanks to all bands that have been in touch but we can only accommodate so much music.

### Here's the full line up ...

#### WEDNESDAY (OPENING NIGHT)

**THE OCKBROOK BIG BAND** are renowned as the most entertaining big band in the midlands. The lucky crowd will enjoy the best swing music from the 1920s, some modern jazz and the unique sound of dance bands in the 30s & 40s.

To add to the visual presentation the band will be dressed in US air force military uniforms in the style of the great Glen Miller orchestra – “not to be missed”.

**THE RIPLEY MORRIS MEN** will also be strutting their stuff with a colourful display of Cotswold stick whacking dances.

**THURSDAY EVE – AISTAGUCA** (eyes-ta-gucha) bring a totally different sound to the festival tonight. This 6 piece outfit play Balkan music based around gypsy wedding style, this is highly interactive and is performed as a show on every level with songs like Hava nagila remember the film Borat? Much of the music is included in the session sets. Trubaci music incorporates high energy rhythms. **AISTAGUCA** is now well and truly on the folk dance underground throughout the UK.

**HARRIET** – at only 20 years old singer song writer Harriet McDonald captured the attention of the music world. With an acoustic guitar, her confident stage presence, powerful & meaningful delivery of both cover and her own arrangement's you see her talent shine through. Rarely does a solo artist make it to appear at the City Charter beer festival this one is not to be missed. Starting at 8pm.

**FRIDAY EVE – THE MODERN AFFAIR** – this handpicked band of musicians come smartly turned out and business like, they boast over a 100 years collectively of gigging in the Midlands. The music takes you back to the mod culture days of scooter's, and the Quadraphenia days of Brighton's swinging 60s. Songs from Spencer Davis, Small Faces, early Beatles and Stones among many more. Get ready for a high octane night of entertainment.

**THE INCREDIBLE SKANK BROTHERS** – are a 6 piece playing the best of Ska music (developed from Calypso and Reggae) the accent on the upbeat gives rise to the Skank dance would be skankers can learn from keeping an eye on lead vocalist Andy. This rather infectious music will soon get the audience bouncing. Plenty of titles from Bad Manners and of course Madness!

Note: Friday evening is very busy, if you're not particular about the bands come another session.

**SATURDAY EVE – UK CHICARGO BLUES** – like Motown and Soul? This band a tribute to the Blues Brothers are on a mission and never fails to please an audience. An all singing all dancing show with all the songs from the Blues Brothers film Everybody needs somebody, Gimme some loving, Rawhide, Minnie the moocha so join in and enjoy.

**3Eyed Fox** – kick off the evening at 8pm this folk fiddle band are very popular throughout the East Midlands – the genre is folk rock with influences from the Ukraine's, Flogging Molly and the Levellers.

#### MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOONS FROM 1PM

**THURSDAY – BROOKSIDE JAZZ** - was formed in 1976 by a group of school teachers.

The line-up has changed over the years but the aim of the band has not: viz. to play music from the roaring days of the 20s and 30s.



Ockbrook Big Band



The Modern Affair



The UK Chicago Blues



Aistaguca

**FRIDAY – THE IVAN BALL BAND** – Ivan has been in the music business from the 1950s dance band era, he brings a group of seasoned musicians who enjoy good foot tapping jazz.

**SATURDAY – SOUTHBOUND** a country rock/Americana band leading with harmony vocals, guitar, banjo and violin perform timeless classics that captivates audiences who like to come together for fun, to dance and enjoy life with a glass of ale.

**HOVERLA UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE** highly regarded much travelled troupe that has excited audiences throughout Britain and abroad with their highly skilled energetic displays of colourful traditional dance.

**SUNDAY – BACKLINE BLUES** rocks out the festival with a session of rock, blues, funk a good time is ensured with this electric line up plus a few guests. 12noon till 2pm

### Have a good festival!

Terry Morton





# Summer in the City

Summer is upon us and thoughts naturally turn to alfresco drinking in country pub gardens. It sometimes worth considering what's on our doorstep, however, and Derby Drinker tasked Paul Gibson to look at opportunities for an outdoor pint or two in Derby.

The construction of the Silk Mill, powered by the river Derwent, in 1718, ensured that Derby was in the vanguard of the Industrial Revolution. Silk worms were turned into high quality thread for fashion items that had amazing designs and colours. The Lombe brothers provided cottages for mill workers on nearby Full Street, and one of these was later licensed to become the original **Old Silk Mill** pub. The cottages were demolished in 1924 and the present day pub was erected four years later retaining the "Old" prefix. The eye catching gable end mural depicts the 1833 lock out of silk mill workers which was a notable, early test of power for the new trades unions.

A couple of years ago, licensee Terry Holmes, a larger than life character, retired, and his successor Martin Roper introduced a great culinary offering and added a south facing terrace in the mural's shadow. This is an ideal place from which to watch the world go by, and eight real ales, some of which change, give the discerning drinker plenty of scope.

Across the road, Derby's oldest and most picturesque inn, the timber framed **Olde Dolphin** boasts a pleasant patio which is always popular in summer especially when their July (15th to 18th) beer festival is in full swing. The multi roomed interior merits CAMRA National Inventory listing with Greene King Abbot, Draught Bass and Taylor Landlord being just three of several real ales on tap.

Just around the corner, the **Flowerpot** on King Street, could justifiably claim to be Derby's most innovative licensed premises. This multi-faceted pub has been free of brewery tie since 1993 and offers an ever changing choice bolstered by the on-site Frontier brewery. Majoring on live music, there's a full roster of electronic and acoustic bands regularly performing in the rear concert room. And there's even a stage under the pergola in the courtyard garden.

Ghurkha curry evenings on Tuesdays and good en-suite accommodation have further enhanced the Pot's reputation.

The **Furnace** on Duke Street needs no introduction having won Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year in 2014 and being pipped to the post by the Alexandra this time round. Owner, Pedro Menon, and brewer, Richard Swanwick (ex-Black Hole), have cleverly tapped into the CAMRA psyche by offering Shiny ales brewed on the premises and some rare guest beers. From the tranquillity of the rear patio the twin towers of All Saints and St Mary's may be viewed. It's good to see this ex-Kimberley house doing so well.

Out on Ashbourne Road is an oasis of calm in the shape of the Georgian House Hotel which is an impressive, porticoed, Regency edifice. Integral to the hotel is **Mr Grundy's**, where to the rear is a large area laid to lawn, and decking with seating. A most attractive weeping willow affords a little shade, and looking out over the entire garden is a big, Victorian style conservatory. Residential, with food served all day, Grundy's interesting interior features an old red telephone kiosk. Andy Spencer has been manager here since the last century and on the bar, guest beers rub shoulders with Mr Grundy's ales brewed on site in gleaming stainless steel vessels made in Derby. Increased demand has been satisfied by acquiring Burton's Black Hole brewery.

On Abbey Street, outside of the new(ish) ring road, sits the **Olde Spa Inn** with its twin gabled frontage set back from the road. Dr William Chauncey's spa complex was built in 1733 when it was hoped to match Buxton's popularity as a health resort. The anticipated prosperity didn't materialize, however, and in 1832 an on licence was granted for public house usage. More recently, in 1985, a refurbishment merited a national architectural award from CAMRA; as you enter, the area to the right is particularly worthy of attention. Hook Norton Lion, Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Bass and Pedigree all attract 20p a pint discount for CAMRA members and, of course, the choice may vary. A pleasant grassed area to the front is enhanced by a functioning water feature, and various food offers, especially the Sunday carvery, entice custom.



Old Silk Mill



Olde Spa Inn



The Smithfield



Bell & Castle



Falstaff



There aren't many pubs left like the mid terrace **Rowditch Inn** at the junction of Uttoxeter Old and New Roads. This is an authentic, wet sales only community pub that has raised considerable sums for charity, especially the Rainbows Hospice. Run by Steve and Jan Birkin since 1997, Steve likes to cellar his beers for three weeks giving ample time for the important secondary fermentation process. Pedigree is permanent, guests come and go, but try the home brewed St Stephen's Ale, a characterful little number that belies its modest strength. If Derby has a secret pub garden, then it's probably here down the steps at the back, and this little known delight, awash with colour, is not to be missed. Note, though, that the Rowditch opens at 7pm and 12 – 2 on Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes only.

Alan Kilkenny has wrought a remarkable transformation at the **Bell and Castle**, Burton Road. Not too long ago the former Bass pub stood forlorn and unloved, seemingly destined to never open again. Today, the place is unrecognizable with a stylish, modernist interior of different areas and a separate, stone flagged bar room at one end. Outside, the meticulously landscaped garden is a real haven and it's hard to believe that busy Burton Road is just yards away as it's inaudible. Also, there's a delightful, walled patio and children's play facilities are evident. From the garden, the upper floor rear windows give a clue to the building's original usage – stockingers' workshops above the workers' cottages. The beer range constantly changes but when I called, Salopian, Nethergate, Stancil and the local Falstaff brewery vied for attention. Prices are very reasonable with 10p a pint CAMRA discount offered.

