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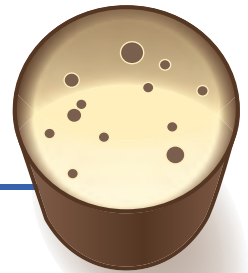


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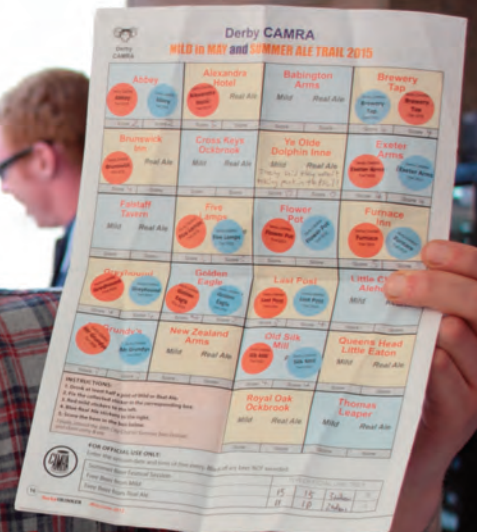
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Details of both fabulous events inside and loads more ►►

39th Derby City Charter

Beer Festival

THE **DEMISE & RISE**
OF BREWING IN DERBY

July 6 – 10 2016

The City Charter Beer Festival is almost with us again and this year will be featuring and celebrating the wonderful breweries we now have in the city. At the time of writing there are fourteen and many more in the rest of county. Contrast this with fifty years ago when Offilers brewed its last and left the town without a commercial brewery, although a few pubs continued to brew their own. The festival and some of our local brewers will be commemorating the demise of Offilers. We can be sure that the best of the Offilers tributes ale and recreations will be featuring at the festival.

But the focus of this year will be on the exceptional brewers and breweries we now have in the city, a skilled band of men and women dedicated to producing some of the finest ales in the country. Whatever your choice of beer, it be pale or dark, strong ale or session ale, traditional or innovative, it's brewed in Derby and we hope to have a cross section of all of them available at the festival. Our beer orderers and cellar team are working hard on the arduous task of seeking out, tasting and rating brews to make sure we have the very best selection at the festival.

This is not just a Derby Beers Festival, but the Derby Beer Festival so there will be many beers new to the city and some old favourites from around the country. The selection process is still underway, but rest assured the selfless beer tasting, all in the interests of research of course, is going on to ensure a wide range of styles and taste will be gracing the Market Place Marquee come July 6th.

It's not just cask beer of course there will be the usual range of bottled beers from around the world, ranging from pale Pilsner style lagers to coal black porters. A number of tried and tested favourites and a smattering of new and interesting brews from around the world will be available for your drinking pleasure. Maybe you'll find a new favourite to seek out on foreign trips instead of mass produced eurofizz.

If beer is not your thing then there is still reason to come along and try some of our selection of the best ciders and perries from near and far, hailing from traditional cider and perry producing areas and new producers around the country and county. There will be a range of styles available, dry to sweet and



some with additional fruits to add to the flavour.

As if this wasn't enough the ever popular mead bar will be back with us, under new management and promising a new range to try, including, we hope, some locally made Mercian Mead.

Add to this top quality entertainment, food and soft drinks and all looks set for yet another fabulous festival.

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07909 967142 if you have any dietary or mobility issues you wish to discuss.

Keep up to date with news of the festival at derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival/, facebook derbybeer festival, twitter @Derbycamra or download the free 2016 City Charter Beer Festival App, available soon.

Paul Whitaker



Real Ale Heroes - A gathering of Derby Brewers at the National Winter Ales Festival

Brewery Bars at City Charter Beer Festival

Appropriately two local breweries celebrating significant anniversaries will have their own bars at this year's festival. Derby brewing pioneers, Brunswick, and the ever popular Derventio will be featuring a range of their excellent beers and perhaps a few surprise specials.

The Brunswick Brewery have reached the milestone of 25 years brewing at the famous old pub on Railway Terrace. Originally only supplying the pub its beers are now much more widely available in the trade and always a welcome sight on the bar in an unfamiliar pub. A selection of their ever-popular range is bound to be on offer with special commemorative brews also on tap.

Derventio reach ten years brewing this year and after initially being based just outside the city at Trusley have now settled into larger premises in Darley Abbey. The current location is close to the site of the Derventio Roman fort from which it takes its name and the inspiration for the names of many of its beers. In Roman times brewing would be one of the trades located outside the fort, so maybe a claim could be made to be heirs to a 2000 year-old brewing tradition. Expect a range of their most popular brews, the tenth anniversary special Anno X and maybe a surprise or two.

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CITY CHARTER BEER FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE ON THE MARQUEE STAGE

A wide range of live musical genre awaits festival goers with music every session to go with the wide range of beer. Presenting all the best of Country, Rock, Pop, Jazz, Folkrock, Brass & Ska. Friday & Saturday evenings can get rather crowded if you want more room to move around try Thursday & Friday afternoons.

HERE'S THE FULL LINE UP

Wednesday (opening night)

Zephyr4 brings an evening of 60s English rock with all the hits of the Liverpool & Manchester bands that took the musical charts by storm. Using much sought after original & replica instruments & amplifiers to give that unique sound & a night of nostalgia, their song list is a long one including The Beatles, The Mersey Beats, The Searchers, and The Hollies.

The ever popular **Ripley Morris Men** will dance 2 sessions of their annual beer festival display of Cotswold dances. These guys danced at the first beer festival – about 700 years ago.

Thursday

Nottingham based band **Loaded Revolver** play a broad band of guitar driven music. The wide experience of the band gives a high level of flexibility that many bands envy. Energy abounds as twin lead guitars rip through all the classical rock covers such as Bad Company, Quo, Sabbath, Lizzie, G&R to modern stadium fillers as Foo Fighters, Stereos, Manics and much more :enjoy the journey.

Steel Threads: an original 3 piece folk rock band playing their unique blend using guitar, violins, bass and vocals – always tend to pull the crowd and are quite a reputation around the Midlands.



Friday

Ska Britannia the UKs premier live 6 piece Ska band pull in this gig between their heavy schedule of seaside venues throughout the summer. A Ska party ensures music from such as The Specials, Bad Manners and of course Madness.

Liquid Brass are not a brass band in the traditional sense and actively attempts to avoid the stereo type image with a programme of rock, pop and jazz arrangements it's not unusual for the performance to encourage audience participation.

Saturday

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

Radio Mary Folk rock band that blends with various musical influences with broad appeal to more than just a single generation of music lovers. Always a favourite at the acoustic festival of Britain.

MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOONS

Thursday & Friday afternoons

Brookside jazz & the Ivan Ball band play the music of the 20s to the 60s, Chicago, mainstream dance band with plenty of foot tapping trad jazz.

Saturday

Southbound a country rock/Americana band leading with vocal harmonies, guitar, banjo, violin, double bass perform timeless classics that captivates audiences who like to come together for fun, to dance and enjoy life with a glass of ale.

Sunday

Yet TBA

Have a good festival
Terry Morton



Offilers' Brewery - A Brief History

To many people Offilers will be no more than a name from the past, something dad and granddad talked about. Indeed to have (legally) drunk any of their products one would have to be nearly 70 years old, so here is a potted history of the brewery.

George Offiler started brewing at the Vine Inn in Whitaker Street in 1876, selling at the pub and off sales from a horse drawn cart. By 1884 business had expanded sufficiently for him to buy the old Ordnance Depot on Ambrose Street from the Star Tea Company. Brewing finally ceased at the Vine in 1887, but the name lived on as the Ambrose Street premises became the Vine Brewery.

By 1890 Offilers owned around 50 pubs, mostly in Derby and in 1896 bought the Cavendish Bridge Brewery in Shardlow and settled on the familiar chess piece trade mark. This replaced the star they had been using up until then, possibly reusing the existing tea company logo. From then on the brewery steadily expanded acquiring more pubs in the area, the biggest seller by around 6:1, being Nut Brown.

Offilers were regular contenders in Brewers' Society competitions, but won only one gold medal, in 1925, for their Best Bitter, subsequently renamed Golden Bitter. The brewery's annual

report explained that they could not enter their best selling Nut Brown as there were only two classes, below 1039 OG and above 1039 and they did not brew anything below 1039.

Things carried on in much the same way as ever, except for disruption during WWII, until the 1950s when the brewing industry began to experience major changes. Fewer places on the board were filled by family members, investment was needed to replace plant, supply accounts were lost and larger, predatory brewing companies were looking to expand.



