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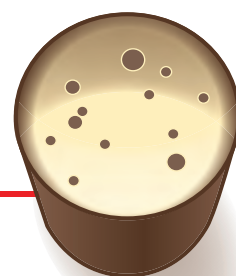
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"Cheers!"



National Winter Ales Festival Returns to Derby's Roundhouse



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Unmissable - National Winter Ales Festival 2016

So you're planning your ideal trip out, somewhere with a choice of what to drink, where you are likely to bump into friends, with live bands in the evenings a selection of food and in a good location? The good news is CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival (NWAF) at The Roundhouse, Derby ticks all these boxes and then some more.

Opening at 4pm on Wednesday 17th February 2016, located beside the Pride Park exit of Derby railway station, the final NWAF in Derby promises to be a genuine celebration.

The prestigious Champion Winter Beer of Britain Competition will take place at NWAF with the very best winter beer styles: porters, stouts, old ales and strong milds, strong old ales and barley wines gathering for judging.

With over 400 different real ales to choose from there is bound to be something for everyone as all ten draught styles will be represented, so if you like supping a drink with marmalade tones it will be here, if you prefer a drink like liquid Christmas cake it will be here too. From old favourites to new shining stars our 3 beer orderers (Jim, Jim and Mark) have been working away since September picking out the very best from Breweries across the UK for your enjoyment.

Please note as the Festival progresses towards the final evening the number of beers available will decrease slightly. When we closed in 2015 however, we had 125 different draught beers available, so there was still plenty of choice.

Chris Rogers, Derby's very own award winning cider producer will be running the cider and perry bars; and the legendary and lovely Lesley Williams will be in charge at the bottled World Beer Bar. Honey wine or mead will also be represented.



Derby has taken NWAF to its heart and with over 13,000 customers expected you will certainly bump into people you've not seen for ages while enjoying the atmosphere and iconic setting of The Roundhouse. Already spare rooms in homes across Derby are getting 'booked' as friends and family are arranging to come to stop over during the Festival. Discover Derby, the tourist board, have been negotiating special deals with hotels during the Festival so it's worth checking out their website: <http://www.visitderby.co.uk/>

If you haven't been to a beer festival for a while or have never been before it's an amazing event. You'll see the marquees outside The Roundhouse. These are the music marquee and foyer area. Admission prices vary, see the table below for more details:

		Admission	Card carrying CAMRA Members	Concessions (25 and under/ 65 and Over)
Wednesday 17th Feb	Open 4pm	£3.00	FREE	£3.00
Thursday 18th Feb	11am - 5pm	£2.00	FREE	FREE
	5pm - 11pm	£5.00	£2.00	£5.00
Friday 19th Feb	11am - 5pm	£3.00	FREE	FREE
	5pm - 11pm	£6.00	£2.00	£6.00
Saturday 20th Feb	11am - 5pm	£3.00	£2.00	£3.00
	5pm - 11pm	£6.00	£2.00	£6.00

Note There are no advance tickets available as this is a pay on the door event.

Limited edition souvenir glasses are available to buy/hire for £3 each (which is refundable on return of the glass with no chips or damage). There are a selection of half and full pint glasses, both of which are marked at one third measures.

At admission, prices will include the £3 for the hire of your glass i.e. on Friday at 4pm £6 will be displayed = £3 admission + £3 (refundable for your glass if not chipped or damaged).

If you are not already a CAMRA Member and want to take advantage of the special admission prices you can join online beforehand via: <http://www.camra.org.uk/join> or our dedicated Membership Team can assist you face at face at the Festival.

While there is no separate family area, NWAf welcomes well supervised under 18's until 19:00 or 7pm after which all under 18's have to leave. This is a licensing requirement, and we think you in advance for your cooperation with this.

We are very lucky that volunteers from the heroic Derby Mountain Rescue Team will again be running the cloakroom to raise funds. Consisting entirely of unpaid volunteers it is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and receives no official funding. So why not help them raise money by letting Derby Mountain Rescue Team look after your coat while you enjoy the festival at your ease.

Our 2nd charity for 2016 will be the Rotary Club of Derby Daybreak who are collecting for Derby Nightingale Macmillan day unit (NMDU) located at the Royal Derby Hospital. NMDU provide day care to adults who have a life-limiting illness, including incurable cancer and also non-cancer illnesses that are advanced and progressing e.g. motor neurone disease, advanced heart failure. Derby Daybreak is the youngest of 4 Rotary Clubs in Derby, they are no stranger to The Roundhouse as they meet there every Thursday.

Four simply brilliant brewery bars are joining us. In the Main Hall Thornbridge and Tiny Rebel, in the Carriage Room Falstaff with Dancing Duck in the Music Marquee:



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- Jim and Steph have been brewing at Falstaff, in Normanton Derby, since 2003 and their tasty ales are sought out by beer aficionados from across the land. Well worth seeking out in the Carriage Room as we think you'll love these ales.
- Dancing Duck - launched at Derby Winter Beer Festival in 2011 is going from strength to strength. Rachel and her Team have scooped up award after award (Dark Drake is the current Bronze Supreme Champion Beer of Britain after all). As their motto says they are serious about beer!

Did we mention the live bands in the evening? For 2016 we will have even more bands and will now have live music on Wednesday night, so polish off your dancing shoes – in fact maybe pick up a new pair in the January sales....as you'll need them!

Hot and cold food will be provided by the Roundhouse Events kitchen in addition to Mr Morgan from the Eagle Market who is bringing his cheese selection, Pipers with their crisps and Merry Berry Truffles with their unique chocolates.

Balloon Patrol have been booked to come and amuse you while they create veritable works of art. In time honored fashion they will accept donations for their finely honed skill and repartee.

A number of Tutored tastings are arranged with Roger Protz, Jeff Evans and Christine Cryne. These can be booked online from January via <http://nwaf.org.uk/>

Harpur's Coaches will again supply the free bus linking The Roundhouse to the Bus Station.

The most singularly irreplaceable element of the whole Festival is the Volunteers, and Organiser Gillian Hough says: "I want to thank every Volunteer for coming together and creating an event which is a pleasure to be part of. Thank you, you make the Festival what it is!"

In 2015 two of our customers gave the following online Facebook reviews:

- Judith C. said "Great venue, great quality beer and an extensive range. Well organised too, thank you. p.s. refreshing to find quality food, too"
- A.J. Norton "First time at beer festival and loved it cant wait for next yr some top beers and top ppl too"

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Gillian Hough – NWAf Organiser





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Festival set to Rock the Roundhouse



Hot Red Chili Peppers



Stereosonics



Muse-Inc



CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival returns to the Roundhouse with a Entertainment line-up that surpasses all others as 4 Top Tribute acts (Red Hot Chili Peppers, Stereosonics, Muse and one to be confirmed) perform over the 4 nights of the Festival making it probably the best one ever.

The Festival all kicks off on the Wednesday night when **Hot Red Chili Peppers**, a tribute to the Red Hot Chili Peppers take to the stage performing a best of set from the American Rockers. The Chili's themselves will be headlining Reading & Leeds Festivals in 2016 so to have their tribute on opening night is a great way to start the Festival.

Thursday will see the **Stereosonics**, a tribute to Stereosonics performing a great selection of their very best songs from all 9 albums including their recent No.1 album 'Keep the Village Alive' which is sure to get everyone singing along to some great anthems.

Then Friday night will witness **Muse-Inc**, a tribute to one of Britain's biggest bands of the moment, Muse whose recent album Drones shot to number 1 just like their previous 4 albums. Their live performances are legendary which includes 5 sold out nights at the Millennium Dome in April 2016, so to have their tribute on at this time is a real coup and with the support provided by Old Skool punk rockers, **Verbal Warning** it should be a cracking start to the weekend.

Finally Saturday will see another Top Tribute act which was still being finalised as we went to press who will close the Festival out in style. And with various local support bands over the 4 days adding to the line-up the National Winter Ales Festival is going to be the only gig in town and one sure to rock your winter. See you down the front.