Not too far away, off Normanton Road, lies the city's best preserved Victorian pub, the atmospheric **Falstaff** at the top of Silverhill Road. The three roomed interior merits inclusion in CAMRA's great new book Real Heritage Pubs of the Midlands, and the lounge is a veritable shrine to the nearby Offiler's brewery which closed in 1966. Four beers brewed on site by licensee Jim Hallows ensure beer buffs' patronage and, outside, the focal point of the hidden courtyard is an art sculpture made of scrap metal in memory of a biker who has sadly passed away.

Derby's two Derby Brewing Company pubs, **The Tap**, Derwent Street, and the **Greyhound** (pictured), Friar Gate, both have roof terraces for fair weather drinking. The latter also benefits from a dedicated roof level bar which opens at busy periods to cater for alfresco drinkers. Both pubs were rescued from closure a few years back by the Harris father and son team, and DBC beers with guests are augmented by a culinary offering which make for brisk business.

In 2012 the future of the **Smithfield** on Meadow Road looked bleak when the Headless Brewing Company chose to dispose of it, but in stepped Derby based Westminster Building Company whose thorough renovation gave the bow fronted building a new lease of life. Once a short hop over a bridge from the cattle market which gave the pub its original name, the "Smithy" now stands in splendid isolation with the ring road traffic's din drowned out by the cascading water from the weir upstream. The riverside terrace is the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely pint and to catch a glimpse of birds such as cormorants and kingfishers. Mine hosts, Scott and Claire Muldoon, serve a quartet of Bass, Whim Arbor Light, Oakham Bishop's Farewell and Smithy Ale brewed by Derby Brewing Company. In addition, a couple of changing guests often include a dark brew which was the excellent Church End Gravediggers mild when I called in. CAMRA discount is offered and wholesome food including a Sunday carvery is very reasonably priced. A beer festival is being held here between the 30th July and the 3rd August.

The most recent addition to the summer drinking scene is the **New Zealand Arms** on the corner of Peel Street/Langley Street off Ashbourne Road. Following a three year legal wrangle regarding access, a walled, elongated patio that's picked out by fairy lights at night is now open. The NZA is Dancing Duck's brewery tap and their portfolio includes the infinitely quaffable Dark Drake which I consider to be the best of all the ales brewed in the city.

Derby's reputation as a cornucopia of real ale is unmatched, and there can't be many cities of comparable size that have such good garden facilities in which to enjoy it. Cheers!



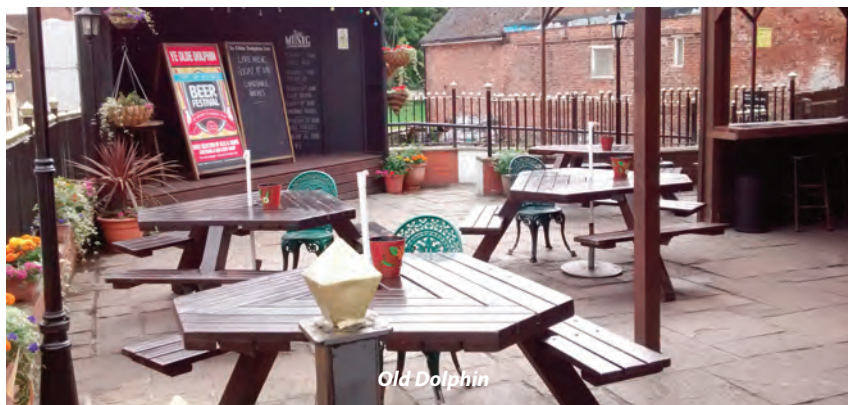
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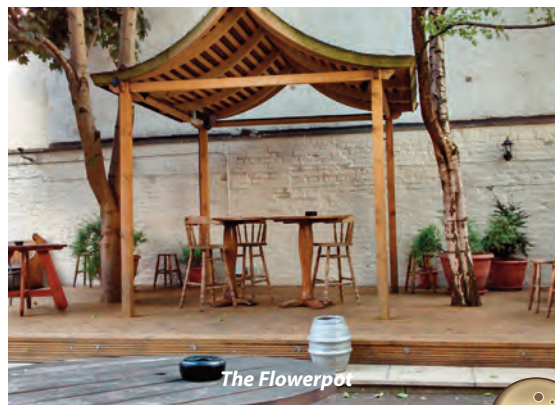
Rowditch



Mr Grundys



Old Dolphin



The Flowerpot





# No, I didn't know about it!

News of pubs, beer festivals, new breweries, and great new beers don't wait for Derby Drinker. So how do you keep up on the scene between issues?



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# Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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## Branch News

### Sub-Branch AGM

The sub-branch AGM was held on Tuesday 26th May at the Shire Horse at Wyaston and the chairman was re-elected for another year. Several members expressed an interest in taking on various roles within the group that are currently shared by the chairman and secretary, so any new contact details will be circulated as soon as they are confirmed.

### Social Trip

A trip in conjunction with Ashbourne Community Transport was arranged by the branch to visit the Rail Ale Festival at Barrowhill Roundhouse on Saturday 16th May, and a full minibus of 13 members and friends went along. For all of us, it was a first time at the festival, although one member confessed to attending the roundhouse in his capacity as a schoolboy trainspotter half a century ago and he was keen to see if it had changed! The consensus is that it was a great occasion with some excellent beer on offer and we will certainly look to make it an annual event from now on.

### Beer Festival

Our beer festival budget has now been approved and we can now make firm plans and commitments to the arrangements. We are planning a selection of ales with a Celtic theme and hope to feature beers from Scotland, Wales and Cornwall as well as some choices from highly regarded local breweries in the Midlands and Yorkshire. We also hope to engage one or more brewers to come along for a meet and greet session. The music bill is expected to feature some local acts as well as one or two returning favourites and we are planning an altogether more comfortable level of music. Confirmed details will be circulated via all available methods.

### Pub News

The Yeaveley Arms at Yeaveley has been closed for just over a year now and a planning application has now been submitted to demolish the building and replace it with four houses. There is a local village group keeping tabs on this and the branch will lend support wherever it can, but it does not seem likely that anything can be done at this point to save the pub and campaign for a re-opening.



*The Yeaveley Arms, Yeaveley*



*The Black Horse, Hulland Ward*



*The Ex-Servicemens Club*

## Diary Dates BRANCH MEETINGS

**Tuesday 30th June**

Ye Olde Royal Oak, Wetton

**Tuesday 28th July**

The Black Horse, Hulland Ward

**Tuesday 25th August**

The Ex-Servicemen's Club, Ashbourne

**Tuesday 29th September**

The Cock, Clifton



*The Cock Inn, Clifton*





# Burton upon Trent

**B**urton on Trent has always been known as Britain Brewing Capital with the likes of Bass, Ind Coope & Marstons all being part of its heritage. However the dominance of these big brewers in the town hasn't always meant that the greatest choice of different beers was available. Then 33 years ago Burton Bridge Brewery was founded and a few different beers were seen around followed by Tower, Old Cottage, Black Hole, etc with one or two new pubs being set-up by these Microbreweries along the way. Apart from that though nothing much has happened and the majority of pubs are still owned and run by the Big Breweries and Pub Co's but this seems set to change as several new ventures have opened or are about to open within the Town.

First off the blocks was the Micropub on Borough Road, the Borough Arms and this has now been joined by the Derby Inn (Wentwell Brewery), The Dog (Black Country Ales) and The Crossing with two further ones in the pipeline.

## Derby Drinker popped along to sample the openings of the 3 new ones.....

Wentwell Brewery were already well known for their two Micropubs in Derby, the Little Chester Ale House & the Last Post but the plight of the **Derby Inn** struck a chord with George & Walter from the Brewery and after a few visits they fell in love with the place. It's a little bit bigger than the Micro's they've been used to with 3 Rooms but not too big to lose that intimacy of a Micro. Lee and Rachael Betts are the new Managers of the pub who have come straight from the Alex in Derby so are used to serving top quality ales and the pub will be run along similar lines to the Derby Micropubs. A good turnout on opening night saw a warm welcome from the team and some great beers on the bar including Wentwell's amazing Russian Imperial Stout. The long serving ex-landlord of the pub also popped in for a pint and a chat. The pub is not too far from the Football ground and is ideally situated on the X38 and Villager bus routes from Derby with a stop almost outside and the Villager bus route retuning. The opening hours are set to be 5-11 (Mon-Tue) and 12-11 (Wed-Sun).

**The Dog** on Lichfield Street was the next to open and marks Black Country Ales second venture outside their traditional area. Famous of course for Birmingham's premier Real Ale pub, the Wellington and its flagship Black Country Arms in Walsall, the company has expanded rapidly to 25 pubs with outlets in Cannock, Dudley, Leicester and Wolverhampton to name a few. Its new venture is the Dog a traditional town centre Burton local and the company has done a great job restoring the pub with three open fire places and black-and-white photos of old Burton dotted around the walls. An array of 11 handpumps greets you as you walk in offering not only ales from the Black Country range but also guests as well and real ciders and perries. Snacks are available in the form of cobs and flavoured Scotch eggs and the pub will be open between midday and 11pm seven days a week. It's also conveniently situated close to the X38 and Villager bus stops on the High St so couldn't be easier to reach.