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By the early 1960s mass produced pale beers were being heavily promoted to newly affluent young men, Nut Brown appeared old-fashioned and Golden Bitter was perceived, fairly or unfairly, as an inferior product. Lack of investment made competing with the big brewers even more difficult and in 1965 the company was sold to Charringtons, which became Bass, itself later swallowed up by a multi-national.

Brewing came to an end on 30 September 1966, the site being used as a distribution depot until it was finally closed in 1968. Demolition took place two years later to make way for a supermarket. It is now home to a variety of shops, with most of the site used as a car park. There is no indication of its former use, the only possible visible remnant is a short section of brick wall in the delivery bay, and sadly no reproducible photographs.

This article is a condensed version of the work of **John Arguille**, with additional material from reports published in the Derby Telegraph.

How Things Have Changed

Derby Breweries Through the Ages.

100 Years Ago

Three breweries

Altons, The Wardwick;
 Offilers, Ambrose Street;
 Strettons, Ashbourne Road and Nottingham Road.

50 Years Ago

One brewery (just)
 Offilers until September 1966.

Now

Brunswick, Railway Terrace;
 Dancing Duck, Payne St;
 Derby Brewing Company, Nottingham Road;
 Derventio, Darley Abbey;
 Falstaff, Silverhill Road;
 Hartshorns, Alfretton Road;
 Littleover, Shaftsbury Street;
 Middle Earth, Uttoxeter New Road;
 Mr Grundy's, Ashbourne Road;
 Rowditch, Uttoxeter New Road;
 Shiny, Duke Street;
 Titan, Agard Street;
 Wentwell, Mansfield Road;

Drawings courtesy of Reg Newcombe



*Offilers' front offices on Ambrose Street, just before demolition in 1966. This was the very last of Offilers' Brewery: the production plant, which extended far behind, had already gone. **Derby's last independent brewery** was acquired by Charrington's shortly after brewing ceased, mainly for the tied estate of 238 houses, which in turn went to Bass to make that beer the most widely available in and around Derby.*



*Offilers' first brew-house behind The Vine in Whitaker street, before removing to the old Ordnance Depot in Ambrose Street in 1884. It was still called **The Vine Brewery** but now had eight fermenting vessels instead of one, capable of producing 500,000 gallons annually.*



THE DEMISE & RISE OF BREWING IN DERBY

Fabulous Falstaff Flies Flag For Normanton



Population change and the relocation of the Rams away from the Baseball Ground have, sadly, decimated Normanton's pub scene. There is, however, a glorious survivor in the shape of the Falstaff on the corner of Society Place and Silver Hill Road. Licensees, Jim Hallows and Steph Briggs, celebrated the 13th anniversary of their tenure here on 1st April, and given the plethora of Derby breweries today, it's remarkable that the Falstaff's only city competitor when brewing recommenced in 2003 was the Brunswick.

It's believed that this was the last coaching inn built in Derby and the architecture that characterises the late Victorian era is here in all its splendour. Originally, there were letting rooms and stabling to the rear for two horses; the bar servery in the Offler's lounge is in the erstwhile entrance lobby that features a stained glass door and side glazing.

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this unique room, packed with visual and historical interest, one not to be missed. Outside, the focal point of the hidden courtyard is an art sculpture made of scrap metal in memory of a biker who has sadly passed away.

Falstaff beers are brewed on site, and the regular trio of Fistful of Hops, Smiling Assassin and Phoenix (dark) is augmented by a fourth; 3 phase, Everest or a monthly special brew. Falstaff's bespoke brewery bar at February's National Winter Ales Festival generated considerable interest in the pub's brewing operation, and over 100 nine gallon casks of Falstaff mild have been ordered by pubs participating in

CAMRA's long standing "Make May a Mild Month" campaign. Currently, pubs across five counties are supplied with Falstaff beer.

Ok, this isn't the easiest Good Beer Guide pub to find, but the intrepid are rewarded with a brilliant, rare survivor which is spotlessly clean throughout, and where a tenner will buy you 4 pints of good, own brewed ale.

Paul Gibson

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Branch News

Pub of the Year

As reported in the last issue of DD the **Old Dog at Thorpe** is the Branch Pub of the Year and a presentation took place recently (see photo). It now goes on into the Derbyshire South round of the competition competing against the winners of Amber Valley, Derby, South Derbyshire and Erewash CAMRA.

Pub of the Season

The Spring Pub of the Season winner is the Smith's Tavern in Ashbourne.

Pubs news

The Horns, Ashbourne – Pam is leaving with effect from Monday 4th April. It is not known who is to take over.

The Coach & Horses, Ashbourne - It is reported that the management are about to leave the pub but again no details on who is to run it.

The Ostrich, Longford – It has been reported that it is about to re-open. It is understood that the licensee of the Red Lion at Hollington is to oversee at least the initial re-opening period.

The Vaults, Ashbourne – Is now open again and serving beers from Shiny Brewery at £3 a pint.

Plans have almost been finalised for a **bottle shop bar/cafe** with craft keg ales to open in Ashbourne – the prospective operators have not yet released any final details but it could be open before the end of May and will be in the ex-Dining Room restaurant (formerly the Green Dragon pub).

There is a strong rumour of a **micro-pub** being opened in Ashbourne in the former Chinese takeaway on Market Place – the branch will continue to monitor for firm information.

Branch Beer Festival

It is hoped to get final confirmation of the details soon but provisionally the dates are Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th September in Ashbourne Town Hall.



Old Dog POTY Presentation

Diary Dates

**All meetings start
at 8pm**

Tuesday 31st May
AGM

Ex-Servicemen's Club, Ashbourne
(upstairs committee room)

Saturday 11th June
East Midlands Regional Meeting –
Ex-Servicemen's Club (12 noon)

Tuesday 28th June
Branch Meeting
The Okeover Arms, Mappleton



Real Ale Capital

- Derby Does It Again

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

The census took place in February and involved 8 different pub crawls around the City which saw a **record number of Real Ales** available on any one given night. **334** were counted (up 5 on last year) with **213** different ones available (up 13 on last year) and these came from just 63 pubs averaging over 5 Real Ales per pub.

In total 71 pubs were visited, 4 were shut and 4 had no real ale. **10 pubs had 9 or more Real Ales** on and leading the way was the Brunswick (19), Alexandra (16), Babington Arms (16), Flowerpot (16), Five Lamps (14), Standing Order (12), Old Bell (10), Brewery Tap (9), Furnace (9) and Peacock (9).

Marstons Pedigree is still the most dominant brand in the City available in 28 pubs (down 4 on last year) with Bass gaining some ground in 18 pubs (up 4 on last year) and Sharp's Doom Bar slipping back to 17 pubs (down 6 on last year). But local ales are well represented with beers from 12 of the City's breweries widely available - Brunswick, Dancing Duck, Derby, Falstaff, Frontier, Hartshorns, Littleover, Mr Grundy's, Rowditch, Shiny, Titan and Wentwell. Beers from other breweries around the area were also well represented - Blue Monkey, Black Hole, Black Iris, Burton Bridge, Castle Rock, Leatherbritches, Magpie, Peak Ales, Raw, Thornbridge and Whim to name a few.


The average price of a pint was found to be £3.07 (10p up on last year). However in reality a lot of pubs were way above the £3.10 a pint mark with some now regularly topping £3.20. The dearest pubs on the circuit were: The Friary and Mansion Wine Bar (both averaging £3.60 a pint) and the Tiffany Lounge & Tiger Bar (both averaging £3.50 a pint). The cheapest were the Abbey at Darley Abbey (averaging £1.80 a pint) and the Falstaff (averaging £2.48 a pint) both

pubs cheaper than Wetherspoons remarkably. The dearest pint of the night was found to be a whopping £3.80 at both the Alexandra Hotel (Elland 1872 Porter) and the Old Silk Mill (Springhead Roaring Meg). The honours for the cheapest pint went to the Abbey where Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter was £1.80 a pint (a whole £2 less than the dearest pint !!). One pleasing aspect however was the wide availability of CAMRA discount on pints and half's bringing the average price down to a more affordable level.

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

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



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Now that spring is well and truly with us cider makers (and cider drinkers) come out of hibernation, ready to sample the 2015 vintage. Last autumn was warm and wet, producing a bumper crop of apples, so we should have some pretty decent cider. Although it's still a little way off, you can get ready for the main cider event of the summer in Derby, the Derby Festival, to be held from July 6th to 10th, again in a marquee in the Market Square. The cider corner will be in the same place as last year, although we will be sharing with mead. I've never tried cider and mead together, but it might just work. We will be bringing you a selection of Derbyshire ciders, certainly Woodthorpe Hall Rubie Suzie, Ashover Summer Berries and, of course, Three Cats.