Gal Galahad

For further information on the Entertainment including news on the Saturday Night band check out the website nwaf.org.uk or e-mail winterents@derbycamra.org.uk



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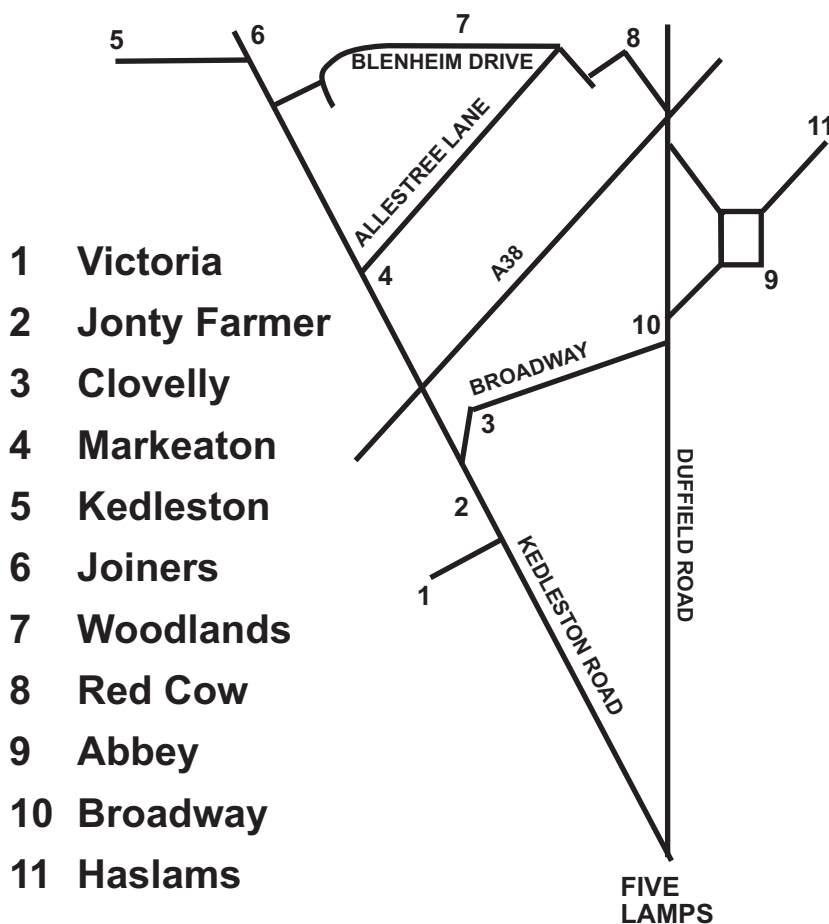
From Caesar To Cloughie, This Area's Seen It All

The 1956 Bemrose map of Derby shows much of the area north of Broadway to be farmland. This soon changed, however, when George Wimpey built the huge Allestree estate, and Derby Drinker sought an overview of the area from local resident and regular columnist, Paul Gibson.

Heading away from Derby, up Duffield Road, the **Broadway** is at the junction with the road of the same name. The building was originally a Darley Abbey mill manager's house but converted to pub use in the 1930s. An off-licence was sandwiched between the lounge and bar, and it was here, early one evening in 1977, when calling in for a drop of Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale, that none other than a tracksuited Brian Clough and his coaching



Broadway



staff were gathered in the bar. Mr Clough was by then, of course, Nottingham Forest manager, but still living at nearby Ferrers Way, Allestree. A few years later, under Norman and Brenda Graves' stewardship, the tripartite layout was swept away in a radical remodelling, and the popular pub is now owned by Ember Inns who also operate the Markeaton. Pedigree and a good choice of changing guests come with 20p a pint discount to CAMRA members. As a footnote, I'm slightly surprised that the raised, south facing area on the Broadway side hasn't been developed into a patio, especially as access doors already exist.

Continue along Duffield Road and turn first right down Mile Ash Lane to the bottom of Darley Abbey village where the Derventio brewery is flourishing. Darley Abbey is steeped in history, and the Romans who were here owned water mills. In the 1950s, Darley Abbey was under the auspices of Belper Rural District Council and the council planned to demolish the old cottages on Darley Street. One of these was a 15thC former outbuilding to the 12thC Augustinian Priory, once regarded as Derby's premier religious establishment. Boundary changes saw Darley Abbey





ceded to Derby Borough Council and, thankfully, the redevelopment plan was dropped although Darley Hall was, sadly, demolished in 1962. Ripley architect, Michael Wood, oversaw the painstaking restoration of the aforementioned outbuilding and the **Abbey** opened to universal laudation as a freehouse in 1979. For the first time, the village had a pub and in the mid-1980s, Tadcaster brewers, Samuel Smith, purchased the Abbey which now serves the distinctive Old Brewery Bitter at a bargain £1.80 a pint. The rare and expensive, bottle-conditioned Yorkshire Stingo is sometimes available but it comes at a price: £9.46! For the famished, food is served in the Undercroft Bar and Hall Bar at first floor level; both are not to be missed for their wealth of interesting architectural features.



Across the weir and past the renovated mills of this World Heritage Site, **Haslam's**, the home of Derby Rugby Club, serves real ale but opening hours are irregular.

Exit the village via Church Lane, turn right onto Duffield Road and then leave the island for King's Croft before turning right into St Edmund's Close. The **Red Cow** has long been rooted in Allestree village history and a single storey extension replete with colourful, leaded glass windows was added in the 1930s. Further modernization in the 1980s saw the bar turned into the lounge and vice versa with the loss of an



intermediate room, but with a dining room added to the rear. Today, the bar in the extension has a pool table instead of a pianist who generated sing-alongs, creating a jovial atmosphere. Beers of choice are Greene King IPA, Hobgoblin, Pedigree and Draught Bass; the food menu is aimed at family dining.

Down Robin Croft Road and turn right at the bottom into Birchover Way which continues into Blenheim Drive where the **Woodlands** occupies a large plot. This was the last pub to



be built by Offiler's in 1965 before the Derby brewery's demise the following year, and little seems to have altered since I was an underage drinker here in 1971. The off sales has gone, however, creating a huge bar with two dart boards and a pool table. "Offies" in pubs were commonplace before cheap supermarket beer rendered them redundant. Draught Bass and Pedigree (or Abbot) at £2.50 a pint are complemented by very reasonably priced food and Sky Sports attracts football followers. In the summertime, seating at the front is handy for catching a few rays.

Continue along Blenheim Drive before turning right into Askerfield Avenue and turn right at the bottom onto Kedleston Road. Just before reaching Quarndon, Kedleston Road bifurcates and by taking the left hand fork, the **Kedleston Country House** soon hoves into view. Reopened in August 2015 after considerable expenditure, internally it is unrecognizable from its previous incarnation as the Kedleston Hotel. Multiple rooms, some set aside for fine dining, include an impressive Orangery in this Robert Adam designed Georgian building. Derby Brewing Company has been the catalyst in its regeneration and, accordingly, half a dozen DBC beers and a





Joiners Arms

guest feature in the small bar area. Beers are priced around the £3 mark which is very reasonable given that this is more country house than public house.

The **Joiners Arms** in a leafy setting on Church Road, Quarndon, is the oldest and last surviving of five village pubs. The Joiners derives its name from the carpenters who patronised the pub whilst working on the construction of Kedleston Hall. It now focuses strongly on its innovative food offering but still retains a homely ambience with traditional décor, comfortable furnishings and subdued lighting. The restaurant with decorative foliage was very busy when I called and the sub-divided, large L shaped barroom had a bank of handpumps dispensing Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Taylor's Landlord, Pedigree and Old Speckled Hen.

Head back down Kedleston Road, towards Derby, stopping at the **Markeaton** on the corner of Allestree Lane, which was originally named the Allestree Hotel when built in 1938. Internally, there's no semblance of its inter-war design which had multiple rooms radiating from the bar servery. Now, although essentially open plan, it manages



Markeaton

to retain some intimacy through irregularly shaped cosy corners away from the main bar which serves Brakspear Bitter, Pedigree, Draught Bass and a brace of changing guests. CAMRA members receive 20p a pint discount, and a large garden is an added attraction in summer.