**The Crossing** on the High Street is the new venture of Martin & Denise Roper who run both the Exeter Arms and Old Silk Mill in Derby and the style of the pub is very much in keeping with them both. The Name of the pub refers to the railway crossing which stood next door and is immortalized in an LS Lowry painting and the logo is a picture of the old signal box. The pub is done out in a vintage, eclectic style with various paintings, artifacts and ornaments adorning the inside and its former open-plan pub interior has been broken up with some nice intimate areas including a lovely raised snug called appropriately the

Waiting Room. Outside there is a large patio and decked rear garden which should prove a haven in warmer weather. 8 cask ales are on offer and as with their other pubs a varied and interesting food menu is available. The pub opens at noon most days (11am Sat) and runs right through to 11 or 12 and the X38 & Villager buses run right along the High St.

These three new openings are not the end of the revolution though as further along the High Street a new Micropub is planned called the **Fuggle & Nugget** run by Jane Laws & Shaun Rose who got the idea after





# - A New Real Ale Adventure



visiting the Cask & Pottle in Tutbury and they are hoping to open it later in the summer.

Also planned for a late August opening is the **Middle Earth Tavern** near the Midland Grain Warehouse and close to the railway station, the first venture of Derby based Middle Earth Brewery run by Carla & Steve Twells. The premises licence has been granted and by the time you read this they should have the keys and be making the

necessary arrangements to convert the empty building into a Micropub.

All this of course will make Burton on Trent a cracking Real Ale destination and with the likes of the Alfred, Burton Bridge Inn, Devonshire Arms (Burton Bridge Brewery pubs), the iconic Coopers Tavern (Joules Brewery) and the Old Cottage Tavern to go at, should make for a fantastic day out.

**Gareth Stead**





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- 3 U2UK
- 9 CREGAN & CO
- 10 CLOUDBUSTING
- 16 GERRY McAVOY'S BAND OF FRIENDS
- 17 THE NIMMO BROTHERS
- 20 DUKE SPECIAL
- 22 BABAJACK
- 23 DREADZONE
- 24 WHO'S NEXT

**OCTOBER**

- 27 WISHBONE ASH
- 29 MIKE ZITO & THE WHEEL
- 30 THE DOORS ALIVE
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**NOVEMBER**


- 5 BANNED FROM UTOPIA
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# Cider

with Suzie



**T**he weather has finally warmed up which means that the cider made last autumn is fully fermented and perfect for drinking. By this time all the fermentable sugars have been devoured by the yeast so cider's natural state is dry to bone dry. This may be how you like to drink your cider, and the Derby Summer Festival cider bar will have a few ciders which are totally unsweetened.

For most of us, myself included, very dry cider is not particularly palatable, so it has to be sweetened. Artificial sweeteners do the job, but for me if you use any more than a tiny amount you can taste the artificiality. So sweetening with sugar is the answer; I find that a small amount of sugar actually brings out the flavour of the cider. Of course lots of customers like really sweet cider and you can get there by adding enough sugar, but this results in a drink which is noticeably syrupy. A further problem with sugar,

particularly in warm weather, is that it revives the fermentation in the cask; but if you can get it just right it adds a pleasing slight fizz to the cider. We are all different in our tastes; when planning a cider bar I try to cater for as wide a range as possible.

It's all very well reading about cider, but it needs to be drunk, and what better place to do that than Derby CAMRA's Summer Festival, to be held from 8th to 12th July in a marquee outside to Assembly Rooms. The cider / perry corner will be in the same place as last year, at the opposite end of the marquee from the stage. There will be some local ciders, particularly Oakfield Farm Taste of the Orchard from Stanley Common, Scropton Doris Stokes and, of course, Three Cats from Morley. I like to encourage very small scale local cider makers, particularly new start-ups and we should have Slackjaw from Kilburn and as yet un-named cider

from Eastwood. I'm happy to put on any new, local cider provided it tastes at least half decent and is supplied in a 40 pint tub; so there's a challenge for you budding cider makers!

Supporting local cider is fine, but most of the cider drunk today still comes from the traditional cider making regions of the West Country; Somerset, Devon, Herefordshire and increasingly Wales. From Somerset we will have Hecks Port Wine of Glastonbury Cider and Blakeney Red Perry, both firm festival favourites. Also from Somerset we will have Sheppys, Rich and Westcroft Janet's Jungle Juice, CAMRA's current joint Champion Cider. Also present will be CAMRA's other joint winner, Orgasmic White Jersey from Herefordshire. Herefordshire is the traditional home of perry and over half our perries come from there, Newton Court Winnalls Longdon, Celtic Marches Crackling Rosie and Snailsbank to name a few. The

bar would not be complete without a contingent from Wales; from Gwynt y Ddraig we have CAMRA's current champion perry, Two Trees, also Springfield Red Dragon cider and Raglan Cider Mill Snowy Owl perry.

You may know that at CAMRA's recent AGM at Nottingham a motion was passed to reclassify fruit ciders as "Real" provided actual fruit was used in their making, thus allowing these ciders to be sold at CAMRA festivals. This is the first festival in Derby since this motion, which was proposed by Kent Branches, was passed, and we will have some of these ciders for you to try. So from Kent we will have Double Vision Cherry Cider and from Devon Green Valley Strawberry Cider. Your feedback on the subject of fruit and other flavourings in cider will be appreciated; if you like them we may well have more next time. See you at the festival.

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And most of our meetings and socials are open to everyone, not just members. Details of future events can be found at <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/calendar/>; a warm welcome awaits.

But it's not just organized events. If you're one of the hundreds of active members living in Derby and nearby, you're likely to bump into someone you know most times you visit one of the more popular real ale pubs. Lifelong friendships, and even marriages, have resulted!

The easiest and one of the most enjoyable ways of becoming an activist is to volunteer to help out at the beer festival. To find out how, go to <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival/>. And we have many other campaigning jobs, from running committees to delivering this magazine. To find out how you could fit in, please contact me:

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**Ye Olde Dolphin** in Queen Street is Derby's oldest pub and offers cask ales and guest beers from local and national breweries. Its popular annual beer festival on July 15th to 18th features a huge selection of real ales, ciders and perries from around the country. Enjoy live music and a BBQ every evening throughout the festival.

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**Blessington Carriage** in Chapel Street is an eclectic indie bar serving a range of real ales, cider, draught beer and spirits. It is open until 2am on weekends.

On historic Iron Gate you will find yourself spoilt for choice.

**The Standing Order** and neighbouring **Thomas Leaper** offer a large variety of real ales, cider, wines and craft beers as well as quality food with daily speciality offers.

Enjoy the sun-drenched courtyard at **Slug & Lettuce** which is offering 15% off the total bill for CQ loyalty card holders and 10% off a pint of real ale for all CAMRA members.

**Jorrocks** has a warm and friendly atmosphere with evening entertainment and a range of real ales.

Sadler Gate is an iconic street in the Cathedral Quarter with boutique retailers nestled alongside a host of popular food and drink venues.

**The Old Bell** has been lovingly restored as part of a £1m refurbishment project. With its mixture of fine local cask ales, world beers and the largest selection of whiskies in the city the Tudor Bar takes you back to another era.

Neighbouring **Shakespeare** is one of Derby's oldest pubs – refurbished with a contemporary look and an outdoor beer garden.

**Blacksmiths Lounge** regularly hold acoustic evenings whilst their selection of draught real ales is complemented by their antipasto and charcuterie board menu.

**Friar Gate** is renowned for its quality food and drink establishments.

**The Friary** offers a range of real ales and a comprehensive food menu.

**Pitcher & Piano**, complete with a roof terrace and an atmospheric bar design, is perfect for enjoying great homemade food and serves a wide selection of draught lagers, ales, spirits and wines from around the world plus a unique cocktail menu.

**Bishop's Blaise** serves a range of ales, draught beers, guest ales, spirits and wines with an outside courtyard.

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Darley Mills & Bridge



Darley Fields Central Path

# HISTORY ON THE HOOOF – The Abbey Amble

A walk connecting four of my favourite pubs, with a self-discovery history lesson built in and all dog friendly.

## The Abbey, at Darley Abbey. Starting point.

To look at the building you could be forgiven to think this is one of the oldest pubs in the country. However it was only around 1980 when ale was first served here. The building itself dates from about 1140 and was part of one of the largest Augustinian priories in Britain. In the early 16th century, along with many other religious buildings, the priory was destroyed on Henry V111's orders but the building now known as The Abbey somehow escaped destruction .

