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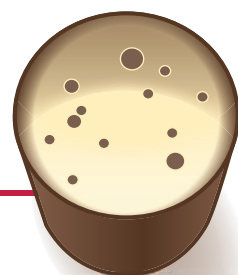
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# Here We Go Again

What was headline news in Derby in the first week of April 1978?



**E**ddie Barlow was appointed captain of Derbyshire, the Rams beat Wolves 3-1 at the Baseball Ground in the first division, a rail strike was in the offing and there was a Beer Festival. So what has changed? The Rams are in what would then be called the second division, British Rail no longer exists, Billy Godleman is Derbyshire captain and there is another Beer Festival on the way. No longer in April, now in the Market Place, a short distance from its original home in the King's Hall (now Queen's Leisure Centre), but still, despite the change in date and venue, one of Derby's most popular social and cultural events.

This year's festival will mark Derby's entry into the exclusive 40 Beer Festival Club. Only around ten festivals have achieved this remarkable milestone, so celebrations and congratulations to the festival pioneers are in order. The 40th festival will build on the formula that has proved so successful. Lots of excellent beer, cider and mead from



producers far and wide, a wide range of entertainment and a variety of food and snacks. Our ordering team are already busy compiling their lists of candidates representing the range of styles available locally, nationally and throughout the world. There may be some favourites that appeared at the first festival available again alongside brews from breweries that didn't exist, even run by people who weren't even born, when the first festival opened.

Music has always played (sorry!) a big role in the City Charter Festival and this year

will be no exception. Bands, solo artists and dance groups are being lined up to provide the usual varied musical offerings. There may even be a special feature theme evening in the offing.

Updates of festival progress will be published on the Festival Facebook page, website [www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival/](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival/) and in the next Derby Drinker. From the end of June drinks lists will start to appear on our free beer festival app, links are available on the festival website.

**Paul Whitaker**



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# How It All Began

On a cold and snowy day in April 1978 Derby CAMRA members apprehensively gathered in the Kings Hall (now Queen's Leisure Centre). The last few days had been spent turning a swimming pool into a beer hall. Stillages had been built, casks lifted, bars set up, glasses cleaned and many other tasks completed. The question on everybody's mind was "Will anyone turn up to drink all this?" Many members had pledged their own money to finance the festival and faced a considerable financial loss if it didn't work.

A few minutes before opening time someone sneaked a look out of the door. There was a queue and this was a proper queue. Along Queen Street and round the Corner onto Cathedral Road. Perhaps it was going to be a success after all.

The following day (Friday) the front page of the Derby Evening Telegraph reported that the festival was full by 8:30 with 300 people still queuing outside while a one out one in policy was in place. Some 7000 pints were drunk, more than expected, Derby CAMRA chair, Tim Williams, was "Overwhelmed... this first evening is beyond our wildest dreams", adding "we will be considering coming back next year".

The following day, front page again "14000 pints – and still going strong". The Telegraph advised anyone intending to go on Saturday evening to get there early as only 6000 pints were left and despite re-stocking beer could run out before closing time and



Jeff Tillett opening first Beer Festival. Thanks to the Derby Telegraph for the photo

also advising that all 3500 festival glasses had been sold. A kilderkin (18 gallons) of Theakston's Old Peculier was reported to have been held back as the Mayor, Jeffery Tillett the instigator of a beer festival to celebrate the elevation of Derby to city status, was planning a return visit and had declared that was his favourite brew.