Further along Kedleston Road, heading into Derby, is the cream painted **Jonty Farmer** opened by Wolverhampton and Dudley brewery in 1987. Originally two rooms, but now knocked through into a huge, family friendly L shaped arrangement with tasteful furnishings and décor. A pool table occupies one corner and a dart board another, whilst a card school had gentlemen casting an eye on the BT Sports screen. Fayre includes a "little monster" menu and students receive 20% discount. A quartet of Marston's Pedigree, New World, Banks's Sunbeam and, a nod to real ale lovers, York Brewery Dr Rudi, were available. Marston's was taken over by W&D in 1999 but such is the strength of the Marston's brand that Banks's Sunbeam is the only vestige here of the West Midlands' association. Outside, a pleasant sunken garden with children's facilities, affords privacy from the busy road above. Opposite stands a care home, the older part of which



Clovelly Hotel

was originally the John Stretton brewery; large scale brewing of beer finished in 1916.

Licensed premises in the locality that have slipped into history include the handsome, late Victorian **Clovelly Hotel** at the bottom of Broadway. Latterly, prior to demolition, the Clovelly was run by the late Roger Pearman a former Middlesex cricketer and Derbyshire Cricket Club Chief Executive. Integral to the Clovelly was a split level real ale bar, Sobers, which alluded to the great West Indian cricketer and was a clever play on words. Befitting of Roger's cricketing background, there was some wonderful sporting memorabilia on display including a scorecard from the famous 1956 Ashes Test Match in which England spinner, Jim Laker, took a world record 19 Australian wickets.

Nearer Derby, just off Kedleston Road, stood the **Victoria** on the corner of Cowley Street and Watson Street. With attractive architecture commensurate with the period and well patronised, it was something of a shock when the lavishly appointed Bass house closed several years ago. The building has been converted into flats.

The short lived **Key Largo** at the Park Farm shopping centre, Allestree, is now the Royal Raj restaurant. Also here was the **Park Farm Hotel** (now a health club) with its subterranean, inauthentic Pothole bar, whilst, on Duffield Road, the long gone **New Inn** stood in front of Frank Brown's garage.

So there you have it; medieval, inter-war and post-war pubs, all part of the rich fabric of north Derby.



The Jonty Farmer



Victoria Pub



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LAST ORDERS

John Bilbie Saved Classic Pub From Demolition

After the late John Bilbie bought the Holly Bush, Makeney, the suitor he outbid at auction later said he would have bulldozed the 17thC pub (source *Derby Telegraph* 9th November).

John Bilbie

The sad news reaches us of the passing of John Bilbie, 84, owner of the current Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year, the Holly Bush, Makeney.

John bought the classic, National Inventory listed pub in 1979 and it first featured in the Good Beer Guide two years later when it served the rare and revered Ruddle's County.

In the early 1980s, the adjoining cottage was purchased, providing another characterful room in which to imbibe.



Between 1981 and 2016, only six editions of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide have excluded the wonderful old inn which started life as a farmhouse and still bears its Offiler's signage at the rear. Indeed, it's quite conceivable that in days of yore, the area now occupied by the conservatory was the front of the Holly Bush.

Latterly, John lived next door and would often enjoy a drink in the pub's cosy snug. Our condolences go to John's family.



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Branch News

Pub News

It has been brought to the attention of the sub-branch that the **Yew Tree** at Ednaston suddenly finds itself under threat of permanent closure from mid-January as the owner wishes to convert it into a private residence. This has come as a bolt out of the blue as the pub is popular and thriving at the moment. Regular customers and some local residents have already banded together to form a group expressing a desire to keep it open as a pub and have set off down the path of registering it as an Asset of Community Value. We have offered our assistance wherever it may be needed and propose to hold a branch meeting there to show support, although the indicated closure date may necessitate an extra meeting prior to that.

At the start of December, The **Smith's Tavern** in Ashbourne was one of a very small number of pubs to get hold of a cask of the recreated Charrington IPA, brewed at the National Brewery Centre at Burton on Trent by Steve Wellington. The one-off experience was well received by those who were able to sample it.

Autumn Pub of the Season

The **Vernon Arms** at Sudbury was named as the Autumn Pub of the Season and a certificate was presented by the chairman to landlord Rob, who has instigated some fresh changes to the pub since he took it over in the summer. Congratulations to Rob and his team.

Pub of the Year

Our Pub of the Year competition is now in process and our four 2015 seasonal winners will be shortlisted, together with two other nominated pubs. The result should be available in time for the next edition.

Diary Dates

**All meetings start
at 8pm**

Tuesday 26th January

Branch meeting - venue
subject to confirmation

Tuesday 22nd February

Branch meeting - will be
held at the
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Cider

with Suzie



As 2015 draws to a close I look ahead to the festivals in the early part of the New Year. Manchester Festival, from 20th - 23rd January is always worth a visit; it has an excellent cider bar. But four weeks later, from 17th - 20th February the National Winter Ales Festival comes to Derby Roundhouse for the third year. Running a cider bar here is a challenge; firstly cider is competing with a terrific range of beers, some of them seasonal and many of them strong, although this shouldn't distract the dedicated cider drinker.

The second problem is the time of year. Cider is made in the autumn when the fruit is available, and generally the 2015 pressing isn't ready for drinking by the following February. Indeed, I would certainly prefer not to drink "young" cider, it tastes thin and one dimensional because it hasn't undergone a secondary (technically malolactic) fermentation. This only takes

place once the ambient temperature reaches 15 Degrees C, usually not achieved before April, so the cider isn't ready until April / May of the year after it was pressed. Therefore most of the cider which will be on sale in February is 2014 vintage; this isn't a problem because cider will easily keep that long in good condition, it's just that some cider makers plan to run out year to year so there may be less choice. Incidentally I'm not a fan of "vintage" ciders. Provided it is kept airtight cider will keep for 2 or 3 years or even longer; I just don't think that it continues to improve, so keeping it that long isn't worth the trouble.

Despite the above we will have a fine selection of ciders and perries at National Winter Ales, as last year split between two bars, one in the main hall and the other in the music marquee. Two local cider makers who have both set up recently deserve a mention. At Oakfield Farm, Stanley there is

Taste the Orchard Cider and at Eastwood there is Sisson & Smith. Both have shown considerable ingenuity in getting together the necessary equipment and both have established an impressive network of local sources for their fruit. Both are genuine small-scale local producers, well worth a try.

A large part of the bar will feature ciders and perries from the West Country and I will just pick out a couple of them. In Herefordshire, just south of Leominster in Newton Court. This is a working farm where cider has been made for many years. They have extensive orchards supplemented by local fruit and all their output is organic. They have recently come up with catchy names too, Gasping Goose Cider and Panting Partridge Perry; there is also a farm shop if you are in the area. Another cider maker enjoying considerable popularity at the moment is Sheppys. Situated on the A38 between Taunton and

Wellington, the centre there features a shop and cider museum. It is a pretty big set-up compared with many cider makers, too commercial for some, but they own extensive orchards and have a commitment to maintaining them.

I'm sure you are aware by now that following a motion at CAMRA's AGM earlier this year ciders and perries containing fruit (proper fruit, not flavourings) other than apples and / or pears can be regarded as "Real" and therefore sold at CAMRA Festivals. We had a few of these at the Summer Festival earlier this year and they were so popular they had to be rationed. So this time you can look forward to more flavours, strawberry, raspberry, cherry, even ginger, rhubarb and elderflower to name just some of them. February can be a bit of a miserable month, but not with National Winter Ales to look forward to. Put the dates in your diary.

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WikiCAMRA#2 – WHAT IS THE NATIONAL BEER SCORING SYSTEM?