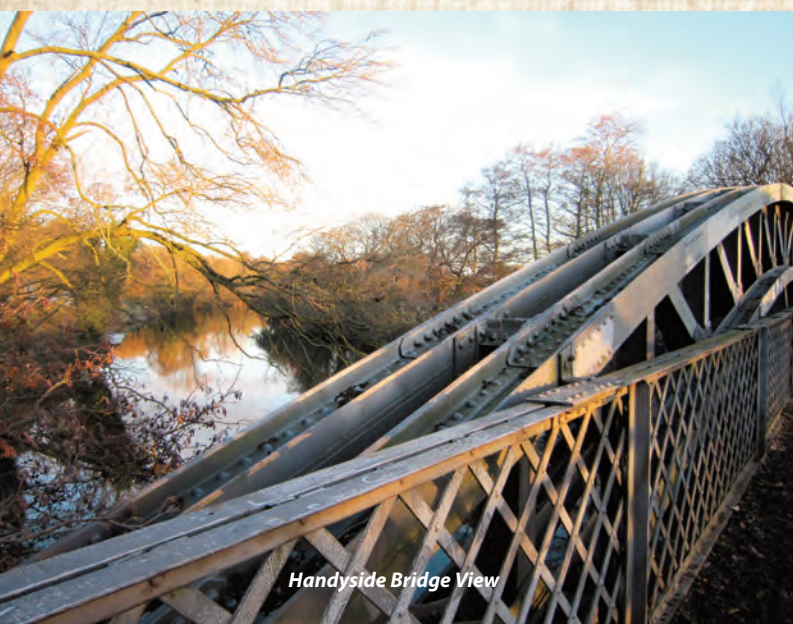
The Abbey is a pub with two bars, one upstairs, and the other, known as the Undercroft, opens directly onto the street. I particularly love the Undercroft in the winter with it's welcoming open fire giving it a real country feeling.

The Abbey hasn't always had a good reputation for quality beer but in December 2013 it won the Derby Telegraph's pub and beer of the year. And in my opinion, even with another new landlord, it cannot be faulted. On a Christmas Eve amble with a few friends, it was awarded it the best pint of the day award. The only real ale the Abbey serves currently is Sam Smith's Old Brewery Bitter. At £1.80 a pint it is probably the cheapest draught ale you'll find anywhere although I wish Sam Smith's would charge a bit more for the beer and upgrade the seating in the pub, as stools and benches are not that comfortable..

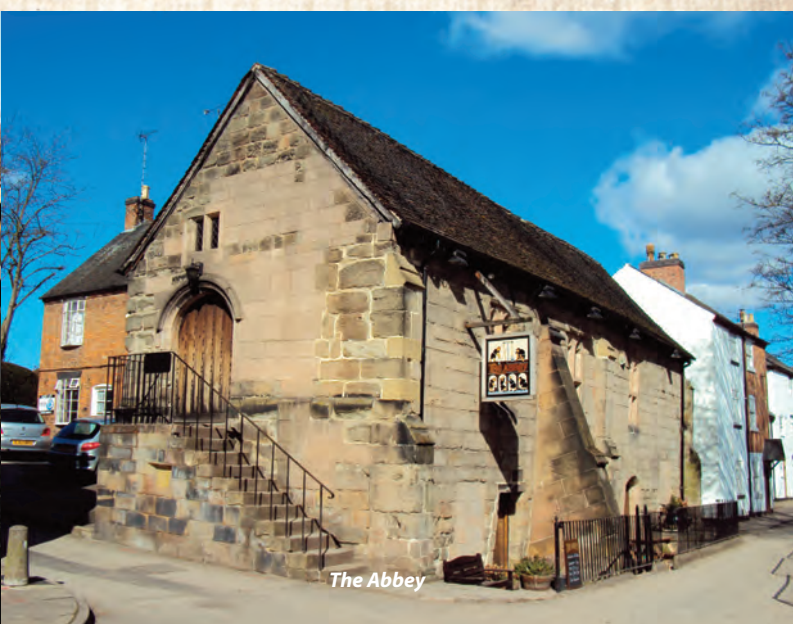
When you are ready stroll to the next pub, the Old Chester Ale House, about a 20 minute walk.

Turn left out of the Abbey pub, cross the road and walk towards the toll bridge – don't worry it's free for pedestrians. On your right you'll see the riverside garden. Enter this to read the information boards. One tells about the newly created fish ladder paid for by European money. The ladder allows salmon amongst other fish, to swim over the weir to breed in the smaller tributaries of the Derwent. The other information boards tell you about the 18th century cotton mill industries, the buildings of which dominate the area. These building currently house many small businesses, which include Darley's, an award winning restaurant and the Derventio Brewery.

Continue to cross the bridge and walk through the mill buildings which once employed the sober residents of Darley



Handyside Bridge View



The Abbey





Folly stone & footbridge



Handyside Bridge & Info Board

Abbey as the village was totally tea total at the time the mills were operating. Turn right at Folly Road noting the Derby Rugby Club on your left. As you approach the footbridge which leads into Darley Playing Fields, you'll note the large rock that holds a notice board telling why Folly road is so called. The houses to your right have an interesting history too - they one use to be pictured on posters advertising Shell Petrol and at one time would have been a tourist attraction for early motorists. Again all is revealed on the notice board.

Continue through Darley fields by it central path, exiting onto City Road. You are now in "Roman Derby" and will soon come across another notice board telling you about the Roman Settlement, once known as Derventio. Turn left onto Chester Green Road and follow this to its far corner where you'll be ready for you next pint or two.

#### The Little Chester Ale House.

In recent years this has been converted from a dry cleaning shop. In 2014 it was runner up in Derby Camra's pub of the year. It is in my opinion, it is probably the friendliest of all pubs I've been ever in, every one seems happy to chat. The ales here are mostly home brewed Wentworth Ales and well worth trying, especially the mild and ginger infused ales. The ale here is cheap too, about £2.60ish a pint. If you intend to return get your Ale Card - collect 10 stamps for a free pint.

The next pub we'll visit is The Furnace - a 10 minute walk.

Leaving the Ale House retrace your steps back to City Road and walk straight ahead, through what was once Bliss's car park to cross Handyside Bridge and turn left down the steps just after. Pause here to read yet another information board telling the history of this bridge and of Andrew Handyside who also built the better known Friargate Bridge. It now seems impossible that this bridge carried the Great Northern Railway for 85 years until Beeching closed down half the railways in Britain in the 1960's.

With the river on your left head toward town and when the path splits, follow the right-hand path and within a couple of minutes you'll soon be ordering your next pint.

#### The Furnace,

The Furnace is Derby Camra's pub of the year 2014. This is another pub with its own brewery but also serves a wide range of real ale from other brewers. Don't forget to use your Camra card to get a 20p discount on your pint, bringing the price of some of the ales down to £2.40 a pint. There are some interesting photos of old Derby on the walls - well worth a look. In the summer the garden out back holds beer festivals and music events.

And so onto the last pub on this mini pub crawl, The Five lamps, a few minutes walk away.

Return to Handyside Bridge and once up the steps turn left and continue along the fence till you meet the North Parade. Look right

here and you'll see Darley Grove, an ancient road (now walkway) that'll take you back to Darley Abbey. For a millennium or more this was the major route going north from Derby. Turn left onto North Parade and right onto North Street. At this road's end you see the Five Lamps across the road.

#### The Five Lamps

This was previously known as the St Helen's Inn, as it was built within the pleasure grounds of St Helens House which still stands just a little way towards the City Centre. St Helens House was once the home of Derby School and previous to that the home of the famous mill owning Strutt family.

The Five Lamps was Derby Camra's pub of the year 2012. Belonging to Everard's, it is a very popular pub selling a wide range of real ales. Again use your CAMRA card for a discount. The beer here is a bit more expensive than the previous three pubs but all in all you should be able to get four pints (one in each pub) for a tenner. A bargain night out.

If you are a dog owner - you'll love this walk as all four pubs welcome them.

To get to the start of the walk, either use a taxi which'll cost about a fiver from the city centre or in the summer walk across Darley Park following the river path (30 minutes) but is often too muddy and wet in the winter. Of course you could follow the afore mentioned Darley Grove.

#### Phil Wagg



Little Chester Ale House



Furnace Inn



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# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Belper Goes Green Review

The last weekend in May saw the return of the Amber Valley CAMRA real ale and cider bar to the Belper Goes Green Eco Festival held at the rugby club ground on Derby Road. The bar opened on Friday evening, then all day Saturday (sunny if cool) and Sunday with 30 real ales available plus 6 ciders and 2 perries – in fact, the beer had completely sold out by 16.30 on Sunday, Oakham's Citra being first to go. The photos show people enjoying the event on Saturday afternoon and the bar area inside the building. Our scarecrow this year was named Cy Derman to link in and promote Amber Valley's Cider Trail that runs from 1st June to 5th July at 35 participating pubs within the branch.

### Pub of the Year Presentations

On 21st May we presented the certificates to the Holly Bush, Makeney, the Black Bull's Head, Openwoodgate and the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse for achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in our 2015 Pub of the Year Competition. Photograph shows Chairman, Chris Rogers, congratulating this year's winner, Chris Wilbraham of the Holly Bush which then went forward to the Derbyshire Pub of the Year competition.

