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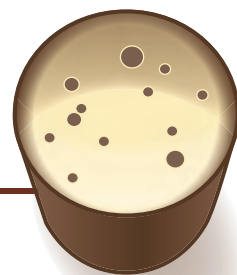


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**T**he answer is a lot more than many people think. The picture shows just some of the happy band of volunteers who organized and ran the recent City Charter Beer Festival in Derby.

The occasion was the "wash-up" meeting, at which most of those on the team that helped organize the event got together to discuss what went well and what not quite so well - and what improvements could be made next year. We always do this, based on customers' comments and our own observations.

The reason everyone's so cheerful is that the festival was thoroughly enjoyed by thousands of drinkers, making all the work that went into it worthwhile; it was a magnificent effort! (And a fine pint in the hand is a great smile-maker as well.)

If you are possibly interested in joining the team and helping to organize and the next festival (in February), now is the time to tell us. You will be very welcome and the work is about to start. If beer festivals are not your thing, Derby CAMRA has loads of other campaigning jobs to be done. We're always on the lookout for people to join or lead one of our teams, and for people who like to work on the essential individual jobs such as IT or writing. If you've got skills and abilities you enjoy using, and can spare some time, even if it's only a little, we'd love to hear from you - contact Tim at [campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@derbycamra.org.uk)

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# Derby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival Review



Once again the giant white marquee that covered the market place in Derby has now been dissembled and all evidence of a beer festival ever being there has been removed.

We have seen yet again that holding the event outside has proved popular with festival fans and Derbeians alike. Kicking off Wednesday evening the Mayor and Beer King officially opened the festival to a crowd of festival goers waiting excitedly to get in. They were not disappointed, with a choice of over 300 beers over the event and a mass of cider, continental and meads to indulge in. Ockbrook Big Band set the scene on the first evening and the trade and public merged into one to celebrate the opening of the event.

On Thursday local musician Harriet proved to be a crowd pleaser with her acoustic set, she is one of the few solo artists that has ever played an evening slot at the festival.

The atmosphere on Friday and Saturday evenings proved to be electric, with the drinks flowing and fantastic entertainment from The Modern Affair & UK Chicago Blues providing the perfect backdrop that got everyone into the party spirit.

In total 10,865 visitors descended on this years festival, consuming a whopping 31,100 pints of real ale, 4720 pints of cider & perry and 85 litres of mead!

We would like to thank visitors that helped to donate over £2600 to charities this year. The CAMRA stand signed up 120 new members who we would like to welcome into the 'real ale community' and hope to see over a pint very soon.

Finally we would like to acknowledge the hard work and continued commitment from all 212 volunteers that gave up a total of 4789 hours to make the festival happen... lets all raise a glass to them.

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Carla Twells





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# The Kedleston Hotel Re-Opens for Business as Usual



**T**he long-awaited opening of The Kedleston Hotel took place in early August, revamped and renamed The Kedleston Country House.

The Kedleston is the fourth premises of The Derby Brewing Company and is situated on the famous Kedleston Estate in Quarndon. It is a grade II \* listed building and work originally began on the site in 1761, commissioned by Sir Nathan Curzon Bart for the estate; the build was famously overseen by Georgian architect, Robert Adam. The building was later listed in February 1967 and opened as a hotel in 1970. The hotel has always been the property of the estate and became somewhat of an icon locally. Over recent years however it has deteriorated rapidly and it had been sad to see the Kedleston Hotel remain closed and boarded up for over four years.

Thankfully though this fantastic Georgian building has now been restored to its former glory by DBC who have worked closely with the Curzon family. The renovations have been extensive, with a

total project cost in excess of £1.3m. The building's internal layout has been reworked to include an upmarket drinking area, including a hidden study, snug and parlour featuring burnt oak floor boards and painted wooden panelling. The original Georgian Restaurant has been revived, combining oak parquet floors and box sash windows in a relaxed space flooded with natural light and an Orangery has been added with natural stone floors overlooking the new look garden area based on the original Georgian plans. These feature a croquet lawn, salad and herb garden and plenty of seating including deck chairs. The pub also has a wedding license and a boutique hotel operation with five luxury bedrooms.

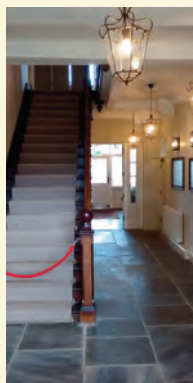
The bar area features a range of 5 DBC beers all very reasonably priced and a guest beer which on my visit was Harveys Wild Hop and very nice it was too. The food looked good and is classically influenced with an imaginative modern twist sourced locally or home grown on

the Kedleston Estate but as you would expect you have to pay a little bit more than the average pub. Bar Opening hours are 11-11.

Getting there though isn't that easy unless you have a car but there are a couple of public transport options. From Derby you can catch the 114 Yourbus (Mon to Sat only) and get off at the 1st stop on Church Road in Quarndon and then walk 12 minutes to the pub. You could also catch the Allestree bus as far as the Markeaton pub and take a steady 25 minute stroll from there. Or if you're feeling adventurous and fancy a long walk it will take you about an hour from Derby City Centre.

Overall the Kedleston Country House is well worth a visit particularly for a special occasion and Derby Brewing Company must be congratulated for bringing this splendid Georgian building back to life again.

**Gareth Stead**





# Making Tracks Between Duffield and Wirksworth



The Bridge Inn



White Hart



The Kings Head



Patternmakers Arms

The 8th April 2011 was a red letter day for Duffield and Wirksworth as regular rail passenger services were reinstated after an absence of 64 years. A group of dedicated volunteers known as the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Association (EVRA) had taken around a decade to restore the 8.5 mile route along the flat bed of the Ecclesbourne Valley.

Back in the mid 19th C, when rail companies were competing to build new lines, a plan had been hatched to take the line from Duffield to Wirksworth northwards to Manchester, courtesy of massive tunnelling. This didn't materialize, however, and the branch line carrying mainly milk and limestone opened in 1867.

The opportunity to visit the pubs of two interesting little towns was too good to miss and I first visited Duffield, which in the 21stC has lost the Lord Scarsdale and New Inn, but four remain. The **Bridge Inn**, beside the river Derwent at the junction of Duffield Bank and Eaton Bank was my first port of call. Stone-built in the 1930s to replace the Bulls Head on the same site, this former Home Ales house currently serves beers from the Marston's range – Jennings' Snecklifter, Hobgoblin, Banks' Sunbeam and Pedigree. In days of yore this was a multi-roomed pub but is now largely knocked through with dining facilities a plenty including 2 for 1 offers. Calling in on a Saturday evening, I found a clarinet player and guitarist duetting, and the delightful riverside terrace is one of the best in the area. Retracing my steps back onto the A6, I passed the multi gabled Duffield Hall which between 1977 and 2010 was the headquarters of the Derbyshire Building Society before falling foul of the financial crisis.