WikiCAMRA#1 (see Derby Drinker No 164 in derbycamra.org.uk) described how pubs are selected for the CAMRA Good Beer Guide based on scores for beer quality submitted by CAMRA members. This article explains the National Beer Scoring System (NBSS).

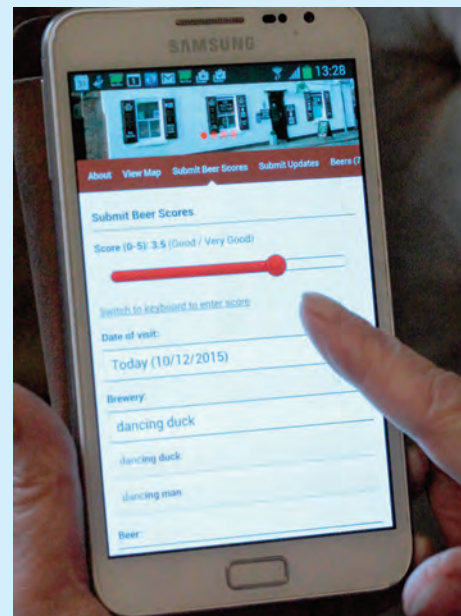
All members are encouraged to score the quality of the real ale they drink every time they go to a pub. By doing this every member can help the campaign, without a lot of effort, and, hopefully, with a lot of pleasure!

The easiest way to score is by using the fantastic WhatPub? website (Whatpub.com) on a smartphone, or PC, etc. You just sign in as a member, find the pub and open the 'Submit beer scores' tab. The rest is self-explanatory. Alternatively, you can submit scores to the local Pubs Officer (eg, for Derby Branch, pubsofficer@derbycamra.org.uk). Either way the scores go into a national database.

Scoring is for the quality of the beer, not personal preference, and not for the quality of the pub. It's on a scale of 0 to 5 (half points are allowed):

0. **No real ale**
1. **Poor** - Beer that is barely drinkable; you'll want to change to a different brew or move somewhere else.
2. **Average** - Competently kept, drinkable pint; doesn't inspire in any way, but it may not be worth moving to another pub.
3. **Good** - Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub and stay for another pint.
4. **Very Good** - Excellent beer in excellent condition.
5. **Perfect** - Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

To be in the Good Beer Guide, pubs need to be consistently scoring three and above for all the beers they have on offer. Pubs with a long line of handpumps can be let down if there's a dodgy pint on one of them.

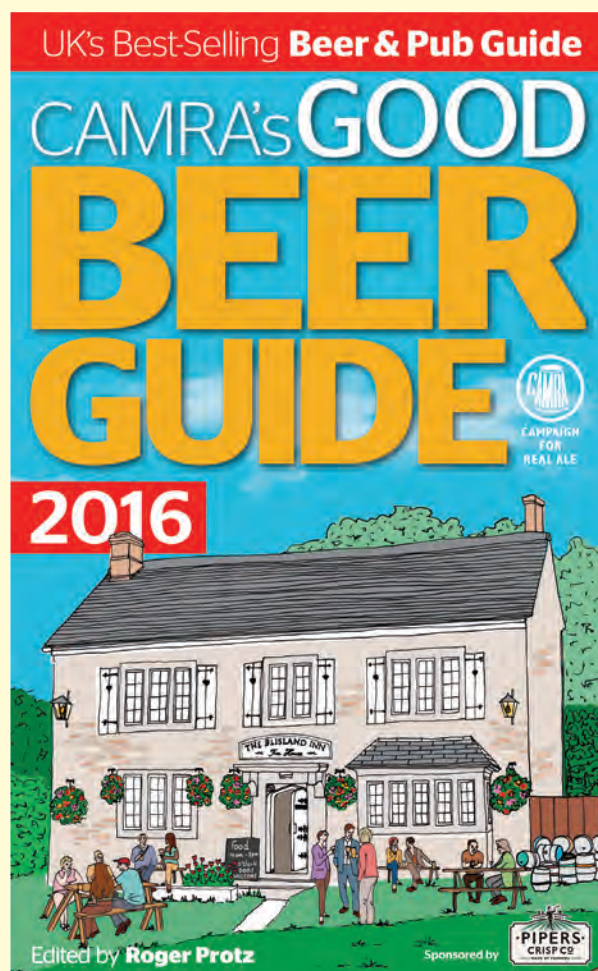


New Good Beer Guide On Sale Now

The 2016 Good Beer Guide is now out and is 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.



New Derby Pub openings

Steamin into Alvaston

After successfully taking on the Wilmot Arms in the Chaddesden area of Derby the Leicestershire-based pub company Steamin' Billy have now taken on their second pub in the City, the Coronation in the Alvaston area.

The Coronation like so many other pubs in the suburbs looked like it had finally closed for good with its future uncertain. Re-development or demolition looked on the cards particularly when a developer won the bid to buy the pub. Thankfully however they pulled out paving the way for Steamin' Billy to move in and acquire the premises.

And now after a complete refurbishment the pub is open again serving the local community once more. The originally layout has been kept with two long rooms either side of a central bar and a massive wood-fired pizza oven has been installed in the middle of the pub. Outside at the rear a decking area has been installed and the large garden should prove a real haven in the summer.

The Pub takes its name from the year it was built 1953 (Coronation of the Queen) and is being run by Chris Allingham who is the brother of Company founder, Bill Allingham and Leatherbitches brewer, Ed Allingham whose beers will appear at the pub.

As for the beer up to eight real ales will be served, 6 were on during my visit including 2 nice Christmas beers - Leatherbitches Bad Santa and Brewsters Ho, Ho, Ho. Food will be served lunchtimes and evenings including the aforementioned pizzas which are available to take away. It is also family and dog-friendly.

The pub opens 11.30am - 11.30pm every day and is reached by public transport on the Arriva 1/1A from Derby Bus Station. Get off on London Road somewhere near Wisgreaves Road and walk down it carrying straight on to Severn Street and at the bottom roundabout junction with Baker Street you will see the Coronation.

We wish Steamin' Billy every success in their new venture and hopefully if all goes well they may rescue another neglected pub in the area as they are always on the lookout for such pubs.



buck the trend

3 recent pub openings in Derby proved a welcome respite from the tide of pub closures throughout the area.....
Gareth Stead went to have a look

Breakfast at Tiffany's



Well not quite but the re-opening of the Crown & Cushion on the junction of London & Midland roads in Derby has seen it re-named the Tiffany Lounge.

Why the Tiffany Lounge I hear you ask, well it's not because the new owner had a fascination with the 1970's Tiffany's nightclub on Babington Lane, that's for sure. It is because he adores Tiffany Lamps. And if you are wondering what one of those is, its a type of lamp with a glass shade designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and widely copied since. The Lamps came in several categories one of which was the Transition to Flowers group which followed a nature or botanical design

using flowers, dragonflies, spiders with webs, butterflies and peacock feathers. And it is a dragonfly which has been adopted as the pubs new logo appearing on the external signage. Indeed some of the internal light fittings in the pub also resemble the Tiffany Lamps.

The new owner is Dinesh Joshi who will be running the place with help from his brother and family. Dinesh hails from Leicester and was always struck by the grand external appearance of the pub on his visits to Derby and thought it a real shame if the building which dates from 1853 was lost or knocked about and converted. Hence he decided to

keep everything as it is and just spruce up both the outside and inside. So the two rooms remain around a central bar with a smoking area being created towards the rear.

The Ale is Dinesh's baby and he was keen to keep it on having worked for several breweries including Shepherd Neame & Wychwood. So keen in fact he even gave me a tour of the huge cellar which has been cleaned up and renovated. He will be looking after the Ale himself and on my visit the Rocking Rudolph was in fine form, Doombar was on as well and two other Christmas beers were due to come on. He hopes to keep a good selection on at all times, trade permitting and is free to choose any ales he wishes. The pub was originally a Mansfield Brewery pub later taken over by Marston's.