### Beer Festival

Plans are well underway for the 6th Amber Valley Beer and Cider Festival which will return to the popular venue of Strutts, Belper from **Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th September**. Phil Marshall, our Beer Festival Chairman, is in the process of sourcing 80+ beers from all around the country and will ensure there are enough styles, strengths and flavours to satisfy ardent real ale drinkers and also to tempt visitors who may be sampling real ales for the first time. Chris Rogers will ensure there is a good choice of ciders and perries for customers who prefer these or who just like to "mix it up". All of the entertainment has been booked and there will be a wide variety of music to suit everyone, although Thursday and Sunday will be music-free and there will be quiet rooms available at all sessions for those who prefer to drink in peace or have a chat. There will be a wide choice of hot and cold food available including a hog roast on Friday and Saturday. The beers and ciders will again be served from a marquee but a much larger one than last year. We hope that you will put the dates in your diary, check out the latest news by visiting our website [www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk](http://www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk) and look out for staffing forms nearer the time if you are able to spare a few hours to help us make this as successful an event as last year's festival.



Visitors enjoying their real ale on Saturday 30th May at the rugby ground field during Belper Goes Green festival



The real ale bar run by Amber Valley CAMRA branch at Belper Goes Green festival with Steve Cook and Wendy Truman serving behind the counter



POTY presentation to The Holly Bush Makeney on 21st May - Chris Rogers, chair of branch making award to Chris Wilbraham of The Holly Bush.

## Branch Diary - all meetings start at 8pm

### Mon 6th July

B F mtg @ The Old Cock Inn,  
Ripley DE5 3BY

### Sat 18th July

Survey trip, contact Jane Wallis on  
01773 745966 to book

### Thurs 30th July

Branch mtg @ The Fisherman's  
Rest, Broadholme DE56 2JF

### Mon 10th August

B F mtg - see What's Brewing  
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### Sat 15th August

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# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

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## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

### Pub News

We can now report more information about THE BURNT PIG, Market Street, Ilkeston owned by Simon Clarke who intends to sell local micro beers and ciders. 4 hands pumps will be available and by the time you read this it will be open, opening hours will be 11-11pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, (closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). We called in before the opening for a guided tour with Simon and was much impressed by the internal appearance. He has put a lot of time and effort into the cellar and to the internal decor, call in and see for yourself and I think you will agree.

THE SPANISH BAR alterations still ongoing but still open, **Beers Festival 2nd – 5th July 15 beers & 15 ciders**, Entertainment: Friday 8.00pm - Motortown Medley Band, Saturday 2.00pm - Blues Bros, 5-8.00pm - Fab 2, 8.00pm - Underscore, Sunday 2.00pm - Ready Steady Go.

**THE NEW INN** is under new tenancy and when we called in there was 1 cask beer Abbott, more details hopefully in the next Drinker.

**THE COMMERCIAL** is no more (see photo's) before and after, note lager barrel in cellar.

**THE LITTLE ACORN** is now the only remaining pub on Awsworth Rd, Ilkeston and is now run by Tracy Cooper and we wish her well. In fact our September branch meeting is being held there, opening hours



Burnt Pig

are MON 12-11, TUES 11-11, WEDS, THURS, FRI 11 till MIDNIGHT, SAT 11-1am SUN 11-11, usually 2 cask beers, cobs available at weekends.

**KING OF PRUSSIA (FORMERLY THE MARKET HOTEL, HEANOR)** is the new name and it was the original name before the first world war. It is owned and been refurbished by Amber Taverns and it is managed by John and Yvette Goddard, opening hours MON – THURS 11-11, FRI-SAT 11-MIDNIGHT, SUN 12-10. 3 Amber Ales and 1 Guest, prices range from £1.90-£2.40 (Thanks to Vince & Marygrace Goona for photo and information).

**THE RED LION, SANDIACRE** has now reopened.

### Pub of Year PRESENTATION

On Wednesday at our last branch meeting at The Dewdrop, Phil & Jack were presented by our new chairman Chris, the Pub of the Year award. A good night, a full house and thanks to the Lyn for the excellent spread.



Dewdrop presentation



The Commercial - before



The Commercial - after



Duke of Cambridge

### Trips and Socials

A good day was had on the Woodborough Rd, Nottm and Carlton trip. We had intended to call at the Willowbrook Gedling but it was closed due to a fire. The trip started with some meeting in The Dragon and some in The Barrel Drop, Hurts Yard then on the 45 bus to Woodborough Rd. Into the Duke of Cambridge first where we received a very pleasant welcome by the landlord and staff and there was a couple of decent of beers in good form too. Then back on the bus and off again to the Bread & Bitter and The Woodthorpe Top before going to Carlton. On entering the Old Volunteer, a Flipside pub, we suddenly realised one of our group was missing, unfortunately he decided to go into a G & K pub and was left behind (he admitted he was his own fault). After the Volunteer it was round to The Blacks Head where the landlady had promised to provided us with some food, two trays of cobs came out and was very much appreciated by everybody, we did send her a thank you card. Finally it was back on the bus to finish up as usual at the King Billy, then off home, thanks to all those who supported us again.

### Future Trip

#### Heanor – Derby, Saturday 18th July.

Meet 12.00 in the Crown or King of Prussia, Heanor. Then catch 12.40 Amberline to Old Oak. Return to Smalley for the Bell and then on to Morley for the Three Horseshoes. Then Breadsall, the Windmill and finishing up in the Peacock Derby. Further details if required contact Carole Golds 07887 788785.

### Future Meeting

All Meetings are now on a **MONDAY** and start at 8.00pm.

**July 6th** – Erewash Hotel, Station Road, Ilkeston.

**August 3rd** – Cheques, Breaston.

**September 7th** – Little Acorn, Awsworth Road, Ilkeston.

For further details if required contact Secretary, Jayne Tysoe at secretary@erewash-camra.com

### Camra Discounts

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**General Havelock, Ilkeston** - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half including real cider.

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

**Navigation, Breaston** - 10p off a pint.

**Poacher, Ilkeston** - 15p off a pint.

**Queens Head, Marpool** - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half including real cider.

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

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

**Victoria, Draycott** - 30p off a pint, 15p off a half.

**The Half Crown, Long Eaton** - 10p off a pint, 5p off a half.



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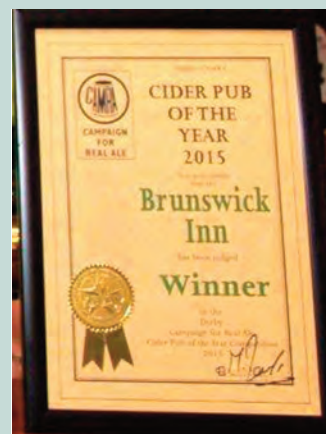
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# Derby CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year Presentation



The Brunswick Inn, Derby was presented with Derby CAMRA's Cider Pub of the Year 2015 certificate recently and a good turnout saw Gillian Hough current National Winter Ales Festival Chair and former Director of CAMRA's Cider & Perry campaigning extol the virtues of cider and the Brunswick for winning the award. The Award is a tremendous achievement for the pub and is very much deserved as the Brunswick serves 16 Real Ciders/Perries alongside 16 Real Ales and marks the continued turnaround and improvement of the Brunny since Alan Pickersgill and Philippe Larroche took over.

Their support for Real Cider & Perry has been unwavering even running a successful Cider & Sausage Festival at the pub and the Brunny will now go on to the Regional round of the cider competition. Gillian is pictured presenting the award to Philippe & Alan on the left with the Brunswick Head Brewer, James Salmon on the right.