Set back from the A6 is the **White Hart**, an attractive 1938 construction with grouped chimney pieces, and the area hitherto occupied by the original White Hart is now a most pleasing, landscaped fore garden with seating. Inside, the once opulent lounge has been knocked through into the bar creating a large, panelled, L shaped room with a trendy, contemporary feel. It

was very busy with many dining on food prepared in the open plan kitchen. On the bar were Raw Baby Ghost IPA (a good, hoppy brew), Taylor's Landlord, and a couple from Marston's, Pedigree and New World. Live music features once a month on a Friday.

The **Kings Head** is historically the most important of Duffield's pubs, although now much modernized with a U shaped interior. The music was a little too loud for my liking and I exited after spotting Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Doombar and Bass on handpump. The old cellar bar is now Salva's Trattoria Pizzeria which, I understand, is highly recommended. Also, en-suite accommodation is available from a bargain £25 a night.

Saving the best for last means one thing in Duffield - the **Pattenmakers' Arms**, which is discreetly located on Crown Street, back from the main road. Outwardly displaying all of its Edwardian splendour and, within, some architectural features of the period survive, such as lovely mosaic floor tiling, although removal of internal walls has created an island bar. Vying for attention were Black Sheep Holy Grail, Wadsworth's Farmer's Glory, Dancing Duck Dark Drake and Adnam's Ghost Ship. I sampled the latter two which were both excellent. A small garden to the rear facilitates alfresco drinking. The Pattenmakers is within earshot of a steam locomotive's whistle on the Ecclesbourne Valley branch line and the station is just five minute's stroll away; on the A6 head northbound towards Belper, and turn right immediately after the first railway bridge.

Opting for the scenic rail route, I alighted at Wirksworth station, and walked up Coldwell Street reflecting on the loss of the George (Ind Coope) and the Vaults, once a stockist of Sam Smith's. I turned off into North End to the current Derby CAMRA Country Pub of the Year runner-up, the **Royal Oak**, whose mine hosts are John and Avis Drury. This terraced tavern is crammed with curiosities and visual interest of the brewing variety. Draught Bass, Whim IPA and Taylor's Landlord are complemented



Royal Oak



by a brace of guests, and cobs are made to order. There's a pleasant, gravelled area outside where the stables were, and it should be noted that the Oak opens at 8pm evenings and Sunday lunchtime only.

At the top of Coldwell Street, you can't miss the imposing façade of the residential **Red Lion** built in 1770 as a coaching inn. On one side of the coach arch is an elongated, traditional public bar with a fine bar back with a mounted clock as its centrepiece. Also, there's a grand mirror atop a handsome, carved fireplace. Everard's Tiger, Fuller's London Pride and Doombur were on handpump when I called in. On the other side of the coach arch is a homely restaurant that welcomes passers-by. An elevated terrace to the rear is guaranteed to attract any sunshine as and when clouds part. It wasn't until the 1930s that the adjacent Harrison Drive was pitched to provide a straight route through Wirksworth for vehicular traffic; the imprint of the demolished building is just visible on the gable end of the premises across the road.

Inconspicuously tucked away in a corner of the Market Place sits the **Black's Head**, which serves mainly Greene King including Abbot, but which also featured Sambrook's (London) Wandle Ale when I called. There's a little known, decked roof terrace from which to gaze over this most characterful of towns and, inside the cosy tavern, the prominent Black's Head sign is a tribute to the black and Arabian people, who came here to mine lead. The Black's Head is an important reminder of the contribution those immigrants made. In more recent times, the 1970s, the late Alan Jones was the landlord, and Alan's enthusiasm was such that it was virtually impossible to leave without a little memento of one's visit. Clearly, Alan's enthusiasm was infectious because when Derby CAMRA published the ground breaking Real Ale in and Around Derby guide in 1976, Alan sold 73 copies; a number exceeded only by Derby's Exeter Arms.

At the lower end of the Market Place, the Georgian, stone built **Hope and Anchor** boasts several rooms, the most interesting being the tiny corner lounge with its highly attractive, carved chimneypiece. On the bar, St Austell Tribute rubs shoulders with a guest or two and, outside, a gravelled area is a good spot to catch any late summer sunshine.

Towards Derby, on St John's Street, is the end of terrace **Wheatsheaf** fronted by seating, colourful planters, and to the side, a decked garden. The interior has been knocked through and a cabinet in one

corner proudly displays the trophies won by Wirksworth Albion football team. Also, within the single storey extension, is a dining/function room, and Sky Sports are broadcast to sports' fans. Marston's Pedigree and Wells Bombardier are the beers of choice here.

Heading back through the town, at the end of Harrison Drive, at its junction with the road leading up to Middleton, sits the stone built **Lime Kiln**, one of the area's many Georgian buildings. A multi roomed interior has been partially opened out with a separate Pool room. A wood burning stove warms one room and Sky Sports may be viewed whilst supping handrawn Bass and Pedigree. Outside Boules (Petanque) is played and a spectacular Bonfire party is held in November.

Continuing up the hill towards Middleton we find the white painted **Rising Sun** near the Middleton Top Visitors' Centre. Inside, a sub divided, elongated area has a bar dispensing Black Sheep Bitter, Doombur, Pedigree and two from the Blue Monkey stable, namely Marmoset and B G Sips. I tried the latter which was in fine fettle, and there's a focus on good quality food here.

Further on up, on Middleton's Main Street, is the centuries old, Good Beer Guide listed **Nelson Arms**, rescued from closure a while back by Alan Johnson. The pub offers all round value in the shape of three rooms, letting rooms and when I called, Leadmill American Girl, Kelham Island Easy Rider and Pedigree were complemented by two traditional ciders. Middleton is something of an outpost; accordingly the Trent 6.1 bus service is limited with the last departure direct to Derby at 610pm although later buses from the village leave at 627 and 822pm for Wirksworth, where a connecting 6.1 bus can be caught, with the last one being 950pm from Wirksworth to Derby. These times are Monday to Saturday only and a restricted, two hourly timetable operates on Sundays with no service to Middleton. Times quoted were correct as of July 2015.

Wirksworth has enjoyed a real renaissance in recent years with the opening of the railway line ([www.e-v-r.com](http://www.e-v-r.com)), Northern Light cinema and the reopening of the oldest market in the Derbyshire Dales, the Tuesday market, which gained ascent in 1306. A day out here is therefore highly recommended.

**Paul Gibson**



Red Lion



Blacks Head



Wheatsheaf



Hope an Anchor



Lime Kiln



Nelsons Arms



Rising Sun







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# Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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## Branch News

### Beer Festival

Preparations for our beer festival in October continue unabated. The beer list will be published on our Facebook page as soon as we have sight of it - we expect several very special ales to feature. We can confirm that Waen Brewery staff will be attending the festival to showcase around five of their excellent beers and to conduct some Q&A sessions at various points. Four music acts have been confirmed, all from a close area around the town, to include a brass quartet, acoustic folk, a soul session and a first solo appearance of a local musician performing her own compositions.

### Pub News

Branch members have voted Ye Olde Royal Oak at Wetton as their Pub of the Season for Summer 2015 and the chairman has presented a certificate to the landlord, Ian Lett. Also to mark their award they have launched a discount for CAMRA members offering no less than **40p** off a pint.