Most of the cider and perry will be from the traditional cider making areas of the West

Country. Herefordshire is the top place for perry and we will have Dunkertons, Gwatkins and Newton Court. It is arguable, but I still think the best place for cider is Somerset. We will have Hecks Kingston Black, Orchard Pig Hogfather, Sheppys and Westcroft Janets Jungle Juice to name but a few. Welsh cider making is going from strength to strength, and no bar should be without Gwynt y Ddraig. We will have their Welsh Warrior cider and Two Trees perry, as well as one of my favourites, Rosies from Wrexham. Another of my favourites is Winkleigh, from Devon. We will have their Autumn Scrumpy and a new venture for them, Sam's Blackcurrent.

Of course, cider straight from the fermenter is dry to bone dry, the yeast having converted all the available sugar to alcohol, so you can argue that dry is its natural state. It's just that the majority of customers don't like

drinking it like that, so most cider is sweetened up to some extent. Still, we will have some really dry cider. Chant from Somerset (the old Frank Naish farm) is an example of traditional cider as is Carey Organic made on a totally organic farm in Herefordshire. Olivers is a multi-award winning cider maker, we will have dry versions of his cider and perry.

At last year's summer festival we had fruit flavoured ciders for the first time at Derby, and they were so popular they had to be rationed. Accordingly we have increased the fruit cider order this year very significantly. We will have Barbourne Strawberry from Worcester, Double Vision Cherry from Kent, Snail Bank Ginger and Weston's Rhubarb from Herefordshire, Double Vision Elderflower Perry from Kent and plenty more besides. I'm also planning a foray into Cambridgeshire so that you can try Pickled Pig Porkers

Snout, Hubz'Ang Over (very popular last time we had some), and a new cider maker to Derby, Glebe Farm.

That isn't by any means everything on offer, but it should be enough to whet your appetite. There is, however, a chance to drink cider in Amber Valley before that. From Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June, held at Belper Rugby Club almost directly opposite Strutts Centre is Belper Goes Green. There will be a good selection of Real Ales (30) and eight ciders / perries. Apart from a local contingent the cider / perry will be from Herefordshire and Somerset. The event is open on Friday evening and then all day Saturday and Sunday. It has lots of stalls demonstrating green ideas, a music program with a variety of styles and entry is free to all sessions! It's a good day out for all the family.

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Forty Short Years at the Barley Mow

The year is 1975. After driving around Kirk Ireton in the dark looking in vain for an inn sign, this young man finally finds the Barley Mow. I had been tipped off about this unique, one roomed boozier, and, upon entering, I feel like I'm almost stepping back to a bygone age.

I walk across the stone flagged floor to a small serving hatch where after ordering a pint of Draught Bass straight from the cask, the barman (Luke) tells me to "pay the lady in the corner". Here sits a little old lady, Mrs Ford, who is the licensee and aged around 90; she counts my change in pre-decimalization (LSD) terminology. Her cash till is actually an old biscuit tin!

Clearly then, it was the end of an era when Mrs Ford died shortly afterwards, and the Jacobean pub, with a sun dial

dated 1683, faced closure and an uncertain future. In 1976, Ashbourne architect, Anthony Short, bought the





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Barley Mow at auction for £26,500 and promptly opened two delightfully traditional rooms to the public. These two extra rooms had previously been part of the private living quarters; one had a quarry tiled floor, the other a lovely parquet floor. The main bar is, however, the focal point and the stillage has casks of Whim Hartington IPA together with three guests from small breweries and a tub of traditional cider. An open fire, low, beamed ceiling and slate topped tables create an authentic olde-worlde feel. Mary Short is happy to make cobs to order but this is no foodie pub.

Letting rooms were re-instated and, today, an outbuilding doubles as post office and village store. Lilian Ford was the daughter of the previous licensee, and, since 1884, there have been just four licensees.

I also frequented the Bull's Head (now September Cottage) in the village, which, I recall, was in complete contrast to the Barley Mow with a carpeted lounge and fizzy Allied Breweries offerings only. It closed many moons ago, as did the other three pubs that once slaked the thirst of Kirk Ireton villagers.

The Barley Mow isn't the easiest pub to reach by public transport but you can catch the Trent Barton 6.1 which will drop you off at the bottom of Wood Lane on the main Wirksworth Road, after Ildridgehay (travelling from Derby). Walk up Wood Lane, and then the steep Hob Lane, to the Barley Mow which is about one and a quarter miles from the B5023. Bus times vary so check Trent Barton's website.

Alternatively, you could stay here in one of the letting rooms and use Kirk Ireton as a central base for exploring the glorious countryside or the triangle of interesting towns; Ashbourne, Belper and Wirksworth.

Pubs such as the Barley Mow have all but ceased to exist – catch it while you can.

Paul Gibson

The Barley Mow Inn, Main Street, Kirk Ireton, DE6 3JP. Ordnance Survey grid reference SK266501. Opening hours 12 – 2 and 7 – 11 (10:30 Sunday)



The White Hart comes on in leaps & bounds

Stanley Village in Derbyshire lies about half way between Derby and Ilkeston on the road from Oakwood and its one pub the White Hart has been enjoying somewhat of a renaissance recently after a period of apathy and closure.



Stanley itself is a pleasant, little, rural village whose main industry was coal mining until the closure of Stanley Colliery in 1959. It is recorded in the Domesday Book as 'Stan Lei' and the settlement probably had its origins in Anglo Saxon times. Some bits of it like the Church of St Andrew date from the 12th century and still contain some Norman remnants. And next to the church is a well preserved thatched cottage with timbers dating back to the 15th century and is thought to be one of the oldest examples of a "cruck" timber framed cottage in the East Midlands. Nearby Stanley Grange Farm contains parts from the 17th century and was twice raided by Parliamentary forces during the English Civil War.

The White Hart lies in an elevated position in the middle of the Village and its striking white buildings stands out from the surroundings. It was originally converted from old cottages and was at one point virtually a hunting lodge for the Earl of Harrington of Elvaston Castle who spent time and money with the locals. Internally it has many interesting features including a beamed ceiling and stone fireplace while externally an attractive conservatory and large garden area offer some great views over the rolling Derbyshire countryside.

The new licensees are Gareth Wheatley & Emma Oldershaw who took over in August 2015 from interim landlord, Matt Feeney who had been filling in since May when the old landlord did a moonlight flit. Matt who is the landlord of the Malt in Aston-on-Trent got the

place up and running and started the process of getting the locals to return again before handing over to Gareth & Emma. While it is Emma's first pub having come from a managerial background Gareth ran the Bridge Inn (now Waterside Inn) in Derby for a short time from October 2014 to April 2015. He took on new chefs and designed a new menu and tried pushing new things but by his own omission it was a massive task as the pub wasn't nearly busy enough to maintain the product range. It has taught him not to take anything for granted though.

Both were keen to start a new venture together and formed a company, Derbyshire Hospitality and after looking at places in Derby City Centre and surrounding areas, fell in love with the White Hart. After being taken on by Punch they set about transforming the pub with input from the locals who provided ideas and suggestions. Gareth says "The people of Stanley and surrounding areas have been great. They've supported us and given us plenty of ideas. We're not experts, nowhere near, but have the passion and enthusiasm to put things into practice once we hear something we like."

They have added 2 ale handpumps serving 3 Real Ales - Abbott, Pedigree and St Austell Proper Job and would like to add more if trade increases. These have been supplemented by a range of bottled ales. They have also added a premium lager (San Miguel), more wines (4 x white, 2 x rosé, 2 x reds) and a range of single malt whiskies. The re-introduction of a proper food menu was

also essential and was launched in February 2016 focusing on traditional pub foods and light bites options and a new summer menu is currently in the pipeline. It seems to be going well too as plenty of people came in to eat while I was there early evening enjoying my pint of Proper Job and It was nice to see the pub being used again as it really should be at the heart of the community. All too often we have seen pubs lost recently through lack of support and there are now many villages without such a facility. Indeed Stanley used to have two and the Bridge Inn (now a private dwelling) lies just down the road on Stanley brook still with its Ind Coope sign swinging merrily in the wind.