Opening hours are going to be based on a 'see how it goes basis' but are planned to be Wednesday to Sunday evening to start with and will increase as trade picks up. So who knows we may eventually get a Breakfast at Tiffany's and I'm sure Holly Golightly (played by Audrey Hepburn in the film) would have approved of the new surroundings. We wish Dinesh and the Pub well.



Bridge over the Waterside

The Bridge Inn on Mansfield Road in Derby has undergone a major refurbishment and has been renamed the Waterside Inn.

The pub's location on the banks of the river Derwent right next to St Mary's bridge with its 14th Century Bridge Chapel is one of the best in Derby. During hot sunny days crowds flock to it so that they can sit by the river with a pint or two taking advantage of the glorious weather. Somehow though this never quite transferred to other times despite several makeovers over the years.

With its latest look they are hoping people will be attracted back in again to its pleasant and refurbished surroundings. As well as a complete external paint job with new livery and signage the inside has been spruced up and new furniture put in place. The layout is essentially the same as it was before with the upstairs lounge overlooking the river set out for diners. They are going to offer a gastro, artisan menu in the evening alongside the normal pub



fare at lunchtime with two meals for £12. Live sport is also shown in the bar area. The pub had Doombar and Ruddles Country on my visit although there is scope for so much more and perhaps the introduction of a regular local microbrewery beer may attract a few more Ale fans into the pub. They also offer a 10p off a pint Camra Discount. Future plans include a complete revamp of the

outside drinking area with a bar and a barbecue hut being created once the flood defence works on the Derwent are completed. Opening hours are 11am-11pm (Midnight Fri & Sat).



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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

First of all, the branch is very sad to report that John Bilbie, long-time owner of the Holly Bush at Makeney, our 2015 Branch Pub of the Year, has passed away at the age of 84. In 2013 the branch awarded John a long service award for his long standing ownership of the pub and his support of real ale over the years. In the photo alongside, he is pictured receiving that award from Branch Chairman, Chris Rogers.

Branch POTY

The nominations stage closed on 11th December after which the top 8 were shortlisted and the judging round commenced. This ends on Sunday 28th February and the winners will be announced at the branch AGM on 17 March at The Pear Tree in Ripley. We would like as many judges as possible - you must be a CAMRA member though not necessarily of Amber Valley. You have to commit to visit each pub once during the judging period and send in your scoresheet by e-mail or post. To express your interest and receive further information, please e-mail yankees57@outlook.com and you will be sent a form listing the 8 nominated pubs together with updated guidance notes from CAMRA. We hope all judges enjoy taking part and helping to select a worthy winner and runner-up in this prestigious annual branch award.

If you are a branch member not currently receiving our e-mail circulations, it may be that you didn't register an e-mail address

when you originally joined CAMRA. If you'd like to be added to the circulation list to receive important branch news, please send an e-mail to yankees57@outlook.com with your name, membership number and e-mail address.

Burton-on-Trent trip

On Saturday 21st November Chris Rogers led a branch social around some of the best real ale pubs in Burton, including 2 very new micro pubs, The Fuggle and Nugget which had opened the previous weekend and The Middle Earth Tavern which had only opened the previous evening. Both were very cosy with a good selection of beers and ciders, and we wish them every success for the future.

Heage Windmill "Trouble At Mill" appeal presentation

During our late November branch meeting, held at the Spanker Inn, nether Heage we were delighted to present a cheque for £348 to Tony Cooper of Heage Windmill Society towards the restoration appeal - see photo. This amount was raised through cash donations and unused beer tokens during our beer festival in September. The windmill, which is featured in our branch logo, is facing a repair bill of over £90,000 after a maintenance check revealed severe wet rot in major structural components. The Friends of Heage Windmill have currently raised £18,500 towards these repairs; for more information, visit www.heagewindmill.org.uk



John Bilbie RIP,
late of The Holly
Bush, Makeney



Heage Windmill presentation

Branch Diary

- all meetings start at 8pm

Monday 11th January

Beer festival meeting, The Talbot, Ripley

Thursday 26th January

Branch meeting, The George and Dragon, Belper

Monday 8th February

GBG2017 selection meeting, Hunter Arms, Kilburn

Monday 16th February

Beer festival meeting, venue- see What's Brewing

Thursday 25th February

Branch meeting The Thorn Tree, Waingroves



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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

It's been a busy few weeks for the active members of the Erewash Valley branch, with three excellent socials and two significant pub openings!

Social Reports

On **Saturday 14th November**, after meeting in The Dragon, Nottingham we made our way to Ruddington, primarily to visit the newly acquired Nottingham Brewery pub, The Frame Breakers (ex Bricklayers Arms), where we received a pleasant welcome - many thanks to Phil and his staff for arranging the sandwiches, plus needless to say a good range of Nottingham and guest beers. After a tour of the other pubs in the village (undertaken in pouring rain!) we made our way back to Nottingham, where some of us stopped off at The Dispensary (Embankment), Trent Bridge, the newly-opened Castle Rock pub, for another good selection of beers. A great day out - thanks to the 20 members who attended, two of whom travelled all the way from Boston!

On **Thursday 26th November**, the 'Last Thursday Mobile Social' crew headed for Canning Circus in Nottingham, where the delights of the Organ Grinder, Falcon and Sir John Borlace Warren were enjoyed before the group decamped to the Barrel Drop. And for those not fond of the citrus goldens, there were plenty of darks to be had at every pub!

On **Saturday 5th December**, our regular annual Christmas trip took us to Leeds, our farthest-flung jaunt ever, where the group managed to visit all of the pubs as planned. Although extremely busy in the city centre (we didn't realise it was match day) the outlying pubs were a little quieter and more pleasant. Highlights were Whitelocks in Turks Head Yard, one of Leeds' oldest pubs, and the Duck & Drake, a good old unspoilt Victorian pub. Leeds is a great city for a pub crawl (although maybe not on match days) and is so easy to access by public transport.

Pub News

The first of our new Erewash Valley branch pubs is the **Canalside** in Ilkeston, which was formerly known as the 'Good Old Days'. We have been

kept abreast of developments at this previously-closed hostelry by new owner Tony Rooney who has regularly attended our branch meetings as he and his team prepared the pub for the re-opening, which subsequently happened on Sunday November 15th. Situated on Station Road in Ilkeston - not far from the Dewdrop Inn, the branch's reigning Pub Of The Year - the Canalside will feature a wide range of real ales, many of them from local breweries.

The other new arrival on our patch is the **York Chambers**, Long Eaton's first micro pub, which opened to the public on December 11th. Situated in a Grade II listed building which has more recently housed a series of cafes, the pub follows the one-room format beloved of the 'new wave' of micros. Operated by the same businessman responsible for the Chequered Flag in Castle Donington, the York Chambers is open daily until 10pm (slightly later on Friday & Saturday, Sunday hours tbc) and is planning to offer a varied range of up to 8 cask beers and several real ciders, all served by gravity dispense.

Elsewhere on the pub front, it was reported that The **Needlemakers** in Ilkeston, having been closed for refurbishment and the fitting of 4 handpumps, has re-opened, with initially 2 cask beers being available, and more promised, including a real cider. The experienced new tenants are Adrian & Sonia Clarke, and opening hours will be 11.30 - 11.30 everyday.

The General Havelock, Stanton Rd, Ilkeston, failed to sell at auction, while we await developments at the **Gallows Inn** Ilkeston, which was recently purchased by a motor group, but is reported to be available for lease. There are also promising noises concerning the **Half Crown** in Long Eaton, which although closed and swiftly boarded up, is apparently also available for lease.

Two of our local Wetherspoons pubs - in Heanor and Long Eaton - are reported to be on the market, as going concerns. Micropub lovers will be interested to know that the new room at the **Burnt Pig**, Ilkeston, is now open for business.

Future Meetings

All branch meetings are held on a Monday starting 8.00pm. We endeavour to get the 'business' element over as expeditiously as possible, to allow general discussion to break out!

On **Monday January 4th** our meeting will be at the Canalside in Ilkeston, courtesy of Tony and his wife Jas.