After 5 highly successful years at the helm of the Smith's Tavern in Ashbourne, Dave and Michelle Leigh have moved onto a new venture in Cleethorpes, but they are retaining the tenancy of the pub and have appointed Mark Grist to manage the pub for them. Branch members would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them all good luck in their future plans.

The Horns in Ashbourne is now under new permanent management and has reintroduced food to the newly-refurbished bar areas.

The owners of the Green Man recently held a consultation evening with local figures and business owners as well as representatives of groups such as CAMRA, to present several options for plans for the proposed new bar and dining area. This included canvassing opinions on what types of beer should be offered, for which more than a few ideas were offered on our behalf. All being well, it may all be ready for relaunching around May 2016.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 8th September**

Smith's Tavern, 8pm – Beer Festival Meeting

**Tuesday 29th September**

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There are all sorts of items to decorate your home. Soda syphons from two closed breweries: Nottingham's Shipstones and the lesser known, Newark's Hole's Brewery, which was set up in 1870 and taken over by Courage, Barclay and Simonds in 1967 and closed 15 years later, plus a soda syphon stand from Burton's Allsopps.

There is also a book on Everard's dating from the 1940's, a Charrington's Toby Jug and a Tetley's window. But if you fancy something to make you smile, the Worthington E figurines of two old chaps might catch your eye. There is also a nice glass jug from Gilmour of Sheffield, which started in the 1860's and a bottle with a colourful fired on label from Gloucestershire' Stroud Brewery,

demolished in 1970, and a number of items used by a Customs & Excise official in carrying out his duties.

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

Burton on Trent is less than 15 minutes by train from Derby or 35 minutes by X38 bus and the Town Hall is just a short walk from the railway station. The event starts at 11am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there. Bidding starts at 12.30pm. Entrance is by catalogue (£2.50), available on the day, or £3.50 in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 01923 211654 (answerphone) or [baustin@supanet.com](mailto:baustin@supanet.com). If you can't get there, postal bids are accepted, just contact Bill. For more information see:

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# Cider

with Suzie



I'll start with a thank-you to all of you who came to the recent Derby Sumer Festival, and especially to those of you who drank a glass or two of cider there. The cider sales were a record for any Derby Festival, summer or winter. Selling fruit flavoured ciders for the first time proved very popular, so much so that they had to be rationed, so more of them next time. You haven't got long to wait for another cider bar at a local CAMRA festival, Amber Valley Branch are holding their festival at Strutts, Belper (the same venue as last year) from Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th September.

I'll pick out few of the cider makers who will be featured at Strutts, concentrating on those who have farm shops. All of them are well worth a visit if you are in the area, buying direct from the cider maker generally ensures you get both good quality and good value. The first one I would recommend is Mike Johnson

of Ross Cider & Perry Co., better known as Broome Farm. This is on the A49 at Peterstow, just outside Ross-on-Wye. As well as a well-stocked farm shop they do cream teas, accommodation and they have recently acquired a pub, with many of the dishes cooked in cider. An excellent watering hole. Also in Herefordshire at Abbey Dore, in the Golden Valley not far from the Welsh border we find Gwatkins Cider. With his bushy beard, braces and strong local accent Dennis Gwatkins is one of the real characters of the cider world. This is very much a working farm, and as well as cider the shop sells a good range of quality meat products.

Moving on to Somerset our next port of call is Rich's cider. This is at Watchfield, just off J22 of the M5, and is a good stopping off point for cider supplies on the way to Devon or Cornwall. It is quite a large outfit, the shop is full of gimmicky cider-related stuff, too commercial for some, but

the cider is always good and there is also a restaurant. Venturing further away from the M5 at Street (next door to Glastonbury) we find Hecks cider. It is an unlikely location right in the town of Street. As well as standard blended cider Hecks do a wide range of single variety ciders and perries. If I were to be banished to a desert island with cider from just one cider maker it would be Hecks. The shop is stocked with a wide range of local fruit and vegetables. No tour of Somerset would be complete without a visit to Wilkins Cider at Wedmore, a few miles from Cheddar. I'm sure that anyone who has been to Wilkins farm would agree that it is quite an experience. You pay for whatever you want to take with you, but the cider you drink while you are there is free! No matter what time it is when you go there are always people there supping cider and putting the world to rights. Allow plenty of time if

you go, it is a hard place to leave.

I shouldn't ignore Devon; there is plenty of good cider made there. The village of Winkleigh in North Devon is a bit off the beaten track but worth making the effort to find. It has been voted the best place to live in Britain, and not just because of the cider! The farm shop there will sort you out with supplies for your holiday.

Before finishing I ought to mention Woodthorpe Hall in North Derbyshire. Their Ruby Suzie was Amber Valley's cider of the festival last year, so it will be back this time. There is no shop there, but it is on the route of the Sheffield Country Walk and they also do weddings. Still, there is no need to tour the country to sample these ciders and perries, just come along to Strutts and they will all be there.

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# Derbyshire Pub of the Year 2015

**T**he Old Poets' Corner in Ashover has been crowned Derbyshire Pub of the Year 2015 after judging by the regions CAMRA members.

Set in the picturesque village of Ashover in North East Derbyshire this mock Tudor coaching inn dates from the 17th century and includes the onsite Ashover Brewery at the rear. The pub serves a range of their ales as well as guests and has been a regular Good Beer Guide entry for many years thanks to the stewardship of Kim and Jackie Beresford who have transformed the pub into the warm,

welcoming, thriving place it is today.

The pub of course is no stranger to CAMRA awards but to judged Derbyshire's best is a tremendous achievement indeed as the competition was particularly tough this year with 10 other excellent pubs vying for the same award. These came from throughout Derbyshire and had won their respective Camra Branch titles. The award was presented by Derbyshire Area Organiser Jane Lefley to Kim & Jackie Beresford and Pub Manager, Michelle Rafter (see photo). The Old Poets' Corner will now go



forward to the East Midlands Competition where it will compete against the winners of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire.



## SAVING YOUR LOCAL PUB IS AS SIMPLE AS ACV

**T**here are 29 pubs closing across England every single week and your local could be next.

You maybe sat in your local pub reading this, drinking a nice tasty tippie and thinking what a fine pint and establishment it is. Nothing will happen to this place you might think to yourself but think again, just look at what we have lost recently: the Good Beer Guide listed White Post in Stanley Common is earmarked for demolition; the Old Plough in Weston-on-Trent was demolished (both for housing development) and the Wheel in Findern will be converted into a Funeral Directors. In fact all over England pubs are being lost to restaurant, shop and office conversions and demolished for residential development. Your local could be next.

But help is at hand in the form of an ACV (Asset of Community Value) and Pubs nominated in England as ACV's will now require planning permission before they can be demolished or converted to another 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. There is now a real chance to protect the pubs that matter to us by nominating them to be registered as

Assets of Community Value. Over 800 pubs have been registered so far, but we want to increase that number to ensure our pubs get the proper protection.