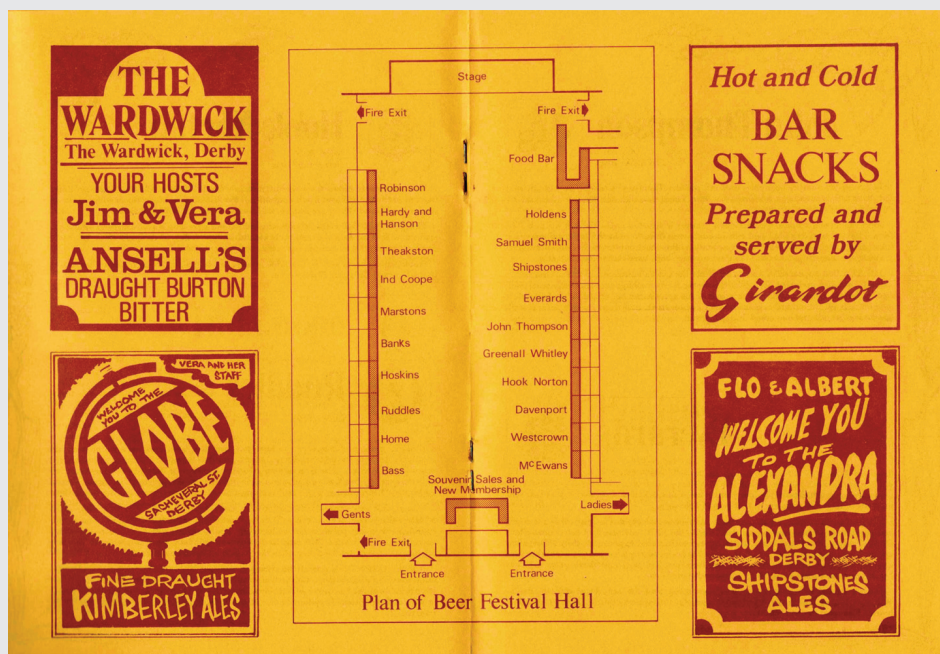
There was, the Telegraph reported, "a lot of discussions as to whether it (the festival) should continue as an annual event" and "there is strong feeling ... that they (Derby CAMRA) will be invited by the City Council to organise it on an annual basis". The festival was originally envisaged as a one-off event to celebrate Derby becoming a city.

The festival featured 39 beers from 20 breweries, an astonishing choice at the time. Was there a demand for real ale and real variety in Derby? CAMRA members thought so, the thousands who attended the festival and sank 22 000 pints seemed to think so, but some disagreed. The

Telegraph reported on the Monday after the festival that a plan for a pub serving four, yes FOUR, real ales was being opposed by the Derby Licensed Victuallers. The association's chair was quoted as saying "We already have Bass, Marstons Home Ales and other traditional beers ... we cannot accept that such a pub would be justified...". The chair of the Derby Association of Licensed House Managers claimed "A man (sic) is either a Bass drinker, a Shipstones drinker or an Ansell's drinker .... he is only going to go for one beer".

Who was correct? You decide.

As we approach festival no. 40 raise a glass or two to those pioneers, some no longer with us, who put so much effort into initiating one of Derby's biggest annual events. Their work, love of and faith in good beer and good times have led to 39 City Charter Festivals, 13 Winter Festivals and 3 National Winter Festivals, each one a rip-roaring success and with every expectation of more to come.







# 40TH FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT 2017

Since day 1 of the Derby Camra city charter 1st beer festival at the Kings Hall, Entertainment has always been part of the atmosphere, in fact music was not considered at all in the planning stage. It was Maurice Lovett PR officer for Bass Burton who offered the Bass Umpah Band for opening night. The evening was so successful with the atmosphere reaching its height, one old timer was heard to say "there's been nowt like this since VE night". That was the moment Derby Camra realised they were on to a winner.

## THIS YEARS MUSIC, LIVE ON THE MARQUEE STAGE

**Wednesday** opening session introduces a feast of Folk music and dance from the volunteer's big band containing some of Derbyshire's best folk musicians together with Rapper and Sword dancers not forgetting of course Ripley Morris Men. All entertainers tonight are giving their time free of charge to raise money for local charities.

**Thursday eve HARRIET!** Makes her second visit to our Festival with her unique style of acoustic rock and alternative country. She has visited the Edinburgh Fringe – Germany and recorded with the BBC. Recently teaming up with Steele Threads makes an ideal combination.

**SHAMUS O BLIVION & THE MEGADEATH MORRIS MEN** play out the rest of the evening playing rock influenced Celtic music in a hard edged fast and cheeky style. Their outlandish stage show is extremely visual and with amusing delivery. All high energy super-fast jigs and reels Celtic melodies all with a heap of rock attitude.

**Friday eve HILLBILLY JUKEBOX** get the evening off to a ripping start, this foursome from Leicester know how to give the Bluegrass treatment to popular rock songs and tend to bring the house down wherever they go.