## The Brunswick Inn and Brewery

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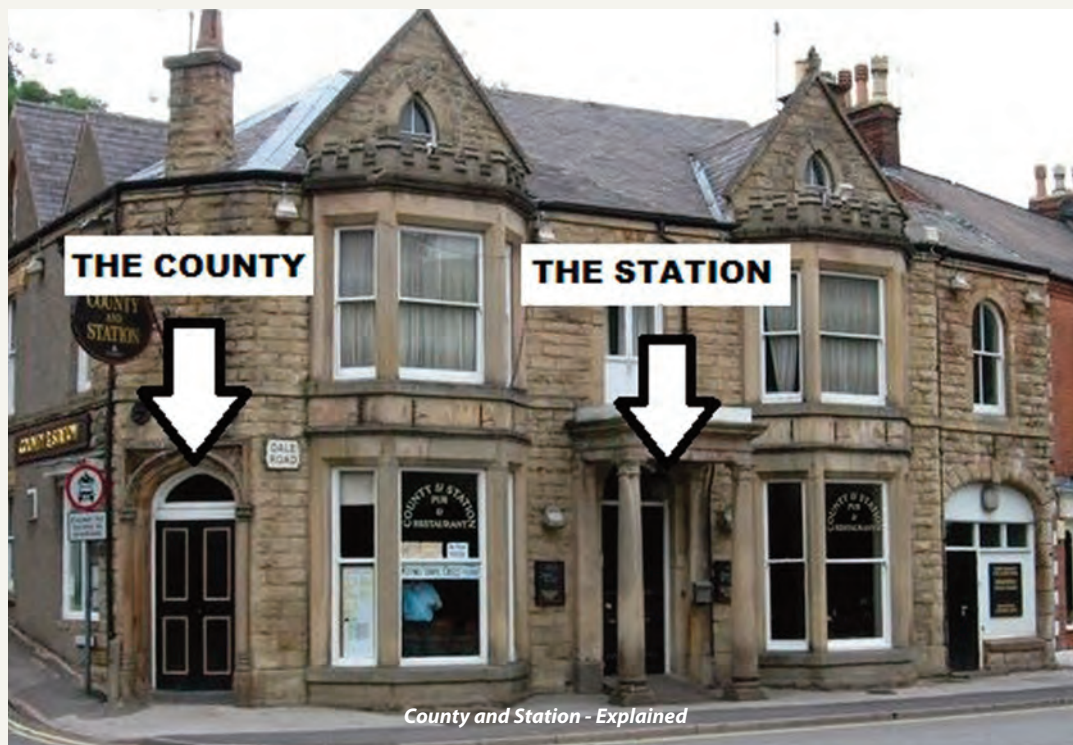


# The County and Station Matlock Bath MAD T-POTS Winner 2015

It was only six months ago that Lee and Sally Jackson, with the backing of Pedro Menon of Shiny Brewing Co, opened the doors of the County and Station under its new guise of Shiny's second outlet. In those six months the County and Station has come from absolutely nowhere to become winners of the first Matlock CAMRA Town Pub of the Season award. If you haven't been there before, the County and Station is at the top end of North Parade in Matlock Bath, just opposite the railway station. (The clue's in the name really).

It used to be two pubs – 'The County' (to where, in Matlock Bath's Victorian heyday, the gentry would adjourn, and imbibe in a tincture or two whilst anticipating the arrival of Mr Stephenson's fascinating new mode of transportation), and 'The Station' (where the hoi-polloi were summarily deposited to wait for the train. Both rather small areas, they were eventually knocked together to form one establishment. The giveaway that they were originally two pubs is the fact there are two entrances. The County having a nice large and ornate vestibule on the corner of the building, while the Station's ingress is the colonnaded entrance halfway along the terrace. This is further explained in amazingly intricate graphic accompanying this document.

In the six months since opening the pub has served 314 different real ales (and counting), hosted two beer



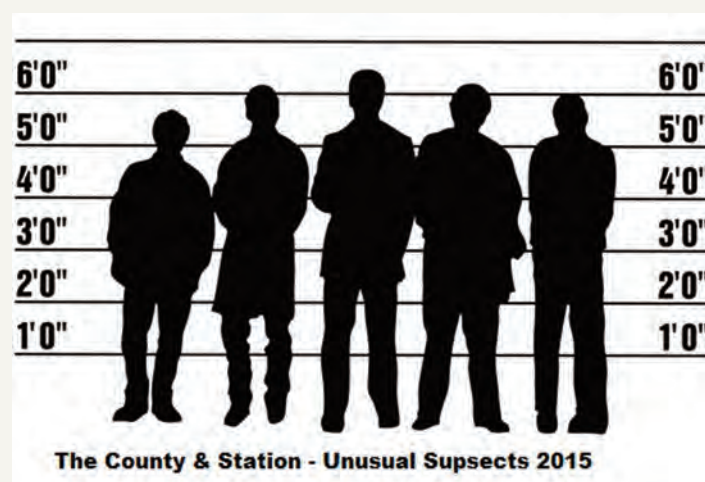
festivals (with more to come), and has become a renowned destination for live music lovers, with bands playing every other Friday and Sunday. At last count, there were eight handpumps dispensing the adventurous range of ales, plus a wide selection of real ciders and craft beers always available. Food has also made an

appearance recently with new menus including daily specials, while outside restaurant hours, a homemade scotch egg menu is available all day every day.

So who are the team? Well let's "round up the usual suspects", to paraphrase Claude Rains. Lee's the licensee, 6 foot tall and

slightly resembling Alex Lallana, the Liverpool England midfielder (It's the beard). I haven't seen Lee play football, but I'm guessing he'd be a midfield 'captain' type role. Sally (5'8)\* shares the role (licensee, not England midfielder) amongst many others roles, and both used to run the Abbey pub in Darley Abbey before joining Pedro in this new venture up the A6.

Deeley (5'6) and Kylie (about 5'7) grace the bar area. Musical ability abounds among the County's staff, Deeley is a part time fiddle player, and Andy (5'10) who puts in a few shifts is known to chop the axe, while Sam (5'11) is renowned for his skills on the didgeridoo, and Sarai (5'9 - maybe) is a jazz singer. Finally Sarah (a local lass) completes the ensemble (not sure if or what she plays –





must ask one day). Mustn't forget Matt the kitchen porter (5'8), although he's more into model railways than music.

On a more sober note, there are 1152 white tiles in the gents, Lee and Sal both support Derby County, and I've run out of things to write about, so will wrap this article up by congratulating the entire team at the County and Station for running an excellent ship and winning their first CAMRA award. I expect there will be many more.

**Tony Farrington (5' 10).**

\* I've noticed most newspapers and magazines print articles about people with their names followed by respective ages in brackets, which I've always found a bit disconcerting. Especially where you're getting on a bit (who me?) and would rather keep your age to yourself. Hence I have used heights instead. A novel and practical idea, fitting in the 'usual suspects' theme...

## Pubs with CAMRA discounts in the Matlock and Dales area

**The Crown (Weatherspoon's)  
Bakewell Road Matlock**

Cash discount on either presentation of membership card, or presentation of CAMRA vouchers apply (but not at same time). Vouchers have some restrictions printed on them.

**Old Bowling Green  
Winster**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card

**County and Station  
Dale Road, Matlock Bath**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card

**2010**

**Dale Road, Matlock**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card

**Fishpond  
South Parade Matlock Bath**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card

**Druid Inn**

**Main Road Birchover**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card



# MAD Branch Diary

**8th to 12th July**

Derby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival, Market Place, Derby  
MAD volunteers please contact chair.madcamra@gmail.com

**16th July**

MAD Monthly Meeting  
at the Royal Oak Wirksworth.

**20th August**

MAD Monthly Meeting  
at the Duke of York Elton,

**17th September**

MAD Monthly Meeting  
at the Boat Inn Cromford. TBC

**24th to 27th September**

Amber Valley Beer Festival Strutts,  
Belper

Please check the website  
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## Derby CAMRA Club of the Year Presentations



The **Derby CAMRA Club of the Year Presentations** have now taken place at the **Village Club** in Spondon who were crowned Club of the Year 2015 and the **Jubilee Club** in Chaddesden who were joint runners-up in the competition with the **Nunsfield Club** in Alvaston.

The Nunsfield will receive their certificate at a further presentation. The Derby CAMRA Chairman, Martyn Reek was on hand to present both awards to the stewards of the clubs (see photos) and congratulations must go to all three.

## The Last Post is played as Derby Micropub changes hands

After only opening last year it came as somewhat of a surprise when George and Walter from Wentwell Brewery decided to pass on their 2nd Micropub, the Last Post on Uttoxeter Old Road to Muirhouse Brewery. But while the Last Post has played for Wentwell, it was a definite Red Letter Day for Muirhouse who take on their first pub in Derby after opening their Brewery Tap in Ilkeston 18 months ago.

The Brewery is based in Ilkeston and run by Richard and Mandy Muir and the Last Post will be run by their good friends, Chris and Karen O'Brien. The format will remain unchanged and a range of Muirhouse beers and guests will be available. The opening hours will be initially 11am-11pm from Thursday to Sunday but may alter if the trade permits. Derby Drinker would like to welcome Muirhouse to Derby and wishes them well in their new venture.







## 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  
Exeter Arms  
Falstaff  
Five Lamps  
Flowerpot  
Furnace  
Golden Eagle  
Greyhound  
Last Post  
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  
Wardwick Tavern  
Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

### SURROUNDING AREA

Bell (Smalley)  
Blue Bell Inn (Melbourne)  
Blacks Head (Wirksworth)  
Boot (Repton)  
The Brackens (Alvaston)  
Chip & Pin (Melbourne)  
Coopers Arms (Weston-on-Trent)  
The Dragon (Willington)  
Harrington Arms (Thulston)  
Harpur's (formerly Melbourne Hotel) (Melbourne)  
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)  
Lamb Inn (Melbourne)  
Lawns (Chellaston)  
Miners Arms (Carsington)  
Nags Head (Mickleover)  
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)  
Swan Inn (Milton)  
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.