On **Monday 1st February** we are at the Inn in the Middle, Langley Mill, and on **Monday 7th March** the AGM is scheduled to be at the Spanish Bar, South Street, Ilkeston.

Future Socials

No official branch outings are currently planned, although a trip to Lichfield is on the agenda. However, The 'Last Thursday Mobile Social' on **January 28th** will be visiting micro pubs (three of them!) in Burton upon Trent - all welcome to join us!

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

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.

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

Hogarth's, Ilkeston - 10p off pint.

Navigation, Breaston - 10p off a pint.

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

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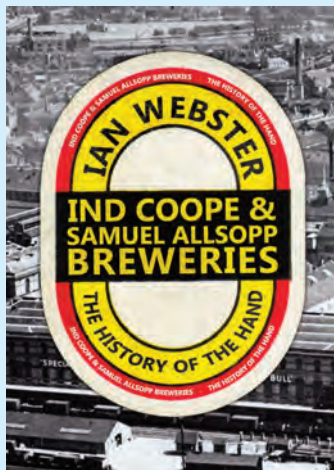
Canalside opening - Landlord Tony Rooney (right) with some of the guests on the opening day



York Chambers - Erewash Valley branch members on the opening night

Ind Coope & Samuel Allsopp Breweries: The History of the Hand

A new brewery history book has just been launched at the National Brewery Centre in Burton upon Trent written by Ian Webster.



Book Cover (email)



Dual
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The book charts the fortunes of two Burton upon Trent brewing giants: Samuel Allsopp, founded in the town in 1742 by Benjamin Wilson (Senior) and Ind Coope, who expanded to Burton upon Trent from Romford in 1856. Events detailed include the early years under the Wilsons, the Baltic Trade, Allsopp's India Pale Ale, Arctic Ale, prosperity and growth in the mid-Victorian era, the disastrous stock market floatation of Samuel Allsopp & Sons Ltd, hardship in the early twentieth century and the merger and rebirth as Ind Coope & Allsopp Ltd in 1934.

The post-war years saw the development of strong brands including Double Diamond, Long Life and Skol. Further mergers led to the formation of Ind Coope Tetley Ansells Ltd in 1961. Renamed Allied Breweries Ltd in 1963, this was followed by a period of unprecedented growth. In the 1980s the company underwent a major streamlining reorganisation. In 1990 Draught Burton Ale was CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain. A merger with Carlsberg in 1992 formed Carlsberg-Tetley Ltd, and the name Ind Coope was slowly phased-out, the site eventually being sold to rivals Bass in 1997.

Researched from the extensive company archives and other literature, this book not only deals in historical fact but brings the story to life, with anecdotes about brewery life that are often humorous and candid, taken from numerous



Author Ian Webster

interviews with ex-employees ranging from directors and managers through to operators on the brewery floor.

On the launch night itself Ian hit upon the idea of bringing back another Ind Coope beer, Dual Diamond which is as close as possible to bottling Double Diamond without infringing old licenses and copyright. The 4.5% beer brewed by Old Cottage was eagerly supped by the 120 plus crowd of ex Ind Coope workers who literally drank the bar dry of 13 1/2 gallons. And due to popular demand it has been in other pubs around the area as well including the Chip & Pin at Melbourne.

The book is available to buy at £12.99 and can be obtained from thehistoryofthehand@gmail.com or by ringing 01283 299484.

Photos in the article above are by Ian Webster & Annette Webster.



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Burton Ale on Trent

Burton upon Trent's latest Real Ale ventures both opened with a few days of each other in November and Derby Drinker popped along to have a look.

You may remember the article we did on Burton upon Trent in Derby Drinker issue 162 available to view online at www.derbycamra.org.uk when we reported on the new openings in the Town which had started to make Burton a good Real Ale destination to visit. The article ended by mentioning two future Micropubs that were in the pipeline, well we are happy to report that both are now open.

The first to open on the 17th November was the **Fuggle & Nugget** on the High Street

towards the Burton Bridge Brewery end of the Street and is set in a former hairdressers. Like most Micropubs it is a one room affair with the beer served straight from the cask in the cellar which is visible through a glass window. 4 Real ales and 2 real ciders were on during my visit and I tried a tasty pint of Dark Side of the Moose from Purple Moose Brewery. The Ale choice will mainly come from microbreweries. The pub itself is very pleasantly done out with some nice eclectic touches and Jane Laws and Shaun Rose are

your hosts having been inspired by the Cask & Pottle in Tutbury. Opening times are 4.30-9.30 Tue & Wed, 12-2.30 & 4.30-9.30 Thu, 12-2.30 & 4.30-10 Fri, 12-10 Sat, 12-3 Sun although these will be reviewed once a pattern of trade is established.

The second Micropub to open was the **Middle Earth Tavern** on the 20th November owned by the Derby based Middle Earth Brewery. It is located in former coal yard offices which are part of the old Midland Grain Store opposite the Railway Station. Head straight for the Travelodge and you can't miss it, either descend the steps to the left side of the railway bridge or follow the road around to the main entrance. The building itself is lovely and quaint and unusual for a Micropub there are 2 rooms. One is a cosy sitting room called the Hobbit Hole and the other contains the bar where 2 pumps dispense Middle Earth beers plus at least 2 other guests straight from the cask, cider is also available and Freedom Lager. Carla & Steve Twells who run the brewery will also be running the pub with help now and then from various Camra members. The initial opening times are 5-9 Wed & Thurs, 5-10 Fri, 12-10 Sat & 12-4 Sun although again these may change with trade.

Burton has certainly improved immensely with these two new additions and it looks like things haven't finished yet as while walking down from the Railway Station on Station Street a sign in the window of one of the small shops proclaimed 'the **Last Heretic** Micropub opening soon' apparently this will be about February. I also heard talk of a further Micropub on the High Street being planned so there seems no end in sight to this Real Ale Pub revolution in Burton making for a cracking day out and with Burton being easily reached from Derby by Train or X38 & Villager buses there is every good reason to visit.

Gareth Stead



Fuggle & Nugget



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Middle Earth Tavern



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It's all over!

Well it's all over! The Third Matlock Beer Festival is now done and dusted. The event could not have worked without the fantastic team effort among the volunteers involved. Thank you gents, and ladies!

Our new location at Matlock County Hall has proved very popular, with over 1300 people attending over the two days, and the venue being drunk dry by about 10:00pm on the final day. Even the reserves casks... the ciders, the wines, and the drivers pop.....

Most of the feedback received so far has been extremely positive, with many saying the new venue (County Hall) was superb, as was the entertainment provided

over the two days, and the fantastic array of beers (when they were available) was near perfection in a glass. The Thorn Tree's delicious catering got special mention a number of times too. (And I can vouch for the Feta, spinach and squash pie myself).

Beer of the Festival was a close one, but edged by Bumpmill Thunder Road, a 4.4 ABV dark amber traditional premium bitter, brewed in Derbyshire of course!

We have a few things to work on to make next year's festival even more of a success, so here's looking to an even better MAD Beer Festival 2016. *Hope to see you there!*



Before the Beer Ran out - MAD Beer Festival 2015



Inside County Hall - MAD Beer Festival 2015



Snarlin Beavers - MAD Beer Festival 2015



Afternoon entertainment for Darley Dale Brass Band - MAD



The Balcony Bar - MAD Beer Festival 2015

MAD Annual review...

If you think CAMRA is just about a few chaps having a jar in a branch meeting down the local every now and again, well there's quite a bit more to it than that in Matlock! As well as those particular events (on every third Thursday of the month), MAD CAMRA has been in action both at home and away quite a lot in 2015.

The sad demise of Ian Lefley's bus earlier this year has had zero effect on the event-laden MAD calendar. Social trips outside the county are now usually undertaken via rail with enjoyable day trips to Wakefield, Nottingham, Huddersfield and Stockport in the bag. May 2015 saw the annual trip round a dozen excellent (CAMRA nominated) pubs in Derbyshire (yes, all of it) to

nominate the braches candidate for Derbyshire Pub of The Year. While we went to all four corners of the county, it was the Old Poets Corner in Ashover, just up the road that won it!