So how do you do this? Simple, just submit a form to your local Council asking for your local pub 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. It is not too difficult but should you need any help or advice on how to put together an ACV application you can contact your local CAMRA Branch who will be actively looking to list pubs all over England. Not sure who your local Branch is? Then email [acv@camra.org.uk](mailto:acv@camra.org.uk) who can offer helpful advice and point you in the right direction. Derby CAMRA's contact is Gillian Hough who can be reached at [acv@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:acv@derbycamra.org.uk)

In Derby the Malt Shovel in Spondon, the Grampian in Sinfin and the Rose & Crown in Chellaston have all been nominated successfully by local interest groups and Derby CAMRA are looking to nominate several more.

So don't lose your local, don't wait until it's under threat, take action now and apply for an ACV to give it the protection it deserves.





As Derby's Old Bell re-opens we remember.....

# The Romance of the Road and Old Inns



**I**magine yourself travelling from London to Manchester, the year is 1800 and it's the heyday of the coaching era. You've been on the road since 5.00 am; it has been a cold and blustery day, the last time you ate was during a brief stop at Leicester some hours ago, and now you're ready for your dinner.

As the coach upon which you are travelling has sped along (at the breath-taking speed of 12 m.p.h.) its driver has regaled those of you seated on the outside, with lurid tales of highwaymen, ghostly headless horsemen and all manner of other strange occurrences he claims to have befallen unsuspecting travellers, so that now, with the dusk rapidly descending and the coach lamps sending ghastly shadows cavorting along the wayside hedgerows, some of your fellow passengers are growing a little apprehensive, and to make matters worse a chill sleety rain has begun to fall. You are soon heartened, however, by the lights of a not too distant town hovering into view, and presently the coach is rattling over the glistening cobbles of the narrow streets of Derby.

The coach comes to a swaying halt outside one of the town's principal inns, "The Old Bell" wherein a roaring log fire, good ale, wholesome food and a warm welcome await the weary traveller. A comely wench shows you to the board and moments later you are served with a foaming tankard – ah, bliss!

The railways arrived in Derby in 1839 sounding the death knell for the coaching industry. The last coach to leave the town on an advertised service set off for Manchester on a damp and chilly October day in 1858. It was called the Derby Diligence and was affectionately known to Derbeians as the "Derby Dilly", and those readers who remember the old Dilly Bar at the Bell might be interested to learn that it was reputed to be the old booking office for this coach.

Despite the lack of coaches the Bell continued to prosper well into the last century and in the 1920's gained the Tudor Room (a "men only" bastion until the 1970's) and about the same time the black

and white mock-Tudor timbering appeared on the inn's exterior, obscuring the original 17th century brickwork. Towards the end of the 20th century, however, this venerable old inn began to appear seedy and run-down, and the various pictures, antique weapons and brassware that had ornamented its walls for as long as anyone could remember, seemed to slowly disappear one by one and the Bell entered the 21st century a shadow of its former self, having become the haunt of ne'er-do-wells and rebels without a clue. It was like watching an old and valued friend slowly dying – but it didn't die!

The Old Bell is back, lovingly restored under the guidance of Mr. Paul Hurst, and offers an excellent choice of real ales. So why not visit this superb old inn, steeped in local folklore, complete with ghosts, secret tunnels and old time Derby characters. Must go now, I hear the sound of a coach horn - my coach awaits!

**Peter A Elliot**

**The Old Bell opens 11-11 each day and later at weekends and features up to 12 Real Ales, 8 in the front bar and 4 in the Tudor Bar at the rear which opens Thu & Fri Eve &-Sat all day.**



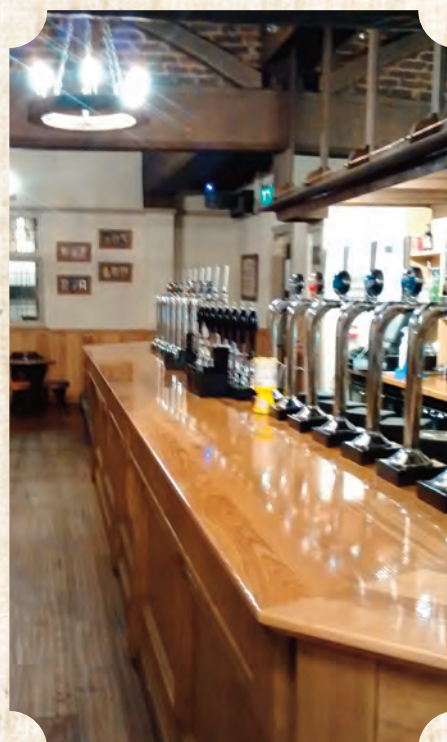


## Derby was a centre of communication long before the railways arrived in 1838

Derby was a centre of communication long before the railways arrived in 1839 (indeed that's one of the reasons they came) thanks to it being situated on the Great North West Road, which ran from London via St Albans, Northampton and Leicester to Derby and then over the peaks to Manchester and from thence to Carlisle and Glasgow, roughly the route of the modern A6. Traffic from the West Midlands heading to Chesterfield and from thence to South Yorkshire and Leeds passed through the town. Also

from the West Midlands came traffic heading for Nottingham and beyond. Needless to relate, traffic also travelled in the opposite direction. By 1800 (the heyday of the coaching age) there were several large coaching inns in the town; horses needed to be changed (every ten miles or so), travellers needed refreshment and sometimes, depending on the length of the journey, a bed for the night. All provided by the coaching inns.

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# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2015

#### Second year at Strutts for our 6th Festival

Following an extremely successful event last year, the Amber Valley CAMRA festival will return to Strutts at Belper from Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th September 2015. The former Herbert Strutt Grammar School is a grade 2 listed, Edwardian building and its main hall and classrooms provide a unique, atmospheric venue. The beers, ciders, perrys and wines will be served from a large marquee (double the size of last year's) in one of the playgrounds. Strutts is ideally situated on the A6 just outside Belper town centre opposite Babington Hospital with the railway and bus stations only a short walk away. Buses stop right outside the venue which also has its own car park.

There will be over 80 ales covering a wide variety of styles and strengths, together with a good choice of cider, perry and wine. We are hoping to source beers from further afield this year, especially from Southern England which has proved difficult in previous years. Two speciality beers have already been reserved for the festival – a wheat beer infused with lime and coriander and a cardamom coffee porter. We will continue to search for some weird and wonderful contemporary beers to complement the more traditional styles. We are also in talks with at least one brewery about producing a unique Festival Special which we may even help brew ourselves. The beer and cider list will be available to view on our website [www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk](http://www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk) closer to the event.