**THE DARK HORSES** a 5 piece rock cover band who've been rocking out the Midlands for over 8 years "we love to play



where there's plenty of beer" says front vocalist Alex Canner. Bowie, Fleetwood Mac, Cream, Pete Dinklage, ZZ Top, Eagles – part of a long list of dance and sing-a-long music.

**Saturday eve BACKLINE** the electric band that makes the blues rock with the music of Bonamassa, Steve RV and finishing with a touch of Cream.

**THE MIDNIGHT PUMPKIN TRUCKS** this Derby band has been around rocking the pubs and clubs for decades. Bringing in Massa on lead vocals has certainly lifted

the bands persona. So expect another high energy night of stuff from the likes of Razorlight, Green Day, Oasis and a whole load of crowd pleasing titles. When local BBC wanted a band for their own Christmas bash – they chose The Midnight Pumpkin Trucks.

## ENTERTAINING AFTERNOONS

**Thurs and Fri** from 1pm - jazz (bands yet to be finalised)

**Sat – The Trent Connection** come to town, a 12 piece band with brass and sax sections together with rhythm section that plays all the classics from the 40s and 50s mixed with the fun and energy of a rock cover band from the last 4 decades, it's all there, Ella to ABBA, Miller to Madness and Sinatra to Shania.

**Nottingham Samba** group are on-board for a couple of colourful displays of dance and drumming, you may find yourself dragged on the floor to join in the fun.

**Sun** – Acoustic wind down session TBA to see off the last of the beer and its admission free.

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Terry Morton





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# They came, they saw and they conquered ... the Beer



**D**erby CAMRA's 13th Winter Ale Festival at the Roundhouse proved a runaway success so much so that thirsty punters even drunk dry all the extra back-up beer that was ordered for the event.

A much higher than anticipated attendance of 11,400 drunk a whopping total of 36,000 pints of beer and 4,456 pints of cider and perry. Organisers had expected that after the National Winter Ales Festival moved from Derby to Norwich this year there would be a big downturn in attendance but this simply wasn't the case as they still came out in the droves and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed the Festival.

As well as a great selection of beers to choose from a top class line-up of Entertainment proved a big draw as none other than Tom Hingley, seminal singer with Inspiral Carpets brought his own tribute to that very band to grace the stage on the Friday night. The event also saw an incredible 243 new members join CAMRA which is a record figure for any Derby Festival.

All in all the Derby Winter Ale Festival exceeded all expectations and Organisers have promised it will be back bigger and better next year with lots, lots more beer.



Tom Hingley & The Kar-pets



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# Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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## Pub News

We are pleased to report that the **Yew Tree at Ednaston** has reopened in late March after being closed since New Year's Day. We don't have detailed information about the new regime, but hope that it will return to the vibrancy that it had gained in the year prior to closure.

Both **The Horns** and **The Coach & Horses in Ashbourne** have again undergone management changes in late March/early April, after short tenures from the previous operators.