The White Hart also has an upstairs function room available to hire FREE (booking essential), a large car park and it is family and dog friendly. It also features live music and holds a quiz night. The opening hours are Mon - Thu: 12:00 - 23:00, Fri - Sat: 12:00 - 00:00, Sun: 12:00 - 23:00. It can be reached from Derby on the Black Cat bus or No.11 but watch the services in the evening as they tend to be infrequent. For any further info check out the pubs website:

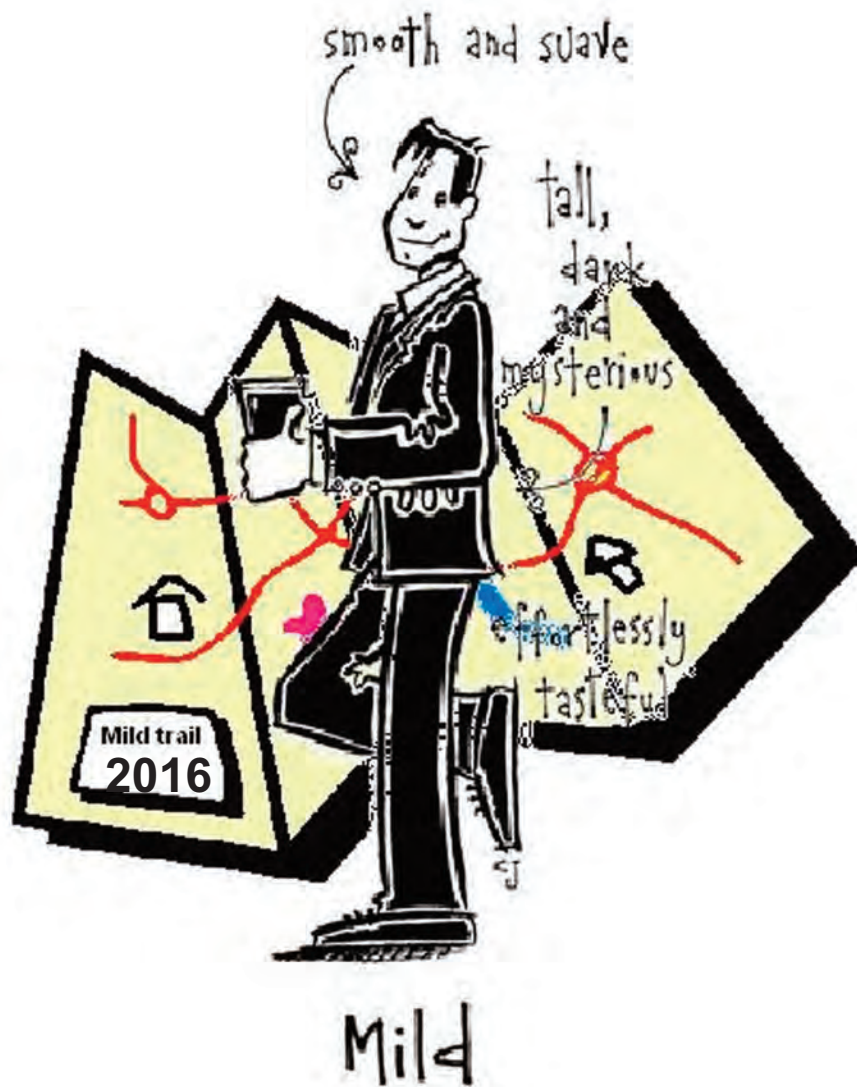
<http://www.thewhitehartstanley.co.uk>

The pub needed some TLC and Gareth & Emma have certainly given it that and are doing what they can to keep the only village pub alive, we wish them well.

Gareth Stead

Derby CAMRA 2016

39th City Charter Summer Beer Festival 2016



Mild in May and Summer Ale Trail



Pull-Out Card



Featuring 25 pubs in Derby City and the locality



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Alexandra Hotel		Babington Arms		Book Café		Brewery Tap	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Brunswick Inn		Cross Keys Ockbrook		Ye Olde Dolphin Inne	Duke of York	Exeter Arms	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Falstaff Tavern		Five Lamps		Flower Pot		Furnace Inn	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Greyhound		Golden Eagle		Last Post		Mr Grundy's	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
New Zealand Arms		Old Bell		Seven Stars		Old Silk Mill	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Queens Head Little Eaton		Royal Oak Ockbrook		Standing Order		Thomas Leaper	
<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Real Ale</i>
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Please fill in the brief details below and retain the form for the attention of the Festival Secretary.



Summer Beer Festival Session		CAMRA Member (Yes/No)?	
Free Beer from Mild		Free Beer from Real Ale	
Free Beer from Real Ale			

Derby CAMRA

MILD in MAY and SUMMER ALE TRAIL 2016



To complete the trail, you need to drink at least half a pint of Mild or Real Ale in each of the pubs listed and collect an appropriately coloured sticker. Pubs marked with an (*) at least, will not have Mild on during the whole of May. The Duke of York and Dolphin Inne are unlikely to sell any Mild. The Book Café sells only bottled beer. Check **WhatPub.com** for more details. For example routes and more information visit the Derby CAMRA summer beer festival website www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival

Pub	Location	Opening Times	Directions and Notes
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, DE1 2QE	All day	Walking from the bus station towards the railway station the "Alex" is on the right by the traffic lights.
Babington Arms	11-13 Babington Lane, DE1 1TA	All day from 08:00	Situated at the top end of town, turn uphill where the pedestrian area ends past St Peters church.
Book Café	21 Corn Market, DE1 1QH	08:00 – 18:00 F-Sa to 22:45	In the centre of Derby near the junction of Albert St and Corn Market. Sunday open 09:30 to 17:30.
Brewery Tap	1 Derwent Street, DE1 2EN	All day	Situated on the other side of the river from the Council House just after the bridge.
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway Terrace, DE1 2RU	All day	Situated at the end of the old railway cottages close to the railway station.
Cross Keys	3 Green Lane, Ockbrook	All day	Bus 9 or 9A from bus station at xx:05, (last 18:05). Journey 25 mins. Last return 18:33, no Sun service.
Olde Dolphin Inne*	5a Queen Street, DE1 3DL	All day	Centre of town close to the cathedral.
Duke of York*	7 Burton Road, DE1 1TG	All day	At the start of Burton Road. From town walk to end of Babington Lane or Green Lane.
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, DE1 2EU	All day	Across the river from the Council House take the right fork after crossing the bridge.
Falstaff Tavern	74 Silverhill Road, DE23 6UJ	All day	On Normanton Road turn up Lyndhurst Street, follow the road round and cut into Society Place.
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, DE1 3BH	All day	Around 10 mins walk out of town. Follow King Street round into Duffield Road.
Flower Pot	23-25 King Street, DE1 3DZ	All day	From the cathedral head out of town along Queen Street then turn left into King Street.
Furnace Inn	9 Duke Street, DE1 3BX	16:00 - 23:00	Alongside River Derwent. From the Silk Mill walk under the ring road and straight into Duke Street.
Greyhound	75-76 Friar Gate, DE1 1RN	All day	On Friar Gate approximately 100 metres past Friar Gate bridge on the left.
Golden Eagle*	55 Agard Street, DE1 1DZ	All day	Agard Street runs parallel to the furthest end of Friar Gate.
Last Post*	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, DE1 1GA	Mon – closed 15:00 – 22:00	Small red pub just along from the junction of Ashbourne Road and Uttoxeter Old Road.
Mr Grundys	36 Ashbourne Road, DE22 3AD	All day	On Ashbourne Road, a continuation of Friar Gate. Around 15 minutes walk from town.
New Zealand Arms	2 Langley Street, DE22 3GL	All day	From Ashbourne Road turn down Surrey Street and right into Peel Street to find the pub on the corner.
Old Bell	51 Sadler Gate, DE1 3NQ	All day	In the Cathedral Quarter, Saddlerygate leads away from the Market Place.
Seven Stars	97 King Street, DE1 3EE	All day	Between the Flower Pot and Five Lamps on King Street close to the bridge over the ring road.
Old Silk Mill*	19 Full Street, DE1 3AF	All day	On Full Street close to the Silk Mill Museum near the cathedral.
Queens Head	131 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DF	All day	In the centre of Little Eaton. Bus routes 9.2 and Amberline stop outside. Journey time 10 mins.
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook, DE72 3SE	11:30 - 14:30 17:30 - 23:00	See Cross Keys above. Turn left and 100 meters down the hill on the same side.
Standing Order	28-32 Iron Gate, DE1 3GL	All day from 07:00	Centre of town between the Market Place and the cathedral.
Thomas Leaper	27 Iron Gate, DE1 3GL	All day from 08:00	Centre of town between the Market Place and the cathedral.



Derby CAMRA

MILD in MAY and SUMMER ALE TRAIL 2016



Trail Details, Instructions & Beer Scoring

Once again we have merged the Mild in May promotion with the Summer Beer Festival Ale Trail. The Trail will be launched from the 1st May and run throughout the month. Participants can collect red "mild" stickers from each pub in return for drinking a half or more of Mild or blue "real ale" stickers in return for drinking the same quantity of Real Ale. Stickers, once collected, should be attached to a trail form in this publication. Additionally forms can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website. See the Summer Festival page or the Mild in May article.