From Thursday to Saturday Derbyshire Catering will be providing an assortment of rolls, pastries and cold platters while Barlow's Butchers will be serving hot food, including a hog roast on Friday and Saturday. Soft drinks and snacks will be available at all sessions. Entertainment covering a wide range of musical styles, from blues & jazz to

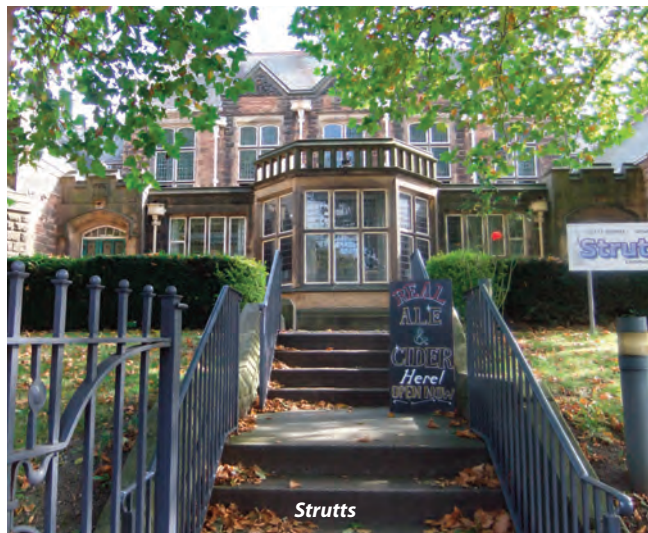
folk & classic rock, will be held in the main hall and one of the upstairs classrooms during the afternoon and evening of Friday and Saturday. Thursday and Sunday will be music-free and there will be quiet rooms available at all sessions for those who prefer to drink in peace or have a chat. 2015 Festival commemorative glasses with third and half pint lines will be available as tankards or stemmed glasses and hire glasses will also be available on sale or return.

Tickets are not required for any sessions this year – just come along and pay on the door but be sure to arrive early to ensure admission. Opening times and pricing can be found on our website and promotional posters and flyers. Admission will be restricted to over 18's after 6pm each day. On Sunday admission is free, with any remaining beers selling at £2 a pint.

New to this year's event we are holding two tasting sessions. At 5:30pm on Friday evening local cider maker, Chris Rogers from Three Cats Cider at Morley, will be giving a talk about the process of making cider followed by guided tasters of 4-6 ciders plus a Q and A session. At 5:30pm on Saturday local brewer Pete Hounsell from Amber Ales will be giving a talk about the brewing process and workings of a microbrewery followed by guided tasters of 4 of his ales plus a Q and A session. The events will last 45 minutes to 1 hour. Tickets £3 each with limited spaces so e-mail us at [avbeerorders@gmail.com](mailto:avbeerorders@gmail.com) to reserve your place. Payment will be collected on the day. Any remaining spaces can be booked at the Membership desk once the festival opens.

As last year, Festival access will be from the playground/car park at the rear of the building through the door nearest to Gibfield Lane.

We look forward to welcoming visitors old and new to our 6th Amber Valley CAMRA Festival and hope you have a great time with us at Strutts.



Strutts



## Branch Diary

- all meetings start at 8pm

#### Mon 7th September

Final B F mtg @ The Thorn Tree Inn, Belper DE56 1FF

#### Sat 12th September

Survey trip, contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966 to book

#### Thurs 1st October

Branch mtg @ The Wheel, Holbrook DE56 0TQ

#### Sat 10th October

Survey trip, contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966 to book

#### Mon 19th October

Post-BF wash-up meeting, The Hunter Inn, Kilburn DE56 0LU

#### Thurs 29th October

Branch meeting The Canal, Bullbridge DE56 2EW





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# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

by Mick & Carole Golds  
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## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

### Pub News

Not a lot to report on the Erewash pub scene other than the usual regular changes of tenancy particularly in the Pubco pubs.

We have heard there are changes a foot at the **Needlemakers** in Ilkeston, at the moment rumours only, more details hopefully next time.

The **Poacher** in Ilkeston has now settled down and at our last visit the Elsie Mo and two other cask beers were spot on, long may it continue.

Now the bad news there always seems to be a pub closure on every report we make, this time it's **The Gallows Inn**, Ilkeston which will be closed by the time you read this report. It has been rumoured to have been purchased at auction by The Sandcliffe Group. We have great difficulty in finding any information, we do not hold out any hope for this attractive canalside pub which has stood next to Gallows Inn Lock, since the beginning of the early 20th century.

### Social Reports

On Saturday 18th July 14 members travelled on the H1 Heanor to Derby bus, starting from the Crown, Heanor and visiting the Old Oak and RudRad bar in Horsley Woodhouse, the Bell, Smalley, always a good selection of beers and a handy bus stop. Then onto the Three



Grantham Beer Festival



RuRad Bar



Old Oak



Gallows Inn

Horseshoes - only Pedigree, the Windmill, Breadsall a good selection of beers and finally Derby. The Little Chester Ale House first, enough said and then finishing at the excellent Peacock. A good day out.

Our latest outing was by train to the Grantham Beer festival on the Saturday

afternoon, a lovely sunny day and lovely little beer festival will go again pleasant day out.

A Group called The Last Thursday Mobile Socials (Erewash Valley members) go visiting different pubs in different areas anyone is welcome to join them details can be found on [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

### Future Socials

**Saturday 5th September** - Chesterfield, meet in the Portland Hotel, Chesterfield next to bus station at 12.30pm, we shall be going by bus to Whittington and doing pubs on the east side of the town, the ones we missed out on our last trip. Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket required, we shall be going on the 11.10am Red Arrow from Derby to Chesterfield and return by train for obvious reasons ??

**Saturday 5th December** - Christmas Social to Leeds more details in the next drinker the 10 pubs have already been surveyed, details of trips are also available on our website [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org) or Contact Carole or Mick Golds on 07887 788785

### Future Meetings

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

**7th September** - Hogarths, South St, Ilkeston (note change of venue).

**5th October** - The Crown, Heanor.

**2nd November** - The Burnt Pig, Market Street, Ilkeston.

For further details if required contact Secretary, Jayne Tysoe at [secretary@erewash-camra.com](mailto:secretary@erewash-camra.com)

### Camra Discounts

Please remember to show your camra card

**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 including real cider.

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

**Hogarths, Ilkeston** - 10p off pint.

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

**Oxford, Long Eaton** - discounts available on all real ales.

**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.

**The Three Horseshoes, Ilkeston** - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half.

**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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# Ale Trail Winners 2015



**D**erby CAMRA's combined Mild & Ale trail proved more popular than ever this year with more entries received than ever before. Those crawling around and handing their forms back at the City Charter Festival received free entry to the event and a few free pints for their troubles.

This year's trail involved 22 pubs in and around Derby with stickers given out for sampling both a Mild and an Ale at each pub. Customers were also encouraged to rate the beer drunk at each pub out of 5.

From the resulting marks we were able to determine the Best Mild & Ale Pubs on the Trail and in a repeat of last year's success the **Alexandra Hotel** was crowned the Best Mild Pub while the **Furnace Inn** was crowned the Best Ale Pub proving the remarkable consistency of beer quality at both pubs. Congratulations to the winners then and certificates will be presented to each pub in due course and Derby Drinker will be there to cover the events.