**The Bridge in Ashbourne** has just completed a external spruce-up and looks very smart once again.

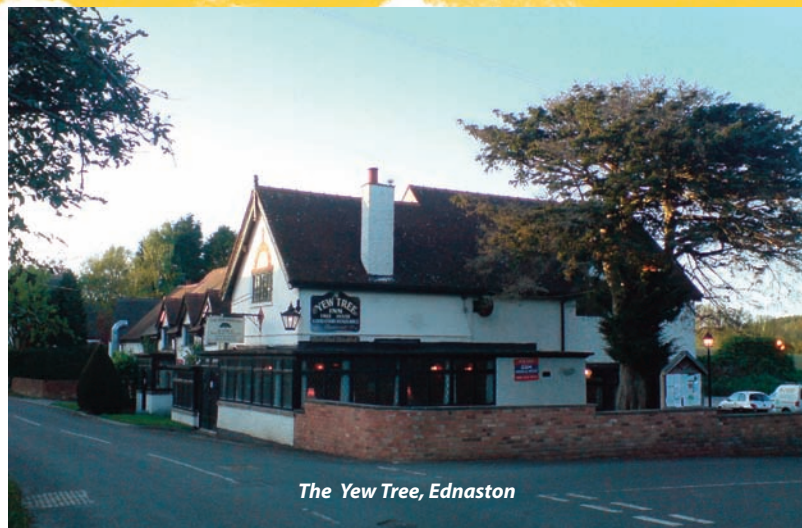
## Branch News

During our March meeting at the Bowling Green, we welcomed Steve Barton, chairman of our neighbouring sub-branch in the Staffordshire Moorlands. Discussions were held to outline proposals to work closely together, along with the Uttoxeter sub-branch, on ventures such as a planned joint social event to be held in the summer and to co-operate in promoting events within each sub-branch such as our respective beer festivals. Details and plans will be circulated to all members in the three branches as soon as we have worked them out. Any comments or suggestions would be most welcome, initially directed through the email address at the top of this page.

Apologies are due to any inconvenience caused by the late venue switch for our March meeting. We have re-planned the original venue for a later meeting.

## Branch Beer Festival 2017

We can now confirm that the dates for our 5th Beer Festival will be **Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd September**, returning to Ashbourne Town Hall. Further details will be shared as soon as we arrange them.



*The Yew Tree, Ednaston*



*The Horns, Ashbourne*



*Coach & Horses, Ashbourne*

## Diary Dates

All meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated

**Tuesday 25th April - Branch Meeting**  
Rose & Crown, Boylestone

**Tuesday 30th May - Branch AGM**  
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# Derby CAMRA

## Meet the Publican...

Emily Bowler

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### How long have you been the landlord?

Since the end of February.

### How long have you worked in the trade?

Since the day after my 18th birthday. 14 years on and off, although mainly on!

### What other areas of the country have you worked in?

None. I've got as far as Long Eaton in one direction and Matlock Bath in the other.

### Have you worked in any other industries?

Yes. I used to work in the animal industry with everything from horses to reptiles. I have a diploma in animal management, which certainly helps when dealing with the public! I've worked in some really quirky areas of retail but always hated it and come back to bars as soon as possible. I used to have a boss who thought I had tourettes.

### Are you yourself a CAMRA member?

Yes, unfortunately not a very active one. If I had more time I would love to be a more active member and do my bit. I've volunteered at Amber Valley Beer Festival. I loved it and made so many new friends; I would highly recommend a stint at volunteering no matter how skilled or unskilled you might be.

### Do you think CAMRA are still relevant today?

Of course they are. As long as CAMRA keep up the good work they will always be relevant and they do a great deal to promote awareness for real ale, protect pubs (a subject close to my heart) and bring us some fantastic beer festivals!

### How do you think CAMRA could improve?

I'm not really in a position to comment. I think that if you have strong opinions about CAMRA you should volunteer and try to make a difference. Like any organisation I'm sure CAMRA has constraints and pressures to contend with so anyone with criticism should maybe learn a little more about what they might be. I think CAMRA is a positive force that's hopefully with us to stay.

### Do you offer CAMRA discount?

Yes 10p off a pint and 5p off a half. It's not a lot but I'm trying to keep my prices as competitive as possible for the benefit of all. I'm only just starting out though so who knows I may be able to offer and increased discount in future. All of this relies on you guys drinking plenty of beer!

### Are you aware of WhatPub and the National Beer Scoring Scheme (NBSS) and the link to the Good Beer Guide?

Yes. WhatPub is a really useful resource but relies on publicans to update it and keep it up to date, which is on my list of jobs! I find that your average customer doesn't know about the NBSS and it tends to be the die hards that actually go to the trouble to score beer.

### Do you run a LocAle scheme?

No, and I'm sorry to say that I don't intend to. Derby has plenty of LocAle it's definitely in no short supply here. I'm trying to create something a bit more unique and bring new and different beers into Derby. I try to find new breweries and unusual beer and spend a lot of time sourcing and researching before I order. There will be plenty of local beers that fall into rotation I have no doubt of that I just don't intend to stock one all the time.

### Do you think the Pub of the Year competition is rewarding?

Only if you win! Haha! Having won Country Pub 2014 at the Pattenmakers yes it is very rewarding that as a team everything you do together is appreciated. Our regulars were immensely proud of their pub, many having used it for 30 years plus, to have it put on the map was fantastic for them and us.