There are 24 pubs taking part in the trail as listed below. Each pub will endeavour to stock a Mild at least once during May and all will stock Real Ale for the whole duration of the trail. The Book Café only sells bottled real ales, but will stock a Mild. The Duke of York and Dolphin are not expected to stock any Mild during May, but of course will stock good Real Ale. More up to date information and transport details can be found on the Summer Beer Festival page of the Derby CAMRA website. You have all of May to complete the trail, so we encourage all participants to drink responsibly.

Pubs taking part are:

Alexandra Hotel, Babington Arms, Book Café, Brewery Tap, Brunswick Inn, Cross Keys in Ockbrook, Ye Olde Dolphin Inn, Duke of York, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Five Lamps, Flower Pot, Furnace Inn, Greyhound, Golden Eagle, Last Post, Mr Grundy's, New Zealand Arms, Old Bell, Old Silk Mill, Queens Head in Little Eaton, Royal Oak in Ockbrook, Seven Stars, Standing Order and Thomas Leaper.

One free entry to any session of the 39th City Charter Summer Beer Festival to be held on the Market Place, Derby starting 6th July will be awarded to anyone with stickers from at least 10 different pubs. In addition you will be entitled to a free pint of any Real Ale up to 5% ABV at the festival. Another free half pint will be awarded each at 15 and again at 20 pubs. The number of Mild and Real Ale stickers will be calculated separately, so a full trail sheet earns 4 free pints.

So we can show recognition for the effort the pubs are playing, we ask you to score the beer you drink in

line with the CAMRA National Beer Scoring scheme. Please mark your card alongside each pub for Mild and Real Ale according to the following criteria:

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

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

Finally please enjoy the trail and don't stop supporting Real Ale once May has finished. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to the Summer Beer Festival secretary. Please see Derby CAMRA website for contact details.

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

Favourite Mild

Favourite Ale

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

The Grand Old Duke of York Marches Uphill Again

The Duke of York on Burton Road in Derby has gone through many guises in recent times including periods of closure, indifferent opening patterns, lack of trade, etc but all that seems set to change as Good Beer Guide licensees, Mick and Deb Vickers have taken on the running of the pub.

Having been at the Coach & Horses on Chester Green for the last nine years as Managers they jumped at the chance to take on the Tenancy in their own right and run it as a Freehouse. As well as re-introducing Real Ale they want to turn it into a popular music venue again like it has been in the past so it was perhaps appropriate that on opening night the Midnight Pumpkin Trucks (back at the venue where it all began for them) launched the new 'Duke'.

The present pub dates from 1938 built on an adjoining site to the former pub which was built about 1827 and demolished in 1937. Although the original pub to that was located across the road to where it is now. It is named after the 'Grand Old Duke of York' Field Marshall, HRH Prince Frederick, 1st Duke of York and Albany who is supposed to have inspired the popular nursery rhyme. It has been much altered internally since but remnants of its multi rooms remain including an attractive, chamfered entrance. In 1993 the Duke was renamed Sergeant Pepper's perhaps to reflect its association with live music and many artists have crossed its path along the way. In December 1990, it hosted what is considered to be one of Derby's greatest ever gigs when Steve Marriot's (ex Humble Pie, Small Faces) Packet of Three played a memorable, heavy blues based set there. It was one of his last ever gigs as he died in 1991. In more recent times it has been a Polish bar, Babajaga before returning to its original name.

Mick would like it to be famed for live entertainment again with bands on every Saturday night

from 9pm to 1am, karaoke on Fridays during the same times and possibly live acoustic and soul music on Sundays from 3pm to 7pm. A full line-up of bands has already be booked for the next few months and Mick also hopes that some music clubs may want to make it their home and stage regular nights at the pub. There are plans to for music memorabilia to be hung around the pub.

As for the Real Ale, one of the first jobs was to re-install 3 handpumps serving 2 regular beers, Bass & Exmoor Gold with the third pump reserved for rotating guest beers. As trade improves a fourth handpump is promised. The prices too will be keen, £3.10 a pint for 4.5% abv and above and 4.4% abv and below will be £3 a pint with a 20p discount for CAMRA members.

Future plans include tidying up the external rear garden area which has an outbuilding which can be used for external bars and beer festivals and re-furbishing the upstairs function room which should be available to book from October. A website and facebook page should also be up & running by the time you read this.

The Duke itself is easy to locate being just on the edge of town at No.7 Burton Road and its initial opening hours are:- Sunday - 13.00 till 21.00, Monday - closed all day, Tuesday - 16.00 till 23.00, Wednesday - 16.00 till 23.00, Thursday - 16.00 till 23.00, Friday - 14.00 till 01.30, Saturday - 12.00 till 01.30. Although these may alter once Mick & Deb have settled in properly.

We wish them both well and if they do as good a job as they did at the 'Coach' we know the pub will be in the right hands and it will be nice to have another Real Ale pub on Burton Road to accompany the Bell & Castle making it a worthwhile destination again for a few decent beers and a night out.

Gareth Stead



WIKICAMRA #4

- WHATPUB

In this WikiCAMRA, you can find out how you can change the details given for a pub in WhatPub.

If you don't yet know, WhatPub is a website (whatpub.com) that gives details of virtually every pub in the country. This includes all its facilities from lunchtime meals to live music, the names of the regular beers on offer, and how many guest ales you might find.

Wherever you are, or are going to be, WhatPub will help to find the pub to suit you. Every month 350,000 different people use the WhatPub on PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. That's about 10 people for every pub in the country.

The entries have been compiled by CAMRA members and are typically comprehensive, including a description and one or more photographs to give an idea of the 'feel' of the pub. If the pub has a website or social media pages, there should be links to these.

All CAMRA members are encouraged to check the entries of the pubs they visit and submit updates and changes. They can do this very easily using a link in the page for the pubs whose entry they want to amend. Members can also submit beer quality scores for pubs.

Non-members can also submit updates (also using a link on the pub

page). If the entry for your favourite pub does not do it justice, please use the link to let CAMRA know. You owe it to your fellow drinkers!

We'd particularly like updates from licensees. Pubs are changing rapidly and licensees are the first to know. Prospective customers are looking at your pub on WhatPub, and they'd like to know exactly what you have on offer.

All updates are vetted by the local CAMRA Branch Pubs Officer so that appropriate checks can be made.



Rutland Campaign for Real Ale

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AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

POTY and COTY presentations

On the evening of April 7th, members toured to present certificates to the winner and runner-up in the branch's POTY competition and the winner of COTY. Starting in the well-deserved POTY winner, **The Old Oak at Horsley Woodhouse** (this time 'the bride' after being the bridesmaid so often in recent years with regular 2nd or 3rd places) where chair, Chris Rogers awarded the certificate to Tracey and her team – see photo alongside. The group moved on to **The Milford Social Club** (aka the Sunshine Club) where our Clubs Officer, Mike Hickman made the presentation to Jeff Kemp using the handy interval provided by TV footie half-time – see 2nd photo. This club was originally established in 1902 as a members club for the local community; annual membership costs £6 for anyone wishing to join and CAMRA members are warmly welcomed. Finally to round off the evening, the POTY runner-up was presented to Chris Wilbraham at **The Holly Bush, Makeney** (2015's branch POTY winner) – the pub also featured in an early April article in the Daily Telegraph written by Michael Henderson in praise of local pubs – to quote just one line "**The Holly Bush, Makeney** is the English country pub par excellence".

Belper Goes Green ECO-festival will take place over the weekend of **3rd-5th June** at the town's Rugby Club, Derby Road, DE56 1UU with

the real ale bar run as usual by Amber Valley Branch volunteers. The bar will have 30 real ales as well as real cider (including Three Cats) and **opens on Friday at 18.30** plus food available and acoustic music on 2 stages. The eco-festival is **free to enter from 11am on both Saturday and Sunday** with plant and craft stalls and workshops on home energy and recycling, travel and transport information, children's activities and much more besides – further info on website www.transitionsbelper.org/belpergreen

GBG'17 - the branch's Good Beer Guide 2017 selection meeting took place in early February. It's always difficult to choose 10 entries in an area where we are fortunate to have so many pubs selling an excellent selection of real ales and ciders. The basis for discussion at the meeting is always the statistics taken from the beer scores input by CAMRA members via What Pub throughout the year (see below). This year we had over 3,500 scores for 95 different pubs and the branch wishes to thank everyone who took the time to enter scores. Any scores input since 1st Feb.'16 count towards next year's selection process. This year's entries will be revealed when the next edition of the Good Beer Guide is published in September this year - you'll be able to buy copies at AVBF'16, 29th Sept-2nd Oct. again at Strutt Community Centre in Belper.