Beer festival outings in 2015 - including volunteering - saw many of us descend en-masse to Burton (Town Hall), Chesterfield (Winding Wheel), Staveley (Barrow Hill Roundhouse), Birchover (Druids), and Derby (Both for the National Winter and Derby Summer festivals). And let's not forget the huge turnout of over forty members, volunteering their own time to ensure the third Matlock festival, this time at County Hall, was a roaring success. There will be a helper's trip via coach in the new year, with the date to be confirmed. (Watch the website).

Local walkabouts occur regularly in the summer, and this year featured

Matlock Bath in June, Jeff's yomp around the Dales in July, and Rick's shorter 'Slalom' down Matlock Bank in September. Further social trips to Thornbridge Brewery and Nottingham (so good we're going twice) are in the pipeline.

Chesterfield branch have often extend their invites to Matlock and it's always good to meet up with old friends. I'm already looking forward to their annual Brampton Mile crawl during the Xmas break!

Oh, and there are monthly meetings too - And that's where the above event ideas were bought to life....

Try a meeting. Try an event. Try everything once! Except the obvious two things in the (very) old joke, which I can't tell here - A bit too controversial. You'll have to Google it.

Tony Farrington

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

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Druid Inn

Main Road Birchover

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MAD Branch Diary

Saturday, 2 Jan 2016, from 12:41pm

MAD New Year Celebration

Vat and Fiddle, then others, Nottingham

O come ye to Nottingham on Saturday 2nd January with MAD CAMRA and friends. New Year's Eve is so passé, when was the last time you had a great time on 31st December? No I cannot remember either. So why not join us to bring in the new year in true MAD CAMRA style with a day out visiting a selection of great pubs in Nottingham city centre? There are 10 pubs in the current CAMRA Good Beer Guide all within walking distance of the railway station, some with interesting histories and architecture, all with great beer! (You're not obligated to go to all!) If you're looking to bag a bargain in the January sales, look no further as 7 of the 10 pubs offer discounts to CAMRA members! The plan is to catch the 11:37 train from Matlock which arrives in Nottingham at 12:41, for those with alternative travel plans, meet us in the VAT and Fiddle at 13:00 (A couple of minutes' walk from the station).

Thu, 21 January 2016, 20:00 – 22:30

MAD AGM

Druid Inn, Main St, Birchover, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2BL
AGM to commence at 8.00pm to be followed by the monthly branch meeting. Taxi transport is available from Matlock at 7.15pm, contact Peter B 07791159526 peterb56@hotmail.co.uk for details.

Fri 5 – Sat 6 Feb 2016

Chesterfield Beer Festival 2016

Winding Wheel, 13 Holywell St, Chesterfield S41 7SA
Tickets now on sale. The prices are the same as previous years.
Friday / Saturday lunchtime session £5.50 (11am - 4pm)
Friday / Saturday Evening session £6.50 (6.30pm - 11pm).

Thu, 18 February 2016, 20:00 – 21:30

MAD Monthly Meeting

The Thorn Tree Inn, 48 Jackson Rd, Matlock DE4 3JQ



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Ale Trail Presentations

During May, June and July 2015 on the run up to the City Charter Summer Beer Festival on the Market Place, Derby CAMRA ran an Ale Trail around a number of pubs within its Branch area. Quite a few people took part with the reward for the completion of the Trail being free entry to the Beer Festival and some complimentary beer. They could also mark each pub on the Trail, the result of which saw the **Alexandra Hotel** in Derby take the honour for the Best Mild Pub for the second year running while the **Furnace** in Derby was declared winner in the Ale category also for the second year running. Organiser, Mark Fletcher and Chairman, Martyn Reek were on hand to present the awards to the winners (see photos) and declared the Ale Trail another success which would be back in 2016 bigger and better than ever.



Alex Presentation



Furnace Presentation

Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year shortlist announced

After votes from its members during December, Derby CAMRA has announced its shortlist of Pubs in contention for their prestigious Pub of the Year Awards. The runners and riders for the awards are:-

CITY:- Alexandra Hotel, Brunswick Inn, Furnace Inn, Golden Eagle and Old Bell Hotel.

COUNTRY:- Chip & Pin at Melbourne, Royal Oak at Ockbrook and the Boot at Repton.

These Pubs will now be judged over the coming weeks to determine winners and runners-up with the results announced at the beginning of February. Derby Drinker will report on these next time but congratulations to the pubs involved for making the shortlist.

Annual Beer Capital Census

Derby is renowned throughout the Country for the sheer number and quality of Real Ales available which help it earn the title, 'Real Ale Capital of Britain' per population head year on year. To maintain this status Derby CAMRA organises its Annual Beer Census every January to determine how many Real Ales are available on any one given night. Last year there was 329 counted with 200 different ones.

This year's ABC crawl will take place on **Friday 29th January** and will cover almost 70 pubs in and around the City Centre covered by eight different routes. If you would like to join us on the night then details of each crawl will appear on the website

www.derbycamra.org.uk

closer to the time or contact us by e-mail ABC@derbycamra.org.uk for further details.



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)
Windmill (Oakwood)

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)



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

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



CAMRA Discount Pubs

All over the Country there are hundreds of pubs offering discounts to card carrying CAMRA members and these trailblazing pubs deserve your support.

Look out for the posters in these pubs to see what's on offer. Below you will find a list of discounts available in the local area, if you know of others that are not listed here then please get in touch.

► DERBY, SURROUNDING AREAS & AMBER VALLEY

Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Bell & Castle, Derby	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Waterside 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
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
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Bowling Green, Ashbourne	10% off a pint
Lawns, Chellaston	10p off a pint and 5p off a half
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The Dragon, Willington	20p off a pint
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Windmill, Oakwood	10% off a pint
Lamb Inn, Melbourne	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
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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
Cross Keys, Ockbrook	10p off a pint
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
Royal Oak, Wetton	40p 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, we will advertise your pub through this column in every edition of the Derby Drinker and on the Derby & National CAMRA websites.

A welcome return to the Ripley Real Ale fold!



Old Cock Inn

When I first started venturing into pubs in the Ripley area, around 1968, there were plenty to choose from, at least 35 if you include Waingroves and Marehay. Since those days, as in pretty much every town in the UK, that number has been greatly reduced, with some pubs in Ripley becoming businesses, some houses or blocks of flats, and one of two being demolished. Nowadays, there are at least 16 pubs in the area serving Real Ale, so still plenty of choice, including two of which have made a welcome return to the cask scene in the past 12 months.

The first pub where I could count myself a regular customer was the Cock Hotel, which was situated on the corner of Church Street and Nottingham Road. I consumed my first legal pint in the Cock, just after turning 18 in 1969, having supped a fair number of illegal ones prior to that (I was tall at 17, so could get away with it!) The Cock was a comfortable pub in those days, served a decent pint, and it was there that I first saw a Space Invaders machine, old hat nowadays even if they still exist, but very much a new innovation in the 70's.

While the Cock has never really gone away, it hasn't been much like the 60/70's bar my friends and I knew and loved over the years, and has had a few name changes, the most recent being the Association night club, which is still there. However, in December 2014 the **Old Cock Inn** opened its doors,

serving up to 5 Real ales at competitive prices – a couple of us enjoyed a pint of Dancing duck each for under a fiver, and some ales cost less than £2 per pint – and soon attracted customers both old and young. It always seems to be busy at the Cock. Live music, bar snacks and an excellent wine list make the Cock a must-visit on the Ripley pub scene again. The opening hours are 11-late every day, so there's plenty of opportunities to call.