Reduce the miles the beer you serve (or drink) travels from brewery to bar.  
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**LocAle Coordinator**  
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e: [locale@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto: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
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
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
Smithfield, Derby	20p off a pint
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
Tiger Inn, 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
Lion, Belper	20p off a pint
Harpur's, Melbourne	20p off a pint
Hollybrook, Littleover	20p off a pint
Half Moon, Littleover	10% off a pint
Kings Corner, Oakwood	10% off a pint
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Markeaton, Allestree	20p off a pint
Honeycomb, Mickleover	20p off a pint
Masons Arms, Mickleover	15p off a pint
Nags Head, Mickleover	10% off a pint
Midland, Ripley	15p off a pint
Mill House, Milford	10% off a pint/half
New Inn, Shardlow	15p off a pint, 5p off a half
Royal Oak, Ockbrook	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
White Swan, Ockbrook	20p off a pint
Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden	30p off a pint and 15p off a half with loyalty card which is free to Camra members
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
Prince of Wales, Spondon	15p off a pint
Vernon Arms, Spondon	20p off a pint
White Swan, Spondon	15p off a pint

## FREE advertising for pubs joining the CAMRA DISCOUNT PUBS scheme

If you are a licensee and you are interested in joining the scheme then please contact us at [discounts@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:discounts@derbycamra.org.uk), we will advertise your pub through this column in every edition of the Derby Drinker and on the Derby & National CAMRA websites.





# TO ACV OR NOT TO ACV – THAT IS THE QUESTION.

By Gillian Hough

**P**icture the scene – I’m sitting in a pub, chatting to some friends. Nothing earth shattering – just catching up, taking time to consider what to fill our glasses with next while ‘putting the world to rights’. This is in essence what pubs are best at – enabling Communities to come together and talk. This time honoured scenario is replicated wherever there is a public house, club or licensed premises.

Someone asks what we think about ACV’s or Assets of Community Value which are new way of providing some protection to pubs. Immediately there are protests that no one would dare to touch, buy, demolish or alter the use of our best beloved local – and the licensee isn’t up for selling so there is nothing to discuss. It couldn’t possibly happen to our local!

One of the groups sits thin lipped sipping their pint until all the fuss has died down, then says “Remember the Flying Horse in Nottingham!” The majority of the group looks vague and puzzled. It turns out The Flying Horse was built in 1483 – it was one of the

oldest pubs in Nottingham, but in 1989 it was converted into a shop. No massive change of use application, no high level protests with casks or coffins. It’s Flying Horse Walk now offering “the discerning shopper an unrivalled boutique shopping experience.” We all got the point really quickly; shaking our heads stunned this could happen.

When gems like the Flying Horse can be picked off right before our eyes, we’ve got to cherish what we currently have. Someone once told me there was no such thing as a bad pub, you can have a poor manager or a poor cellerperson but it’s not the pub’s fault. Every pub has the potential to be successfully.

Dear Reader you will have at least 1 pub which holds a cherished place in your life as your Local. This is the beating heart of your own community and so I must urge you to take a moment and protect it. You can submit a form to the Council asking for your local to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. If you Google the Council’s website

then search for ‘ACV’ the process should become clear.

Once in place pubs that are listed as Assets of Community Value (England only) require planning permission to be demolished or changed to any other use for a 5 year period. ACV’s also provide a small window of opportunity for the Community to put in a bid to buy the pub, should it ever come up for sale.

But it starts here and now with you and your friends in the pub. There is recent news that yet another large pub chain is actively looking to off load 800+ pubs. We are losing more of our best loved pubs now! We can no longer consider pub campaigning to be someone else’s action – like our friend pointed out the other night – Remember the Flying Horse!! Protect your local. Take action and apply for an ACV for your Local now.

If you need any help or advice re putting together an ACV application please contact me via email: [ACV@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:ACV@derbycamra.org.uk). Long may your Local thrive!

## The Nags Head Remembers its Pullman Car by Launching a Special Charity Beer

**T**he Nags Head on Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, Derby has been working tirelessly with Nottingham Brewery and the 5BEL Trust to launch an ale named Car No.85 as reference to the Pullman Car that used to grace the pub’s beer garden from 1972 until it was removed for restoration in 1993.

Fondly remembered by the locals the Pullman Car is currently being restored to its former glory by the Trust along with 4 other carriages to bring back “The Brighton Belle”. The team at the Nags Head wanted to do something to

mark the occasion and celebrate the pub’s history and so the idea of a special ale came about. The beer is going well in the pub and 10p from every pint sold will help support the 5BEL in their restoration work. General Manager, Benjamin Shaw said: “We have heard such great stories from our locals who remember the car, from their first meal as a married couple, to last meal together as a family. The car meant a lot to so many people, we just wanted to remember those times.” “We’ve had great feedback from our real ale drinkers, and we know our efforts are really

appreciated. We hope that the donations will make a big difference to the 5BEL restoration project and soon see Car No. 85 in its former glory on the Brighton Belle.” The Nags has recently increased the number of handpulls in the pub from 6 to 10 due to the popularity of the ales and offers a 10% off a pint discount for CAMRA members. It operates as a ‘Flaming Grill’ pub and food is available in that vain. Standing on the crossroads the pub is easily reached on any Mickleover bus and opens 11am (12 Sun) to 11pm every day.





# NO PINTS TO WASTE!

**H**ow often do you go for a day out, and the pub you visit turns out to be not quite what you wanted? But you go in anyway. Your partner grumbles a bit – but it's a day out, and you don't want to trail around looking for something better. Then back at work your mate tells you about a cracking pub not far away that would have really made the day!

There's only a certain number of pints in a lifetime, so make sure they're good ones, and drunk in pubs with the atmosphere and facilities you want. That's where the CAMRA WhatPub website comes in. Go to **WhatPub.com** (see advert) and use its advanced features to find the pub you want wherever you may be. Choose every pub you visit carefully - as though it might be your last one!

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**Tim Williams** [campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk)



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# So just how does a beer become Champion Beer of Britain???

By Gillian Hough

**S**ometimes you'll see people in the Festival before it opens or hear about a beer which has won some CAMRA Award and you wonder what it's all about. Those people have been carefully selected to form a panel of judges, called together to rate one of CAMRA's 11 style categories.....and it all starts back at the Brewery itself.

Each Brewery in the UK has a Brewery Liaison Officer (BLO) appointed by either the local CAMRA Branch or a Branch which is close by. It's the BLO, through quarterly reports, who keeps the Campaign informed and who works with the Brewery to describe and categorise the beer styles. Local tasting panels assist with this too. These reports, descriptions and categories are recorded in CAMRA's Brewery Information System which in turn drives the Good Beer Guide.

For 2 months each year all 170,000+ CAMRA Members are urged to vote for up to 5 beers across each style category from their region. This is the first stage in the selection process of a future Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB). The UK is divided into 9 CBOB Regions, based roughly on the number of breweries in each, with a CBOB Co-ordinator overseeing the Regional part of the Competition.

When voting closes I, as the East Midlands CBOB Co-ordinator, check the votes. I take into consideration tasting panel's recommendations, and draw up a short list of between 6 and 9 beers in each category for judging. In the East Midlands I am really thankful that Judging is currently hosted by: Lincoln; Hinckley and Bosworth; Melton Mowbray; Derby and Chesterfield – but we have capacity for other CAMRA Festivals to become involved too – just send me an email.

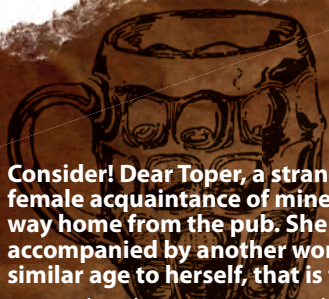
Here in Derby the City Charter Beer Festival 2015 has been judging the Bitter category. Bitters are beers which are less than 1040 original gravity, brown, amber or pale in colour with a light to medium malty sweetness and spicy hops. The Judges check the aroma, mouthfeel, aftertaste and flavour of each beer presented to them and award marks for specific criteria. It can be a long and tortuous process, but eventually decisions are made and the Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will be announced on Wednesday afternoon. Labels will be added to the casks to highlight these successes.

From each of the 9 CBOB Regions the Gold winners across all 11 style categories move forward for National Judging at either the Great British Beer Festival in August at Olympia, London or to the National Winter Ales Festival in February at the Roundhouse, Derby. This is the Category finals.

Each of the Category Gold winners moves forward to the final round of Judging. In 2014 the Overall Champion Beer of Britain was judged to be Timothy Taylors Boltmaker which is indeed a bitter. The East Midlands as a region in 2014 scooped 1 Silver and 6 Bronze Nationally Category Awards – congrats to Blue Monkey; Batemans; Castle Rock; Peak Ales; Langton; Grainstore and Spire for their success.

Maybe one of the beers judged here in Derby or across the East Midlands this year will move forward to be judged Gold for their category. Maybe even, just maybe another East Midlands beer could emulate Castle Rock Harvest Pale's success by being judged the very best beer in the whole Country and being crowned Champion Beer of Britain? Who knows what will happen – but I can assure you one thing here in the East Midlands, we sure do make some well nice beers!!