Amber Valley POTY winner, Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse



Amber Valley COTY - Milford Social Club, presentation



Amber Valley POTY runner-up, The Holly Bush, Makeney

Branch Diary

- all meetings start at 8pm

7th May Beer festival mtg at Cross Keys, Swanwick

26th May Branch mtg at Milford Social Club

13th June Beer festival mtg at Greenhills Tavern, Riddings

30th June Branch mtg – please check in What's Brewing

Derbyshire Beer Festivals with a Difference

While most Beer Festivals are pretty formulaic and follow a similar pattern it is nice every now and then to pop along to one that offers that something a bit different to the norm. Two such Derbyshire Festivals are coming up on the same weekend in June and both are well worth attending:-

BELPER GOES GREEN - 3-5 JUNE

Belper's now Annual Eco Fest takes place at Belper Rugby Club on Derby Road opposite Strutts and offers visitors a whole variety of stalls to go to from: crafts & re-cycling to health & wellbeing to energy & transport to campaigns, community groups and charities. Many of them offer activities and demonstrations as well. All this plus live music, a wide variety of food stalls and the all-important Real Ale Bar make the event a great attraction over the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday start from 11am and run through to about tea-time for the stalls although the music carries onto into the evening to supplement the Real Ale Bar.

Amber Valley CAMRA will once again be running this with over 30 Real Ales and Ciders to choose from and as an added bonus it will also be open on the Friday evening from 6.30pm with live music to boot. Details of the event can be found on <http://www.transitionbelper.org>

THREE VALLEYS FESTIVAL - Sat 4 JUNE

The Three Valleys Festival has also now become an annual event and is spread over Dronfield and surrounding villages. A special free festival bus service links 18 different venues throughout the area so you can hop between each venue to experience the different atmosphere, drinks, food and entertainment each has to offer.

A selection of over 200 Real Ales and ciders is expected as well as live music in most places. The venues include pubs and bars in town centres, suburbs, villages, a farm yard and rural spots with stunning views along the way.

Just head to Dronfield Railway Station and pick up the free bus for the start of a great day out. Details of the event can be found on www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk



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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

Branch News

At the AGM in March, Chris Freer stood down as our Branch Chairman, along with Jayne Tysoe our Secretary who has had the position for the last 3 years. The Branch thanked them both for their services, the new chairman is Martin Williams and the new secretary is Julie Powell, all other positions remain the same.

Socials

Our Lichfield trip was supported by 12 Erewash members and 1 Nottingham member and all 10 pubs pre-surveyed were visited. Every pub made us welcome, not a bad word to be said about any of them in fact they were all excellent, sampling a wide selection of beers, we can recommend Lichfield for a day out (See photos).

In February the end of the month, "Last Thursday Mobile Socials" was held round Ilkeston. Meeting in the Burnt Pig and finishing in The Three Horseshoes after visiting the Spanish Bar and The General Havelock, another enjoyable evening.

Pub News

Canalside, Station Road, Ilkeston is still closed no further news.

Little Acorn, Awsworth Road, Ilkeston is also still closed no further news.

The Trumpet, Cotmanhay Road, Ilkeston is not closed as reported in the last drinker, still open and under new management.

The General Havelock, Stanton Road, Ilkeston is under new tenancy, more details next drinker.

The Needlemakers, Nottingham Road, Ilkeston is still closed for refurbishment.

Bulls Head, Little Hallam Hill, Ilkeston is under new management run by Mr Martin Earley.



Duke of Wellington



Karen of Duke of Wellington



The Horse & Jockey

Gallows Inn, Nottingham Road, Ilkeston - some good news hopefully, we have heard that it will reopening late spring.

The Red Lion, Wetherspoons, Heanor has been taken over by Hawthorne Leisure. It will still remain open but may close for a small refurbishment.

Railway Tavern, Langley Mill is now under new management run by Sandra Clay and Kevin the cellar man. It is now being run as a free trade pub and at the moment selling 3 real ales. Opening hours Mon - Thurs 4.00 - 11.00pm, Fri & Sat 12-12pm, Sun 12- 11.00pm.

Beer Festivals

29th, 30th April & 1st May - Marlpool Ale House and the Queens Head will be having a combined beer festival with a wide range of beers and ciders.

29th, 30th April & 1st May - Harrington Arms, Derby Road, Long Eaton. 12 beers plus ciders, all profits going to assorted charities.

4th & 5th June - Nutbrook Brewery will be holding a real ale festival at the Farm, Stanley Common.

30th June - 3rd July - Spanish Bar, South Street, Ilkeston.

Future Meetings

All branch meetings are held on a Monday and start at 8.00pm

Monday 9th May - The Dewdrop, Ilkeston. This meeting will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the branch and to present the Branch Pub of the Year award.

Monday 6th June - Queens Head, Marlpool.

Monday 4th July - The Poacher, South Street, Ilkeston.

For further details if required contact Secretary, Julie Powell at secretary@erewash-camra.org

Camra Discounts

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

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

Great Northern, Langley Mill - 15p off a pint

Hogarth's, Ilkeston - 10p off a pint

Navigation, Breaston - 10p off a pint

Oxford, Long Eaton - discount available on all real ales

Poacher, Ilkeston - 15p off pint

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

Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston - 15p off a pint

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

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

Victoria, Draycott - 10p off a pint, 5p off a half

White Lion, Sawley - 10p off a pint, 5p off a half

York Chambers, Long Eaton - 30p off a pint
Mondays only from 4.00pm till closed




A treat for the workers



The 50 or so people who helped set up the National Winter Ales Festival in Derby in February enjoyed a superb buffet lunch. This was laid on by Crawford's Kitchens, a new business just started by Anne Crawford. Many readers will know Anne from behind the bar at the Brunswick; but you may not know that she had 25 years' experience working in event and location catering. Anne has provided grub for the likes of Celine Dion and the Rolling Stones, and at festivals such as Glastonbury and the IOW. Anne is now going into business on her own with a Leyland double-decker bus fitted out as a mobile kitchen. It was great that our superstars at the Roundhouse, without whom there would be no beer festival, got to benefit from an excellent spread to showcase some of her menu. But you don't have to be a superstar to enjoy Anne's food, she's available for any event anywhere, including beer festivals! (Contact crawfordskitchens@gmail.com).







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CAMRA's Good Beer Guide Editor, Roger Protz to appear at Derby Book Festival

Derby Book Festival returns from 3 – 11 June and this year has teamed up with CAMRA and our local Dancing Duck Brewery to bring an event (and real ale tasting) to celebrate the city's international status as 'the Real Ale capital of the World'!

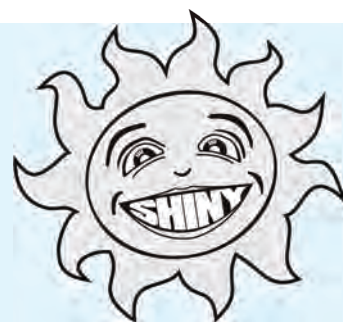
Roger Protz, writer, journalist, campaigner and editor of the Good Beer Guide will be joined by Brewster Rachel Matthews, owner of the Dancing Duck Brewery, which won Bronze for its Dark Drake beer in CAMRA's annual Champion Beer of Britain

2015 on Saturday 4 June at 6pm in the newly renovated Ballroom of the Old Bell Hotel. They will talk about CAMRA, how the Good Beer Guide is put together, how so many Derby pubs and breweries are listed in it and why Real Ale matters, plus there will be a tasting of three Dancing Duck beers (half pints of each). Tickets are on sale at £12.50 (including beer!) online at: www.derbybookfestival.co.uk or from QUAD in Derby. Unmissable!

Sian Hoyle

A Shiny New Beer Metropolis

Never one to stand still and always looking for the next innovation, Shiny Brewery have announced a new venture, Beer Metropolis at their Little Eaton Brewery site in Derbyshire.



This follows the unprecedented success of their Shiny Wholesale operation that has seen Shiny sell other breweries' beers to pubs and retail outlets so the decision has been taken to rename the Wholesale business 'Beer Metropolis'.

It will see a Bottle Shop & Tap Room called **Beer Metropolis** opened in early May on the site of Shiny Brewery near the Queens Head carpark in Little Eaton. A Customer lounge with seating and windows will allow drinkers a view into the brewhouse next door. It will be licensed for consumption of alcohol on and off the premises including an outdoor drinking area planned for the summer months. Events will also be planned on a monthly basis.