### What are your views on "Craft Keg"?

It has brought things to the real ale scene that in cask would be very difficult/unsaleable. The longer shelf life of kegged products has allowed the public to try some truly amazing flavour combinations and brewing innovations. It has tapped into a new, younger and more adventurous market which is great for the trade. It has also helped make cask a 'cooler' drink for the younger generation of drinkers and allowed cask to be more

experimental as the market in general is becoming slowly more adventurous and accepting of new flavours. For example I can't imagine even attempting to sell an unfinned beer a few years back, now these beers are slowly creeping into the norm. I myself am a cask lover, but to be able to offer variety to a range of different tastes is the key objective.

### Has real Cider and Perry a future in pubs?

Definitely. I've seen ciders boom in past years, and real ciders specifically in the past few years. I've started to meet dedicated real cider drinkers now, where a few years back that wasn't possible, now the large majority of pubs are offering a real cider alternative with success and that's fantastic for the future of cider and perry. Again the young drinkers are influencing the cider market with a swing towards more real flavoured ciders.

### Do you see the Micro-pub revolution as a threat?

Yes. Having competition with much lower overheads potentially appear almost overnight is a very real threat for some pubs. Micros are a great business model, I've run one and looked at opening one of my own. I believe it's the councils that should be more responsible to protect current pubs and jobs from being threatened by the locations licensed. As a drinker they're great, but they shouldn't be put in the position where they are competing with pubs, they should be adding to pubs and drawing more drinkers into any given area.

### Do you see a future for Real Ale in the UK?

Yes of course. I'd be a bit mad taking a real ale pub and sticking 8 handpulls on if I didn't think it had a future!

### Any other comments you wish to make?

Women do keep beer folks, move with the times, they keep it, brew it, and drink it and in PINTS as well. The industry is still very old fashioned in its perception of women in the trade. We all like a bit of banter and the rest, but it's about time we left the dark ages.



# John Thompson Led County's Brewing Revival

There are upwards of sixty breweries today, so it hardly seems plausible that for much of the 1970s Derbyshire was bereft of commercial brewing. The last coppers to be fired were in brew pubs – the Exeter Arms, Derby and the Nags Head above Belper Market Place, circa 1970. All this changed, however, when John Thompson (pictured) launched JTS XXX to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee at his eponymous pub in Ingleby over the Whitsuntide weekend of 1977.

John was a market gardener who sold his wares on Derby's ancient Morledge market and, ever the entrepreneur, the converted ground floor of his 15thC farmhouse home was granted an on licence in 1969. Also pictured is John's wife, Ann, who inspired a continental style, bottom fermented Lager named after her, and this, too, was brewed in an outbuilding on the site. It was, therefore, apt that John should be invited to open the inaugural Derby City Charter Beer Festival in April 1978 and the fruity, full bodied, medium strength bitter went down well with the King's Hall punters. A couple of years later, city dwellers were able to sample the tasty brew at Saddlers, Sadler Gate, in the premises now occupied by Hop Gate.

Today, John is 90 years old and still active, whilst his son, Nick, runs the country inn and **John Thompson Session and Gold are still brewed here**. Extensive gardens allow plenty of room for children to roam and there are some chalet style self-catering lodges for vacations. Inside the pub there are all the accoutrements one would expect from a building of this age, so beware of the low beamed ceiling! There's a splendid side room and a tiny snug with illustrations of many Nottingham pubs. A family atmosphere prevails and children are most welcome in the large conservatory. The culinary offering includes hot plate specialities.

There are, of course, other pubs in this part of south Derbyshire worth seeking out and we'll start on the High Street in the charming old village of Ticknall, close to the National Trust property, Calke Abbey. The **Wheel** had Doom Bar and Pedigree on when I called in on a Saturday lunchtime when the vibrant hum of conversation resonated from the dining quarters upstairs. The front bar has been opened out in contemporary style with log and coke burning stoves radiating warmth in winter. Although the accent is firmly on food, wheat beer enthusiasts are catered for with



John Thompson Inn



John Thompson with wife Anne

Hoegaarden on draught; unusual for this neck of the woods. Outside, to the rear, is a well-tended, multi-level, decked garden which can be accessed via patio doors from the L shaped bar.