# Dear Toper...

**Consider! Dear Toper, a strange encounter, which befell a female acquaintance of mine several years ago whilst on her way home from the pub. She was on that fateful evening accompanied by another woman, a neighbour, who was of a similar age to herself, that is to say, in her mid-twenties.**

It was already starting to get dark when the pair left the hostelry and it became progressively gloomier as they went along, nevertheless, filled with the sort of mindless courage that only six pints of strong ale can provide (and wishing that they had visited the pub's loos before leaving it) they decided to take a short cut across some ill-lit parkland, with a dubious after-dark reputation. In the fast-gathering murk of evening the various trees dotted around the seemingly deserted landscape appeared dark and sinister, and the two women began to have second thoughts about their chosen route, however, they pressed on, and were about half way across the park when they became aware of a rustling of leaves amongst a thicket close by their intended path. Suddenly, from the tangle of undergrowth, there appeared a thin, middle aged man with a bald head. He was attired in a grubby raincoat, and as it turned out very little else, for once he was sure that he had gained the undivided attention of the two women – which was not difficult as he was now blocking their path – he flung open his flapping raincoat to reveal his shrivelled manhood!

Such shock as the two ladies had initially suffered from this brazen display of wanton exhibitionism, was rapidly overcome as they dissolved into fits of giggles, at which their would-be tantaliser, crestfallen, head bowed and shoulders hunched, shuffled off back into the thicket he had recently vacated, with cries such as, "Call that a p.....! I've seen bigger p.....s on mice!" ringing in his unhappy ears. And so ended my friend's brief encounter with the local "Phantom Flasher".

Alas, Dear Toper, nowadays flashing is not confined to public parks; sad to relate, a similar form of exhibitionism has now arrived in public houses! Imagine my amazement when I recently entered a city-centre pub and beheld a woman, sitting slap bang in the middle of the busy barroom, breast-feeding her brat! She had obviously positioned herself there for maximum effect, and as she smugly surveyed her fellow customers, with the sort of self-righteous arrogance which only those wallowing in the fetid swamp of political correctness can exude, her attitude was one of,

## All is Revealed!

"Take notice! Look at me, I'm breast-feeding in a public place!" I am quite sure, however, that if the eye of some hapless male had lingered on her flabby orbs for a moment longer than she deemed necessary for him to have taken in her "feminist statement", he would have received an icy glare, which said, "How dare you ogle me, you filthy, sexist pig!" In other words, you're damned if you don't take notice and you're damned if you do. And I suspect that if the pub decided to introduce topless barmaids, she would be the first to object.

Personally, like most right-minded men, I have no objection to seeing women's breasts, at the right time and in the right place, but it is something which loses its appeal when there is a brat dangling from one of them – especially in a pub!

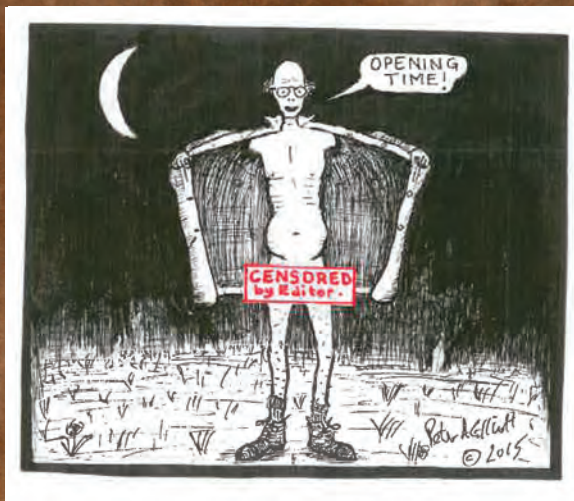
There is worse to come, Dear Toper: some weeks ago I was holidaying at a certain seaside town where I knew there to be a good real ale pub (something of a novelty at the British seaside), which was to come in handy when a heavy downpour set in (not so much of a novelty at the British seaside). I entered the place to discover that during the few months which had elapsed since my last visit, a portion of the already cramped

barroom had been partitioned off to provide a nappy changing booth. As I passed by this lamentable structure, I noticed that the curtain shielding its entrance had been drawn back, and upon my glancing into the foul-smelling interior of odious cubicle, I was dismayed to see a bawling child having its nappy changed – by a man!

After reading the above, Dear Toper, you might be forgiven for thinking that the end is nigh for the Great British pub in its traditional role of welcome retreat from the screech of children and the stench of nappies, as we are swept along on a seemingly unstoppable tide of political correctness. – Let us hope not!

As for the so-called "Phantom Flasher": after his ill-received performance in front of the two ladies, he had grave misgivings and harboured thoughts of retirement, but after receiving a performing arts grant from the local council was encouraged to stick it out for a few more years. Consider that, Dear Toper!

**D.T.**



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## SEPTEMBER

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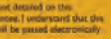
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# Crossword

## No 46 by Wrenrutt

The Good Beer Guide 2015 is necessary for some of these clues

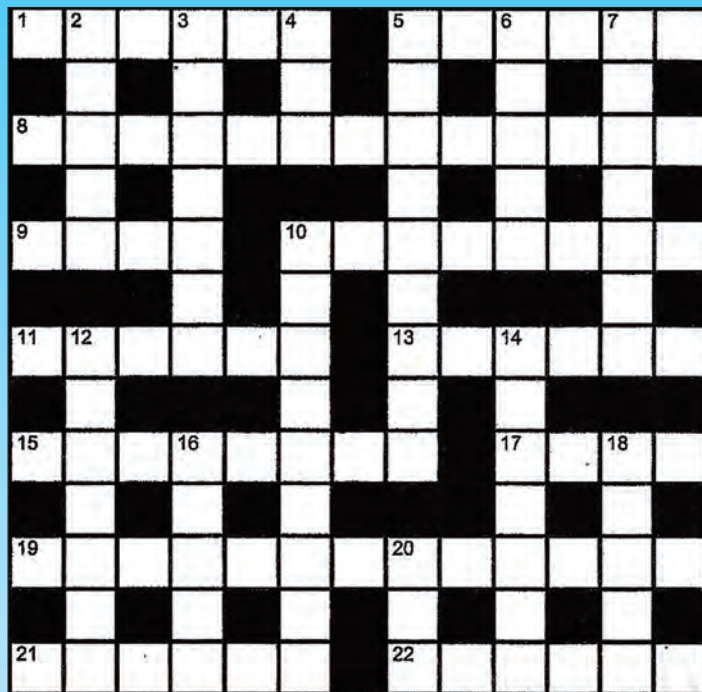
**Crossword winner is**  
**Sheila Parish**  
from Nottingham  
picked up at the  
Bell, Smalley

### Across

1. I stage a discriminatory attitude to elderly people (6)
5. Composer who's pissed when meeting Liszt (6)
8. Climate, tree then beer from a Warwickshire brewery (10.3)
9. Rats knocked back bitters from the Belvoir and Portobello breweries (4)
10. Does raid confusedly reveal a minor route? (8)
11. A method of displaying images on computers (6)
13. Useful sort on information from the horse's mouth (6)
15. The gap between two points in space or time (8)
17. Shop about to find a beer flavouring (4)
19. A copper-coloured beer (4.3%) from Chilwell, Nottingham (6.7)
21. Fondly remembered old ones who lit one's fire! (6)
22. Vegetable: tempting if dangled (6)

### Down

2. An ale associated with brewery whose name's linked with 4 (5)
3. Confused termini in change meanwhile (7)
- 4&7. Ex-Little Bytham pub: its namesake broke the world steam record nearby in 1938 (3.7)
5. Adnam's belligerently strongest beer (9)
6. Nuneaton's river and Tame tributary sounding like a boat restraint (5)
7. See 4 (7)
10. Eurostar London terminus beneath which Bass once stored its beers (2.7)
12. I, in tail, mingled in the first instance (7)
14. A strong, learned bitter from Horspath near Oxford (7)
16. Led into temptation hiding a clan symbol? (5)
18. A pub's outdoor paved area, where conversations may get heated (5)
20. And so on, in short (3)



- ▶ Access to Chambers Dictionary and the Good Beer Guide 2015 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.
- ▶ Closing date for entries is Copy Deadline Day (see box below).

## Crossword No 45 Answers

### Across

1. MASTIFF
5. STAND-UP
9. COMMUNATE
10. LIMBO
11. LEGGIERISSIMO
13. ST ALBANS
15. PUSH ON
17. CARESS
19. PLAYTIME
22. OLD TROUBADOUR
25. AHEAD
26. POUNDLAND
27. HOSTESS
28. EARTHAM

### Down

1. MACE
2. SOMALIA
3. ICING
4. FRANIONS
5. SHERRY
6. AYLESBURY
7. DIMMISH
8. PRONOUNCED
12. PSYCHOPATH
14. BOSTRIDGE
16. PLEASURE
18. REDRESS
20. N REACH
21. RUMPUS
23. ORDER
24. EDAM

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