It will specialise in UK craft beers, most of which are not available in mainstream shops. 10 craft keg lines with Shiny Lager plus guests such as Beavertown, Magic Rock, Kernel, Cloudwater, Thornbridge, Tiny Rebel & Buxton. And Shiny 4Wood (Best Bitter) & Shiny New World (Pale) will be permanently available on cask and hundreds of bottles from the UK's best breweries, including limited edition beers will also be on sale. An Online shop is to be launched later in the year as well.

The Plan is to initially open 2-10pm, Thursday - Saturday with an ongoing review and parking will be available behind the Queens Head car park. There are also regular buses from Derby which pass close by - Amberline, Sevens and Nines. You can keep up to date with events by Following @BeerMetropolis on twitter.

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Stories of First World War Pubs

A small group of Derby CAMRA members are embarking on a project to look at the effect of WWI on pubs and the brewing industry in this area. We'd love to hear from anyone who's heard stories from those times, perhaps passed down through the family from a great grandma, about how pubs or breweries were affected by the war.

There is much that has been documented, but it would be good to get a personal angle representing those directly involved on either side of the bar, or in brewing.

If you can help, please contact
Tim Williams (timwilliams39bhr@gmail.com
or phone 01332 381358).



MAD about Newark

'Follow the Ale, Discover the History'. So goes the invitation from Newark Civic Council. And given that it was 370 years to the day that Parliamentary forces successfully took Newark Castle, Saturday 4th April seemed a particularly auspicious day for Matlock And Dales CAMRA's latest social trip.

First stop (excluding a quick one at the Vat & Fiddle in Nottingham) was the **Castle Barge**. With close links to the civil war, because it has 'castle' in its name, this was an ideal opportunity to finalise our plans for our trip around town. Full Mash Apparition and Pheasantry Red Rye started the day. Being on a boat triggered the occasional Long John Silver accent, with offenders being politely reminded today was civil war day, and we were on a barge on the Trent, not a galleon off Plymouth Ho!

Off to **the Vaults**, home of the Death Onion, (a type of onion, not beer). If only Prince Charlie had deployed the aforementioned onions instead of cannon balls. The death onion is certain death (or at least red eyes, burning orifices, coughing, spluttering, and inability to speak) to all that it touches. It took (purely medicinal you understand) Howling Hops Pale Ale and Kelham Island Get Your Kicks, to stop the burning.



Next we walked past the '**Poundpub**'. We did give it a chance: we sent Ange in to reconnoitre, but she hastily re-emerged muttering something about gassy beer, strip lights, big-screen football, and the clientele being a bit too select for the likes of us.

Walking on past the Castle we reached **The Ram** – recently done up after 13 years derelict – looked posh, but the beer was good and prices normal. Pints of Kirby Longsdale Tiffin, Newark Brewery NPA, Five Point Five, and BLH 4 were enjoyed. It did seem to attract particularly large pushchairs though.



On to the **Flying Circus**. Certainly my favourite pub of the day. The theme was Monty Python, right down to the Wi-Fi password, and the beer range included Lagunitas IPA, and Punk IPA (I'm reliably informed that it's no longer a CAMRA capital offence to drink these). This establishment also contains historical links – as not only is it in a listed building, but it's on the way to the 'Queen's Sconce' (Best not ask).

Next – '**Just Beer**' – this was many people's favourite. Think Stanley's of Matlock. Good points were nice pints of Three Castles King Alfred's Gold and Trypa. Bad points, the cheese wasn't complimentary, unlike in Stanley's, plus we nearly lost Rufus, Matlock CAMRA's ever-present four legged member, because he found a new friend.

Next on to **The Prince Rupert**. Despite the fact that it was around in civil war days, it's a little known historical fact that the parliamentary troops never ate or drank there due to the high prices. Indeed even now the cheapest beer was £3.80, and a mini sausage and chips was £8.50. On rapidly to the last pubs*, the **Fox and Crown** (at which was enjoyed Piston Head and





Flying Circus



Canalhouse

Bee 17), and The Oscar, notable for its 16" x 16" pizzas that the locals considered were each barely enough for one person.

*Or so we thought. We missed the train by 2 minutes, necessitating another 2 hour whistle stop tour of our favourite pubs of the day. Oh, we also had a sneaky one at the **Canalhouse** in Nottingham on our brief stop-over in the big city to change trains. Where else is there a canal with boats actually in the pub! A few who were 'beered-out' by then did actually risk 'the worst coffee in the world' in there too.

Rick Graham

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MAD Branch Diary

Thu 19 May 8pm

MAD Monthly Meeting : Plough, Two Dales
Check out pub details in the CAMRA whatpub website.
whatpub.com/pubs/MAT/2214/plough-inn-two-dales

Thu 19 - Sat 21 May

Barrow Hill Rail Ale festival
Barrow Hill Engine Shed, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield, Derbyshire
More details at railalefestival.com

Fri 3 - Sun 5 June

Belper Goes Green Beer Festival
Rugby Club, Derby Rd, Belper DE56 1UU. Run by Amber Valley CAMRA.
30+ beers in 9 gal casks. Free admission.

Sat 4th June

Three Valleys Festival. (Dronfield area)
More information available at www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk

Thu 16 June 8pm

MAD Monthly Meeting : Black Swan Crich
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Bakewell Road Matlock

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County and Station
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16 FLEETWOOD BAC	9 DREADZONE
20 HAYSEED DIXIE	10 DR FEELGOOD
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Real Ale, Real Music - Derby's 2Q Festival Had It All

Derby's inaugural 2Q Music Festival was a sheer treat for fans of both Live Music & Real Ale and went down a storm in the City.

Hundreds of people of all ages and genres flocked to the streets of Derby to wander around 6 music venues taking in many different sights and sounds along the way. Even the April showers couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of the fans who gave a warm and appreciative welcome to all performers. And it was good to see such a good cross section of artists from solo acts to pop, indie and rock bands. In fact there was something for everyone and all for one £20 wristband. Who could forget **Duke Special** standing on the bar top of the Old Bell singing unaccompanied while the crowd listened intently or **James Walsh** belting out all the classic Starsailor tracks with everyone singing-along in unison. And while I didn't see everyone (but I had a good go) one band stood out for me, **Kassassin Street** who had the vibe and style of an early Kasabian with a driving indie sound overlain with strong synth beats that couldn't fail to get you moving. The singer had a Brian Molko look (Placebo) and carried the songs through with some swagger.

Apart from the music though the other common theme linking all venues was Real Ale thanks to **Hartshorns Brewery** of Derby who brewed a Festival Special on sale even in the venues not accustomed to selling Real Ale. And in a bit of a departure from their normal hoppy style the beer was a 3.8% standard, easy drinking brown bitter. The Ale seemed to go down well and sold out early evening at the Old Bell. There was plenty of other ales of course and a variety of styles were

available at Bar 1, Hairy Dog, Old Bell and Vines. And the beauty of a wristband is of course that you were free to come and go as you please so other Real Ale pubs could be visited along the way.

What a day then, a good atmosphere among friendly like-minded people, some great music and a plethora of Real Ales. I couldn't ask for anything more except perhaps a repeat of the same next year.

Gal Galahad



Derbyshire & Near By Music Festivals With Real Ale

Well it's that time of year when the warmer weather (hopefully) ushers in thousands of music festivals all over the Country, a good many of them serving Real Ale & Cider.

Derbyshire has its fair share of these with bars run by local breweries in some cases.

Here are a few highlights:-

May

Bearded Theory (26-29)
Catton Hall

June

Download (10-12)
Donington Park
Exile (24-26) Darley Bridge

July

Rock & Bike (14-16)
Carnfield Hall
Stainsby (15-17) Brunts Farm
Rock & Blues (21-23)
Pentrich

Splendour (23)
Wollaton Park

Indie Tracks (29-31) Butterley
Y-Not (29-31) Pikehall

August

Bloodstock (11-14)
Catton Hall

September

Off the Tracks (2-4)
Donington
Whitwell (9-11)
Community Centre

For ticket & band details check out the events website.





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
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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
Coach & Horses, Derby	15p off a pint
Five Lamps, Derby	20p off a pint
Flowerpot, Derby	20p off a pint
Furnace, Derby	20p off a pint
Last Post, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Maypole, 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
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Green Man, Willington	20p off a pint

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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.

The Three Horseshoes Gallops on at Pace



Ilkeston is one of the biggest towns in Derbyshire and once had the most licensed venues per population head but like so many other places the pubs have disappeared at an alarming rate so it's good to see one large, roadside inn making a good go of it again.