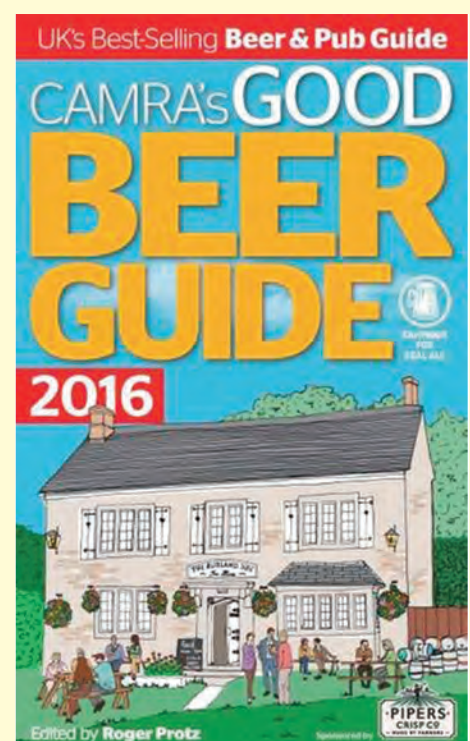
## New Good Beer Guide Launched

**T**he 2016 Good Beer Guide will be launched on September 10th 2015 and will be available to buy from the CAMRA website, local bookshops and a few local pubs throughout the area.

It is fully revised and updated each year and features pubs across the United Kingdom that serve the best real ale. Now in its 43rd edition, this pub guide is completely independent with listings based entirely on nomination and evaluation by CAMRA members. This means you can be sure that every one of the 4,500 pubs deserves their place, and that they all

come recommended by people who know a thing or two about good beer. The unique breweries section lists every brewery - micro, regional and national - that produces real ale in the UK, and the beers that they brew. Tasting notes for the beers, compiled by CAMRA-trained tasting teams, are also included. The Good Beer Guide 2016 is the complete book for beer lovers and a must-have for anyone wanting to experience the UK's finest pubs.

Look out for a special feature in the next Derby Drinker on some of Derbyshire's excellent new entries.





# MAD Third Beer Festival 23-24 October 2015

After the successful Chesterfield Winding Wheel beer festival in February 2013 Matlock and Dales CAMRA (then a sub-branch of Chesterfield) proposed organising one of our own. Chesterfield Branch were already running two a year (the Winding Wheel, and the Market Hall Festivals) and had Barrow Hill Beer Festival as a regular event as well. Various pubs around the area were also experimenting with their own mini-festivals. I mean how hard could it be? So sleeves were rolled up (a difficult operation because it was summer and you don't get too much sleeve on T shirt), phone calls made, volunteers stepped forward (Chairman says I can't use the word 'pressed'), and before long, an association with the Fishpond in Matlock Bath (with their ideal location, their enormous function room, their dedicated staff, and the contagiously enthusiastic owner, Trevor Milner) spawned the first MAD CAMRA festival in August 2013.

It was an immediate success, and it went without saying a second would be held at the same location in the summer of

2014. By the start of 2015 Matlock and Dales had become an independent CAMRA Branch, had two successful beer festivals on their CV, and things were looking good.

This year however, ongoing structural alterations at the Fishpond have rendered the venue unavailable, so the branch considered perhaps this time we should go it alone? Now how hard could that be? The incumbent chairman (Graham) held the torch aloft, and one by one, things began to fall into place. Matlock Country Offices on Smedley Street was acquired for the venue, quirky transportation between the railway station and the new venue has been promised, funds have been appropriated from CAMRA HQ, posters designed, stillages ascertained, beer lists compiled (important one, that), staffing lists distributed... Save the date : **Friday and Saturday October 23rd/24th 2015**, and come to our Third beer festival, now at a great new location, and enjoy some quality real ale. Now how hard can that be?

**Tony Farrington**



MAD Beer Festival 2014



MAD Beer Festival 2014



MAD Beer Festival 2014



## 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.

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### County and Station Dale Road, Matlock Bath

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### Dale Road, Matlock

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### Fishpond South Parade Matlock Bath

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card

### Druid Inn Main Road Birchover

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## MAD Branch Diary

### 5th September 2015

MAD trip to Stockport.

Transpeak bus service to drop us off in Stockport, with a call off at Buxton on the way back.

Exact timing to be on Website soon

### Thu 17th September

MAD Monthly Meeting at the Boat Inn, Scarthin, Cromford.

The area's most abundant outlet for Derby's Dancing Duck Ales. And a lovely views of Cromford and the extensive mill pond to boot.

### Sat 10th October

MAD Monthly Meeting at The Red Lion, inside Crich Tramway Museum. Please assemble in museum car park from 2:45. From there we will be given free group access into the museum at 3pm. Please note there will be no access onto trams, (unless you are happy to pay the normal admission charge). The meeting will be followed by a social visit to the Cliff Inn, Crich (next door to the museum), before heading back towards Matlock.

### Fri 23rd – Sat 24th October.

Matlock and Dales CAMRA Third Real Ale festival.

County Offices, Smedley Street Matlock. Please see article in this document for further details.

### Thu 19th November

MAD Monthly Meeting at the Boat House, Dale Rd Matlock.

One of Matlock's oldest pubs, now under new management and serving rather interesting, occasionally obscure but always real ales.

# Oktoberfests

Oktoberfests of course are synonymous with Beer Festivals throughout Germany and in particular the one held in Munich but in recent years it has become a popular time for Beer Festivals in the UK and several are going on throughout the period in our region.

## CAMRA Events

The **Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival** returns to Strutt's in Belper at the end of September (24-27) for the second year running. Last year's event was a real success and organisers have promised this year's will be bigger and better with over 80 Ales available.

**Ashbourne & District CAMRA** then follows suit in October (8-10) with the 3rd Beer Festival at the Town Hall. Over 50 Ales are planned and this intimate little Festival is well worth a visit.

Taking place at the same time (7-10) is **Nottingham CAMRA's** huge event at the Castle with over a 1000 beers to go out. Always an enjoyable occasion but be careful when you go as the popular times are all ticket.

Towards the end of October (23-24) will see **Matlock & Dales CAMRA** move to a new venue at the Country Hall in Matlock. Their previous Festivals at the Fishpond were well worth attending

and I'm sure this one will be to as over 40 Beers are planned.

## Pub Festivals

October (1-4) opens up with Derby's oldest Beer Festival at the **Brunswick Inn** with 50 Real Ales and 20 Ciders promised as well as live music at this historic railway inn.

The same weekend (2-3), Burton's **National Brewery Centre** is holding an Independent Brewers Beer Festival with free entry for CAMRA members on Friday afternoon.

Also chipping that weekend (2-3) is the 2nd **Rockstock & Barrel Beer & Music Festival** at its new home at the Chimneys in Willington with plenty of live music and camping available for the event.

The middle of October (16-19) sees the **Royal Oak at Ockbrook's** main annual event with this year's theme being Cheshire beers with over 30 to choose from.

The following weekend (22-24) witnesses the **Holly Bush at Makeney's** annual Beer Festival which always proves popular.

Halloween of course sees quite a few Festivals throughout the area but perhaps the one that has really made its mark at this time of year is the **Furnace Inn's** Dark v Light Beer Festival (29-1) featuring a dedicated Dark Ales bar with fancy dress encouraged on Halloween itself.