Around the corner, on Ashby Road, is the grade 2 listed **Staff of Life**, a tall, Georgian building once named the Loaf of Bread, and a huge baking paddle (shovel) prominently displayed attests to its former bakery. There's a large room with extensive wainscoting and beamed ceiling but it was the smaller, dog friendly room (pictured) which really caught my attention. This featured a high backed settle and a striking, quarry tiled floor laid by the owner, Christopher Nix. On the bar is a constantly changing quartet of real ales which, on my visit, were Steam Box Piston Broke, Ossett Inception, Taylor's Landlord and Tetley's Gold Cask. Those who prefer the grape to the hop are not forgotten either, and an enticing looking menu included vegetarian options and a specials board. The stables have been converted to good quality accommodation, ideal for visitors to the area.

Further along Ashby Road is another grade 2 listed pub, the 17thC brick and stone built **Chequers** run by Dennis Hylton. This is the most characterful of Ticknall's pubs and of the three rooms; it's the small, main bar with cosy corners which merits most attention. Here is an inglenook fireplace with seats either side having headroom scooped out of the breast beam. The Ruddle's brewery mirror is a poignant reminder of one of Britain's classic beers i.e. Ruddle's County. The late



Wheel Inn





Staff of Life

Ted Mather served County here in the days when it was frequently cloudy and always excellent, before Watney's takeover of the Rutland brewery in 1986 imbued mediocrity. Today, Doom Bar and a nice drop of Draught Bass are served. Please note that the Chequers is closed all day on Tuesdays, together with Wednesday to Friday lunchtimes.

A couple of miles away in Milton, is the homely, Good Beer Guide listed **Swan** on Main Street, run by Roger and Stella for the past 17 years. Roger was a brewer with Bass for nearly a quarter of a century so it wasn't a surprise to see a handpump bearing the name, rubbing shoulders with Hancock HB from Cardiff brewers, Brains. I was pleased to see a Pin (4.5 gallons) of Dancing Duck Dark Drake on the bar top, which was a welcome change on a day of unremitting pale beer. Cygnets Tea Room, part of the premises, has a fireplace reclaimed from a Midland Railway station waiting room and provides light refreshments until 4pm. There's a conservatory and, outside, a children's slide which Stella said was "the best £200 I have ever spent". It's typical of the public spirited couple's benevolence that considerable sums have been raised for the air ambulance charity through their quiz on the first Tuesday of each month. Millie, a local pianist, entertains regulars on some lazy Sunday afternoons and look out for a big bash on the 4th July when Lancashire Clog Dancers



Chequers



The Swan Inn

present their interpretation of Morris Men. Food, including home grown produce, is available between 12 noon - 2pm (not Monday) and 6 to 9pm.

My last port of call was the unmissable **Crewe and Harpur** next to the 13thC Swarkestone Bridge and causeway, over the River Trent, which has twice been the focus of pivotal historic events. Firstly, in the Civil War (1643), this important crossing place was unsuccessfully defended by the Royalists against the Parliamentarians. A century later, in 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie turned back to Culloden on hearing that the English Army was advancing. There's been an inn here for 800 years and the present Georgian pub was built as a coaching inn on the estate of the Harpur-Crewe family whose seat was Calke Abbey. The pub's vast, contemporary interior is split into distinct areas, one of which is a children's play centre; inclusivity is the theme here with drinking and eating in a family friendly environment. Adults may choose from Thwaites Lancaster Bomber, Wychwood Hobgoblin Gold and Pedigree, all of which come under the Marston's umbrella, and accommodation is available. Across the side road is a grassed garden area leading down to the water's edge which is bound to be busy in summer.

Pleasingly, in the past forty years, this rural district has bucked the trend of pub closures, apart from losing the Sir Francis Burdett and the Saracen's Head at Heath End, on the Derbyshire border with Leicestershire, near Calke Abbey. The gabled pub with a long driveway was purchased by the Harpur Crewe family in the 1950s, and served jugged Draught Bass, but sadly closed around 2000.