The Three Horseshoes on Derby Road has undergone a quiet transformation since Landlord, Scott Ryder took over the running of the pub in December 2013 with his wife Lisa. The building had an initial £60,000 refit and has since been followed by an amazing makeover of the large garden area and stables block at the rear.

It has been very much a labour of love for Scott who works for Castle Rock Brewery and has had 20 years in the brewing industry which is reflected by the amount of brewing memorabilia dotted around the pub and stables.

The pub is basically divided into two rooms around a central bar, one is very much a

traditional room with low beamed ceiling and comfortable padded bench seating while the other has a more modern, light and airy feel with TV sports available. The rear garden area is fantastic and extends the full length of the pub with flagged floors, wooden garden furniture, smoking shelters, undercover areas and even a rather splendid wooden Hogshead cask water feature. Very much a haven during warmer weather.

Perhaps the pièce de résistance though is the Victorian coach house and stables at the back of the pub which has been brought back to life following a £12,000 renovation. The building dates back to 1874 and had just been used for storage until the refit. The stalls which contained the horses have been turned into seating areas and even a fire has been fitted. Again more brewing memorabilia adorn its walls with old wooden casks used as table tops. Although there is no bar at present this

might be considered in the future and for the recent Beer Festival, the casks were all racked up in one of the stalls. It is also planned to use the upstairs of the building once a stairway has been fitted.

Back in the main bar the pub has up to 6 Real Ales on with a house beer brewed by Oakham - Stable Ale alongside other offerings from Oakham, Castle Rock and guest ales. There is a 20p a pint, 10p half discount offered for CAMRA members. Craft beers are also available along with 6 traditional ciders and 30 whiskeys. The pubs opening hours are 12-11 Mon-Wed; 12-12 Thu-Sat; 12-11 Sun and it is easily reached from Derby on the Black Cat bus, Ilkeston Flyer or Yourbus (Y3, 11, 59).

Well worth a visit then especially as there are a few other decent Real Ale pubs in Ilkeston making a nice day out all round.

Gareth Stead





Dear Toper...

Consider! Dear Toper, my utter dismay, when recently I called at an ancient thatched inn, only to discover, that in the intervening months since my last visit, the old nicotine-stained pictures and oddments of bric-a-brac, which had been garnered by successive landlords over previous centuries, and which had added considerably to the old-world charm of the place's interior – were gone!

Framed prints of fox hunts, prize bulls and stagecoaches; faded black and white photographs of long-dead regulars; old sporting trophies, hard won and reflecting the inn's erstwhile place at the heart of the local community; time-worn brass and copper utensils, lovingly burnished by generations of barmaids; mirrors advertising long-lost and half-forgotten breweries – all gone! "The place needed brightening up", explained the gormless, young landlady, as she proudly surveyed the carnage which she and her mentally threadbare spouse had wrought upon the much-loved hostelry, in their slavish compulsion to pander to the latest short-lived fad to blight the interior décor of pubs. Yes, Dear Toper, the "Chalk-paint Chavs" had struck again! Years of accumulated artefacts had been swept away, to be replaced by cheap imported gewgaws all the way from China! You've seen the sort of stuff I'm talking about, Dear Toper, in those shops that you only frequent when you're on holiday and it's raining: mirrors that are framed by pieces of fake driftwood; steel bird cages painted white, the bars of which are so far apart that something the size of a pigeon could squeeze through the gaps; painted signs that attempt to evoke the wartime blitz spirit, encouraging the viewer to "Keep Calm and dig your way out of the rubble that was once your home" (does anyone in Britain still find the tedious variations on this theme vaguely amusing?); large letters that spell out the word "LOVE", presumably to be hung upon the walls of people that need reminding; and much more tacky imported dross besides – and all reeking of stale pot-pourri! This sort of rubbish is bad enough

Keep Calm and Beware of the Chalk-paint



in the home, but to put it on display in a listed building shows a complete and callous disregard for our heritage, and is, in my humble opinion, just one more example of the creeping scourge of "Familyfreundlyerisation" of pubs. Is it my imagination, or are the urinal bowls in the gents getting nearer the floor in order to accommodate brats? And I've lost count of the number of high-chairs I've seen lurking ominously in bar-room corners, lest some squalling infant should be in need of a surfeit of pub grub to daub itself and its immediate surroundings with.

There are of course times when children can be a welcome sight in a pub, chimneys do need sweeping after all, but as a rule the little people soon become bothersome. Ignored by their selfish and inattentive parents (who are usually sharing a second bottle of wine with an equally vacuous couple whilst discussing the mythical joys of chalk-painted furniture) the bored offspring become ever more noisy and irritable, and it isn't until something is either broken, or spilt (usually on an innocent bystander), that any attention is paid to them.

There was a time when children were often to be seen outside the pub door, clutching a bottle of pop and a bag of crisps, and every now and then a guilt-pricked parent would poke their head around the door and check if they were alright, which was a lot more parental attention than some of the kids get on the **inside** of the pub nowadays! Personally, I don't have any problem with kids having to sit outside, as long as they take their loathsome parents with them! Consider that, Dear Toper!

D.T.



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Thu 26th - Social - Golden Eagle, Agard Street, Derby - 8pm onwards.

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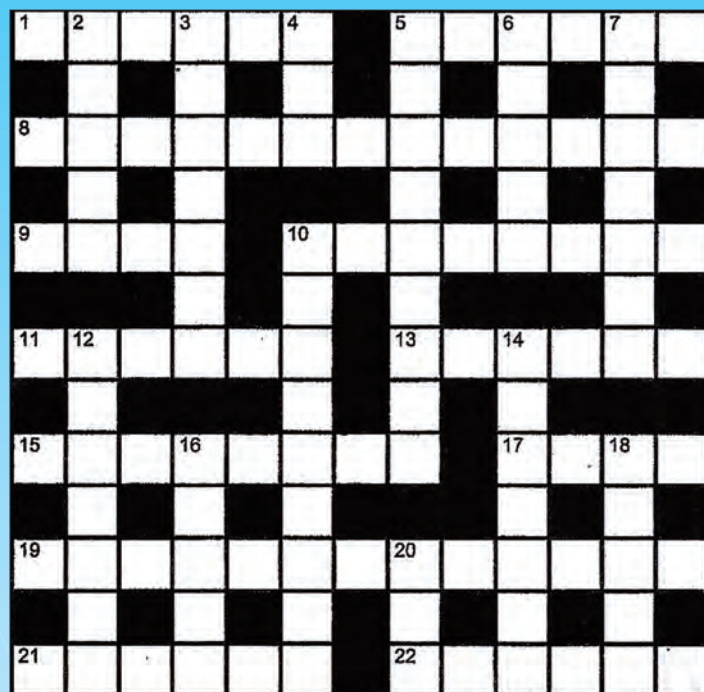
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Crossword

No 51 by Wrenrutt

The Good Beer Guide 2016 is necessary for some of these clues

Crossword winner is Roy Hoyland
from Heanor
picked up at the Red Lion, Heanor.



Across

1. Apparently appropriate (6)
5. Weapon or bombastic braggart in 13's play (6)
8. Real ale Mecca in central Liverpool's Renshaw Street. Prescriptions no longer needed (3.10)
9. Insult found in aimless lurking (4)
10. Famous film actor and buffoon with a clergyman (8)
11. Came in, reorganised as a place of entertainment (6)
13. ----- lies the head that wears the crown (from Henry the Fourth: Part Two (6)
15. Test case could prove to be a film or tape container (8)
19. Champion 2015 golden ale from this Glasgow brewery (7.6)
21. A beefalo is an animal example of this (6)
22. Straw-coloured pale ale from Parbold's Problem Child brewery (6)

Down

2. The chemical base of common alcohol, sounding like a woman (5)
3. Art-deco style sounding up-to-date (7)
4. As OK affirmative (3)
5. Arriving too early, for example (9)
6. A rope-making fibre (5)
7. How trains or trams get along (2.5)
10. Not the better form of accountancy (9)
12. Pathetically in an East Anglian cathedral city (7)
14. See gang, changed, takes on (7)
16. One doesn't always leave a pub in this state (5)
18. A tot of whisky could be turned into a theatrical performance (5)
20. A receptacle or, informally, a pint (3)

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Across

1. COLLIE
5. IN CASE
8. COOPERS TAVERN
9. KEEL
10. RAILROAD
- 11&15. FLYING SCOTSMAN
13. INSIST
15. (See 11)
17. RITE
19. LEAMINGTON SPA
21. UNDIES
22. PASTRY

Down

2. OZONE
3. LAPILLI
4. EAR
5. INTUITION
6. COVER
7. SURPASS
10. REGIMENTS
12. LECTERN
14. STRINGS
16. TEMPI
18. TOPER
20. TUP

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