So there you have it, a great time to get out and about and enjoy all the Oktoberfest events around the area. There will of course be others but this is all we are aware of at the time of going to press. For further details of each event check out the adverts within the pages of this Derby Drinker or go to each events website. Derby CAMRA's website also provides details of local CAMRA and Pub Festivals [www.derbycamra.org.uk](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)







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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  
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#### 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)  
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Nags Head (Mickleover)  
Nunsfield House Club (Alvaston)  
Old Talbot (Hilton)  
Okeover Arms (Mappleton)  
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Queens Head (Ockbrook)  
Pattenmakers (Duffield)  
Royal Oak (Ockbrook)  
Royal Oak (Wirksworth)  
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Vine Inn (Mickleover)  
White Swan (Littleover)  
Windmill (Oakwood)

**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.**

#### AMBER VALLEY

Black Swan (Belper)  
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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**  
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e: [locale@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:locale@derbycamra.org.uk)

# 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.

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|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
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| Bell & Castle, Derby              | 10p off a pint, 5p off a half  |
| Bridge Inn, Derby                 | 10p off a pint   |
| Broadway, Derby                   | 20p off a pint   |
| Brunswick Inn, Derby              | 20p off a pint, 10p off a half   |
| Five Lamps, Derby                 | 20p off a pint   |
| Flowerpot, Derby                  | 20p off a pint   |
| Furnace, Derby                    | 20p off a pint   |
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| Brackens, Alvaston                | 15p off a pint   |
| Lawns, Chellaston                 | 10p off a pint and 5p off a half   |
| Tiger Inn, Turnditch              | 20p off a pint   |
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| George & Dragon, Belper           | 20p off a pint   |
| Lion, Belper                      | 20p off a pint   |
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| Nags Head, Mickleover             | 10% off a pint   |
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| 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   |
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| Red Lion, Fritchley All real ales | £2.50 a pint   |
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| 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   |
| Royal Oak, Wetton                 | 40p off a pint   |

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# Wheel Turns Full Circle

By Paul Gibson

It wasn't too long ago that a trip to Holbrook would include visits to the Wheel and Dead Poets; a mere 200 yards apart. Recently, however, the Wheel has had numerous changes of management. Now that Mark Showers, who successfully revived the Hunter Arms, Kilburn, has bought the freehold to the Wheel, better days surely lie ahead for the Chapel Street pub.

When I called in, Titanic Plum Stout, Thornbridge Kipling, Taylor's Landlord, Draught Bass, Oakham Inferno and Oakham Bishop's Farewell were all on handpump; I opted for the latter which was excellent. The Mediterranean terrace, awash with colour, and a generously sized south facing garden have long been popular with punters and it's good to see these outdoor facilities are

extant today. At present, the food offering is limited to cobs, pork pies and olives but, kitchen permitting, this may be more adventurous in the future.

Mark and Paula Showers established an enviable reputation for quality at the Hunter Arms which was recognised by successive Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year awards in 2011 and 2012; there is no reason why this success can't be replicated in Holbrook.

Back in the early 1980s, the Wheel and the Blessington Carriage, Derby, were the first pubs in the area to host beer festivals. Since then a succession of licensees have made the Wheel a destination of choice for discerning drinkers with jugged Whim Hartington Bitter a speciality, and it was here that the copper of Dave Tizard's tiny Funfair brewery was first

fired at the back of the pub, prior to Punch Taverns' purchase in 2006.

With the renowned Dead Poets just down the road and the Holly Bush, Makeney; White Hart, Bargate, and the Black Bull's Head at Openwoodgate all in the vicinity, this is a wonderful area for beer buffs to explore.

Bus travel is via the hourly Trent Barton 7.1 service, Monday to Saturday only, with the last one leaving the top of Chapel Street, Holbrook at 637pm to Derby, and 730pm to Belper. A more limited Yourbus service operates between Belper and Heanor; check the Yourbus 138 website for times.

**Wheel Inn, 14 Chapel Street, Holbrook DE56 OTQ. Opens 4pm Monday to Thursday and noon Friday to Sunday.**

## Champion Beer of Britain 2015

At the recent Great British Beer Festival CAMRA announced the results of this year's Champion Beer of Britain competition (see opposite). Derby's Dancing Duck Brewery was judged in Overall 3rd place for its superb Dark Drake. Congratulations to Rachel Matthews and the team at Dancing Duck.



CAMRA are pleased to announce this year's Champion Beers of Britain as follows:

### Supreme Champions

**Gold**  
Tiny Rebel - Cwtch  
**Silver**  
Kelburn - Jaguar  
**Bronze**  
Dancing Duck - Dark Drake  
**Mild**  
**Gold**  
Williams Brother - Black  
**Silver**  
Rudgate - Ruby Mild  
**Bronze**  
Great Orme - Welsh Black

### Best Bitter

**Gold**  
Tiny Rebel - Cwtch  
**Silver:** \u000B  
Highland - Scapa Special  
**Joint Bronze:**  
Barnegates - Tag Lag  
Salopian - Darwin's Origin  
**Speciality**  
**Gold**  
Titantic - Plum Porter  
**Joint Silver**  
Kissingate - Black Cherry  
**Mild**  
Saltaire - Triple Chocolate  
**Bronze**  
Hanlons - Port Stout

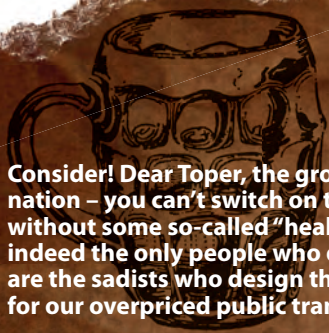
### Bitter

**Gold**  
Pheasantry - Best Bitter  
**Silver**  
Acorn - Barnsley Bitter  
**Joint Bronze**  
Purple Moose - Madog's Ale  
Timothy Taylors - Boltmaker  
**Golden**  
**Gold**  
Kelburn - Jaguar  
**Silver**  
Adnams - Explorer  
**Bronze**  
Blue Monkey - Infinity

### Strong Bitter

**Gold**  
Dark Star - Revelation  
**Silver**  
Salopian - Golden Thread  
**Bronze**  
Grain - India Pale Ale  
**Champion Bottle-Conditioned Beer**  
**Gold**  
Harveys - Imperial Extra Double Stout  
**Silver**  
Fyne Ales - Superior IPA  
**Bronze**  
Mordue - India Pale Ale





# Dear Toper...

**Consider! Dear Toper, the growing obesity problem facing the nation – you can't switch on the T.V. or pick up a newspaper without some so-called "health expert" droning on about it, indeed the only people who don't seem to have heard about it are the sadists who design the woefully inadequate seating for our overpriced public transport system.**

It seems perverse that as the average girth of the population expands, the space allotted to each passenger aboard our overcrowded buses and trains seems to shrink alarmingly, and if the present rate of shrinkage is maintained, is set to disappear altogether sometime in early 2050.