For those who enjoy walking, the six pubs I've featured could be visited on a "round robin" by catching the Arriva 2 bus from Derby to Ticknall, then walking to Milton, Ingleby and Swarkestone, where the same bus can be caught from the Crewe and Harpur, returning to Derby. That's about six miles walking and a £5 family saver day ticket is great value. Check Arriva's timetable and the Whatpub website for licensing hours.

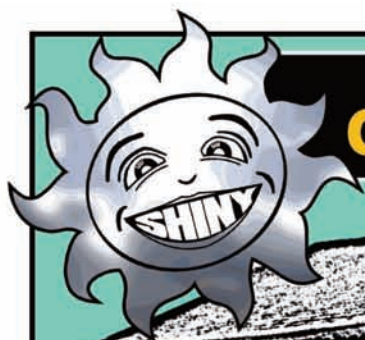
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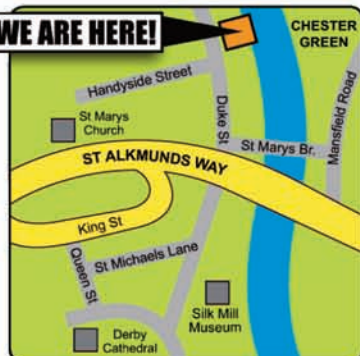
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# Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA MILD in MAY ALE TRAIL 2017



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## MILD in MAY ALE TRAIL 2017



To complete the trail, you need to drink at least half a pint of Mild in each of the pubs listed and collect a sticker. Check **WhatPub.com** for more details, including bus information and opening times. Please note some pubs may not stock Mild for the whole duration of the trail.

Pub	Location	Opening Times	Directions and Notes
<b>Alexandra Hotel</b>	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.
<b>Angels</b>	Market Place, Belper	Th-Su 12-22	Angels can be found in Belper Market Place, up the hill from the Bus Station.
<b>Babington Arms</b>	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.
<b>Bear &amp; Monkey</b>	Oxford Street, Ripley	Thu-F eve S-Su All day	Situated in the centre of Ripley.
<b>Black Bulls Head</b>	2 Kilbourne Lane, Operwoodgate.	M-S 12-23 Sun 12-22:30	In the centre of Operwoodgate, which lies between Kilburn and Belper. Trent Barton Sixes.
<b>Brunswick Inn</b>	1 Railway Terrace, DE1 2RU	All day	Situated at the end of the old railway cottages close to the railway station.
<b>Cross Keys</b>	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.
<b>Exeter Arms</b>	13 Exeter Place, DE1 2EU	All day	Across the river from the Council House take the right fork after crossing the bridge.
<b>Falstaff Tavern</b>	74 Silverhill Road, DE23 6UJ	All day	On Normanton Road turn up Lyndhurst Street, follow the road round and cut into Society Place.
<b>Five Lamps</b>	25 Duffield Road, DE1 3BH	All day	Around 10 mins walk out of town. Follow King Street round into Duffield Road.
<b>Flower Pot</b>	23-25 King Street, DE1 3DZ	All day	From the cathedral head out of town along Queen Street then turn left into King Street.
<b>Furnace Inn</b>	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.
<b>Greyhound</b>	75-76 Friar Gate, DE1 1RN	All day	On Friar Gate approximately 100 metres past Friar Gate bridge on the left.
<b>Last Post</b>	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, DE1 1GA	M-W 11-20 Th-Su 11-23	Small red pub just along from the junction of Ashbourne Road and Uttoxeter Old Road.
<b>Mr Grundys</b>	36 Ashbourne Road, DE22 3AD	All day	On Ashbourne Road, a continuation of Friar Gate. Around 15 minutes walk from town.
<b>Old Bell</b>	51 Sadler Gate, DE1 3NQ	All day	In the Cathedral Quarter, Saddlegate leads away from the Market Place.
<b>Old Oak</b>	176 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse	M-F eve S-Su all day	Top of Horsley Woodhouse High Street. Trent Barton Amberline stops outside.
<b>Seven Stars</b>	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.
<b>Silk Mill</b>	19 Full Street, DE1 3AF	All day	On Full Street close to the Silk Mill Museum near the cathedral.
<b>Smithfield</b>	Meadow Road, DE1 2BH	All day	Opposite Meadow Rd bus garage. From the Tap follow the river down stream.
<b>Queens Head</b>	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.
<b>Royal Oak</b>	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.
<b>Talbot</b>	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley		On Swanwick Road 3 minutes from the centre. Trent Barton 9.1 or 9.3.
<b>Tap</b>	1 Derwent Street, DE1 2EN	All day	Situated on the other side of the river from the Council House just after the bridge.
<b>Thorn Tree</b>	161 Church Street, Waingroves DE5 9TE	All day	Centre of Waingroves south of Ripley. Trent Barton route 1A.
<b>Victory Club</b>	85 Chellaston Road, Allenton. DE24 9AF	12:00-15:00 19:00-23:00	Right hand side heading towards Chellaston. Arriva 2/2A stops outside.
<b>White Hart</b>	Sandbed Lane, Bargate, Belper	M-F eve S-Su all day	On the main junction in Bargate. Trent Barton Sevens