I downed my second legal pint, again after a fair few illegal ones, just around the corner

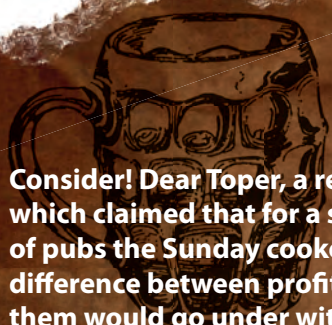
from the Cock at the Cross Keys, on Grosvenor Street. Always serving decent ale, the Cross Keys was a popular busy pub throughout the 70's. The juke box was probably the best in the area for those who enjoyed hard rock and weren't put off by smell of leather, and I spent many happy hours there over a period of 10 years or so. But, like the Cock, things changed at the Cross keys – including its name, which became Chasers and then the Old Wreck, which was its name until 2015. The absence of any Real Ale meant that it wasn't on my visiting list, but all that changed in May when, after a brief closure for refurbishment, it reopened as **the Keys**, almost a return to its former name, and better still serving a couple of cask ales, either Pedigree or Hobgoblin and always Keys bitter, brewed specially for the pub by Ilkeston Brewery North Star and priced at a very reasonable £1.75 a pint – I can vouch for its quality! The keys is a very welcoming, comfortable pub, which has a function room and perhaps the best skittles team in the area – they win the league every year anyway. The opening hours are, 11-midnight Mon-Fri, 11-1am Sat and 12-1am Sun.

It's good to see both the Cock and the Keys making a comeback as Real Ale venues, whether any other former Ripley pubs follow suit remains to be seen- some of them are still intact as pub buildings, so you never know!

Trevor Spencer



The Keys



Dear Toper...

Consider! Dear Toper, a recent newspaper article which claimed that for a steadily increasing number of pubs the Sunday cooked-lunch trade is the difference between profit and loss, and that many of them would go under without it.

Whilst I am, needless to say, pleased that some hostelries which otherwise might have ceased trading will survive, I am also surprised that so many people in so-called "austerity-hit Britain" can afford to dine out on a regular basis. However, truth be told, I suspect that many of them can't, and go without other things (like paying the rent) to pay for their weekly microwaved "pub dining experience." An old (very old) acquaintance of mine avers that the cause of this strange development in human behaviour lies in that decade of political mediocrity the 1970's (the era of Glam Rock, and we all know where that led!) when some politically-correct zealot decided that it would be a grand idea to abolish domestic science classes (cookery lessons) in state schools. He claims that the result of this half-baked (if you'll excuse the pun) manoeuvre is that we now have a generation of woman who can't cook and don't know what constitutes a good wholesome meal, which is presumably why they are so happy to eat the sort of reheated microwaved trash that passes for Sunday lunch in so many of our pubs. The old curmudgeon further maintains (whenever he gets a chance) that this basic lack of womanly skills might also explain why there are so many one-parent families for the taxpayer to support, and says that, "It stands to reason that women who can't

Pass the Stomach Pump

cook are hardly likely to attract a long-term partner – let alone a husband!" And to reinforce his point often quotes the old saying, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."



Having gotten into his stride he then goes on to proclaim to anyone who is prepared to listen, "It is bad enough that 'Generation Slattern' can't cook, but they also seem devoid of the concept of household hygiene, which might explain why in so many modern, dust-encrusted households – where the carpets smell of sweaty feet and the bedroom floor is the repository for a month's-worth of dirty laundry – the allotted place for the overflowing, seldom-emptied, stinking cat-litter tray is in the kitchen, where on rare

occasions food is prepared, or more likely, taken from its local takeaway wrapping."

Happily there are plentiful exceptions to his rule, and I am sure that many young and irate women reading this are excellent cooks and have a husband (or a succession of them) to prove it. They are the sort of women who go to the pub for what it was intended – good ale, good company and stimulating conversation. They know they are the equal of men (or better) and they don't have to imitate them in male dress, slovenly habits and boorish behaviour to show it. Here's a Happy New Year to real ale and real women (but not necessarily in that order).

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:

JANUARY

Wed 13th - Branch Meeting - Thomas Leaper, Derby - 8pm.

Fri 22nd - Survey trip - Borrowash / Ockbrook Area. By Free Mini bus. 7.30 pm depart from the Quad.

Fri 29th - Annual Beer Census crawl around Derby

FEBRUARY

Fri 5th - Survey trip - Alvaston (Steamin Billy) & Chellaston. By Free Mini bus. 7.30 pm depart from the Quad.

Thu 11th - Branch Meeting - Alexandra, Derby - 8pm.

17th - 20th - National Winters Ales Festival - Roundhouse, Pride Park, Derby.

MARCH

Thu 10th - Branch Meeting - Olde Spa, Derby - 8pm.

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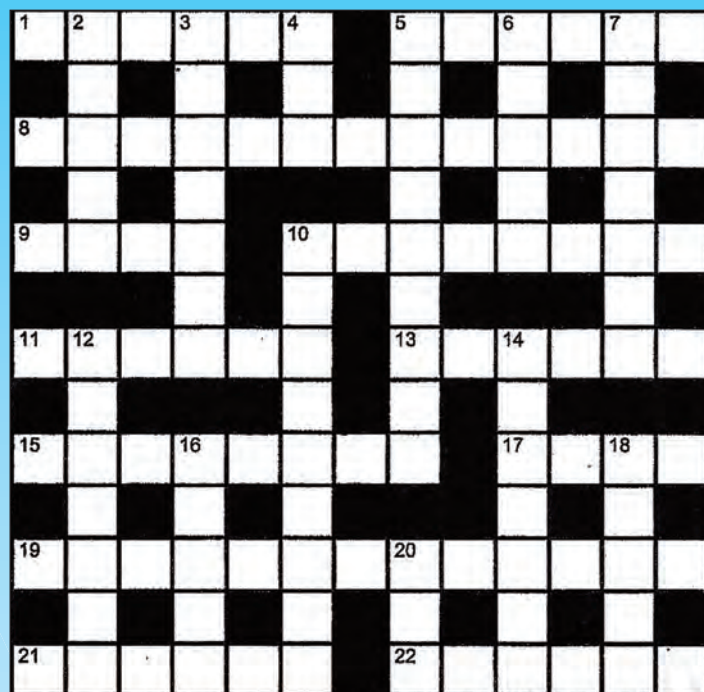
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Crossword

No 49 by Wrenrutt

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

Crossword winner is
Brian O'Kane
from Ceredigion
picked up at the
Nags Head,
Reading



Across

1. Belgian city where De Halve Maan beer is brewed (6)
5. A man kept by a wealthy woman (6)
8. Derby Wetherspoons pub based on a plot and Rams anagram (9,4)
9. Isle of Wight port the Beatles once audibly had a ticket to get to (4)
10. Roaming footballer from Wolverhampton (8)
11. Someone who misuses drink, jugs or people (6)
13. Book back amongst a regiment is isolated (6)
15. Ancient monument starts with Cromwell then lechery (8)
17. Each could create a dull pain (4)
19. Village near Buxton where its pub sign is a beheaded woman, therefore quiet! (4,9)
21. Of the two evils is this the one to prefer? (6)
22. Red Rum running backwards? That's a crime! (6)

Down

2. Bread yeast is prepared in beast (5)
3. 2000 of these make a classic horse race (7)
4. Gas supplied with a dip if reversed (3)
5. Lancashire brewery whose bitter is considered locally as "reet gradely" (9)
6. Raged about a standard (5)
7. A young sheep and hospital department together generating a warm glow (7)
10. A saucy city county town (9)
12. Anger in a pub could create a barrier (7)
14. Me and 'er could wander about if looked at differently (7)
16. Superior whiskies (5)
18. Manchester's famous orchestra (5)
20. A strange spirit (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 48 Answers

Across

1. See 10 ac
5. SCRIBE
8. DOW BRIDGE DARK
9. REAL
10. OLD POETS CORNER
11. TEASED
13. RUBBLE
15. MONOTONY
17. OLAF
19. PIGEON FISHERS
21. MALADY
22. ERRING

Down

2. OZONE
3. NIBBLES
4. ROI
5. SAGE DERBY
6. RADIO
7. BORSTAL
10. OLD RODNEY
12. EROTICA
14. BROTHER
16. OPERA
18. ARRAN
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