Recently, having set off for the pub, I was confronted by a plague of zombies – sorry: I mean people on their mobile phones aimlessly wandering forward whilst texting and totally oblivious to everything and everyone around them. Tired of dodging the undead I foolishly hopped onto a passing bus, paid my fare and found myself sitting with my knees rubbing on the back of the seat in front. To make matters worse I was precariously perched on the outer edge of my berth with my upper body overhanging the aisle, because the enormous (and somewhat smelly) woman sitting next to me, with an assortment of swollen shopping bags piled up on her lap (she had begrudgingly, with various oaths and curses, had to move them from the seat adjacent to her when I asked if it was vacant), was taking up not only her own allotted space, but also half of mine too! Every time someone passed by me to get on or off the bus I was buffeted mercilessly, and arrived at my destination feeling as if I had spent the previous ten minutes in a cement mixer. There are certain regulations to stop the overcrowding of animals in transit, but not people, it would seem.

However, the seating aboard public transport seems luxurious when compared to those dreadful bench/table combinations, otherwise known as "Toper Traps" which infest pub beer gardens. These rustic throwbacks to those dreadful days when Keg was King and the only thing on the pub menu was chicken in a basket, must have been designed by someone with a morbid interest in medieval torture devices, and I suspect also with shares in a

## Are You Sitting Comfortably?

company producing painkillers, because the unnatural, slumped forward seating position must have caused half the nation's back

problems. Furthermore, once a group of foolhardy people have seated themselves at one of these vile contraptions it is virtually impossible for any of them to extricate themselves from the swaying "Toper Trap" without causing all manner of distress to his fellow prisoners; usually involving spilt beer, which seeps through the slats of the tabletop (despite the ubiquitous screwed up empty crisp packets and nub ends lodged there) and soaks the legs of those still held captive by the creaking monstrosity.

I recently visited a pub during what the T.V. weather jesters were pleased to call a "heatwave" – which lasted all of twelve hours. The pub's so-called "beer

garden" (a strip of litter-strewn grass with more bald patches than a Hari Krishna convention, and more obnoxious brats running wild than the old woman who lived in a shoe) had several "Toper Traps" laid out in a row, and viewing the motley collection of humanity slumped over them, most of whom were stripped to the waist, the better to show off their bleached torsos and self-inflicted tattoos, I was struck by the resemblance to a bunch of galley slaves chained to their oars. The only thing missing was the big bald-headed man with a drum, keeping time.

Why on earth some hostelrys prefer these odious devices to tables and chairs? I can't begin to fathom, but then again the modern preference for bits of wood and slate instead of crockery is also a mystery to me. It's like watching civilization going backwards. Consider that, Dear Toper!

D.T.



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# DerbyCAMRA BranchDiary

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

## SEPTEMBER

**Fri 4th** - Survey Trip – Thulston, Aston, Weston area. By free mini bus, 7.30pm departure from the Quad.

**Thu 10th** - Branch Meeting – Brunswick, Derby - 8pm.

**Sat 19th** - City Charter Beer Festival Volunteer's Thank You Trip - Bury & East Lancashire Railway - leaves Derby, Cathedral Green at 9.30 am. Free to Festival workers.

**Wed 23rd** - Social – Abbey, Darley Abbey - 9pm.

## OCTOBER

**Thu 1st** - Social – Brunswick Beer Festival - 9pm.

**Thu 8th** - SGM & Branch Meeting - Old Bell (Tudor Bar), Derby - 8pm.

**Sat 31st** - Survey Trip – Ticknall, Milton area. By free mini bus, 6.30pm departure from the Quad.

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

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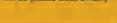
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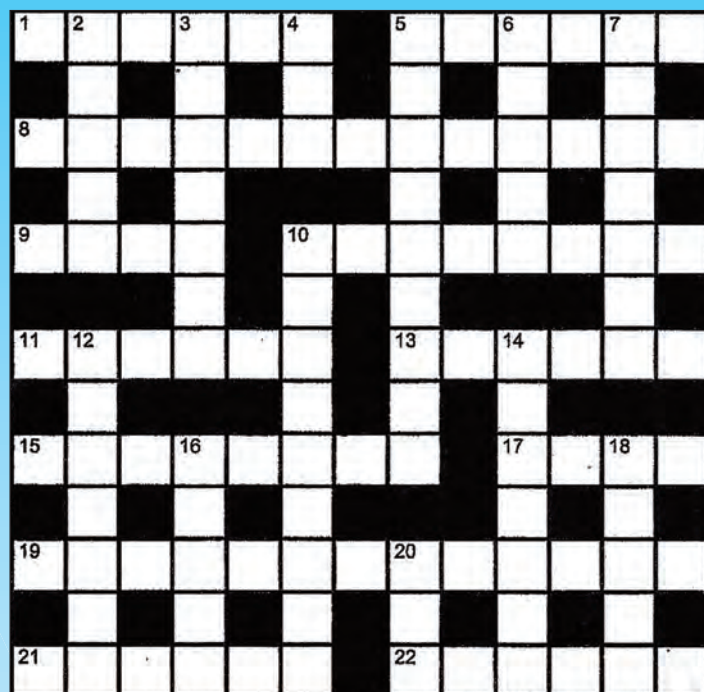


# Crossword

## No 47 by Wrenrutt

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

**Crossword winner is Jackie Land**  
from Uttoxeter  
picked up at the  
Dragon, Willington



### Across

1. Vehicle and domestic animal together covers floors (6)
5. Initially I'm not so eager recovering time put in (6)
8. An invitation for you to exercise freedom of choice (2.2.3.6)
9. Rave about this woman! (4)
10. Cumbria's Blackbeck Brewery's light hoppy beer (5.3)
11. Re Mac's muddle: what a laugh! (6)
13. A hidden one masks intentions (6)
15. A heavenly beer from Halesowen's brewery? (5.3)
17. Chatsworth estate's brewery (4)
19. Village where the Idle Brewery is established at the White Hart Inn (4.9)
21. "Let the train take the -----" (song) (6)
22. Hinder, ideally, concealing ridicule (6)

### Down

2. Got up sounding like a flower (5)
3. Something one has rites of when changing their status (7)
4. Also sounds like a number (3)
5. Lie impact could be changed to involve (9)
6. Slate mixed for theft (5)
7. Echo concerning noise (7)
10. Founder of Wetherspoon's (3.6)
12. Pleased for the subject (7)
14. Prisoner of War in backward regiment to confer authority (7)
16. "Bye" for more in a game (5)
18. Deputised, in the theatre perhaps (5)
20. A rotter who wallows in decadence (3)

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### Across

1. AGEIST
5. BRAHMS
8. WEATHEROAK ALE
9. STAR
10. SIDE ROAD
11. BITMAP
13. INSIDE
15. DISTANCE
17. HOPS
19. BITTER REALITY
21. FLAMES
22. CARROT

### Down

2. GREET
3. INTERIM
4. THE MALLARD
5. BROADSIDE
6. ANKER 7. (See 4)
10. ST PANCRAS
12. INITIAL
14. SCHOLAR
16. TOTEM
18. PATIO
20. ETC

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