## Trail Details, Instructions & Beer Scoring

The Mild in May Trail will be launched from the 1st May and run throughout the month. This year we have extended the trail into the Amber Valley area, so there are some great pubs to go and visit. Also included in the Victory Club in Allenton, winner of the Derby CAMRA Club of the Year. Show your CAMRA membership card to get entry. Participants can collect stickers from each pub in return for drinking a half or more of Mild. 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 27 pubs taking part in the trail as listed below. Each pub will endeavour to stock a Mild at least once during May. 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, Angels in Belper, Babington Arms, Bear & Monkey in Ripley, Black Bulls Head at Openwoodgate, Brunswick Inn, Cross Keys in Ockbrook, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Five Lamps, Flower Pot, Furnace Inn, Greyhound, Golden Eagle, Last Post, Mr Grundy's, Old Bell, Old Oak at Horsley Woodhouse, Old Silk Mill, Queens Head in Little Eaton, Royal Oak in Ockbrook, Seven Stars, Smithfield, Talbot at Ripley, Thorn Tree at Waingroves, Victory Club at Allenton and White Hart at Bargate.**

One free entry to any session of the 40th City Charter Summer Beer Festival to be held on the Market Place, Derby starting 5th 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 for each additional 5 pubs.

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 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. 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.*



# Plenty of Beer in Almeria

**O**n a recent trip to Almeria, which is in Southern Spain and is one of the hottest cities in Europe, we experienced temperatures in the high 70's / low 80's, not bad for early March, I was intrigued to find prior to going there that the craft beer scene in Spain is very much on the up, and that there is a brewery quite near Almeria city.

This is Far West Brewery, and I looked for bars selling their beer did prove somewhat hard to find, it was easy to find Cruzcampo, though, which is a 5% American style lager, reasonably refreshing on a warm day and readily available

all over Spain. The best bars for this beer that I found were Los Dominguez on Calle Patema and the Bar Orinoco, not too far away on Cabo de Gata. The food was good at the Los Dominguez too, and I'd recommend it. The Orinoco was small but intimate, the staff friendly and the service excellent, so worth a try.

As for Far West though, it wasn't easy to find, but on my last night there I came across a bar called La Malteria, which had a great choice of ales, and I managed to find a bottle of Far West Red Wine Ale, a hoppy ale with caramel

overtones and a slightly bitter finish. I had to get up early the next day, so couldn't stay too long, but would definitely return if I'm ever in Almeria again. The bar is on Callejon Gabriel, unfortunately I didn't manage to get a photo as it was dark, but if you go to Almeria seek it out, you won't be disappointed.

All in all then a great holiday, with plenty of sunshine, good food at reasonable prices, and even some good beer, who can ask for anything more?

**Trevor Spencer**



**I**f you haven't been to the Belper Goes Green weekend before it is an excellent event. Held at Belper Rugby Club from the 2nd to 4th June (Friday 6pm until Sunday 10pm) it features stalls showing ingenious ideas of how to use items which would otherwise go to waste. It demonstrates energy efficient transport systems and schemes such as solar panels. It also features a CAMRA run bar with 30 Real Ales and 10 Real Ciders. Admission is free throughout; an ideal outing for all the family.

This takes me on to one of the reasons I first started making cider. Of course the main reason is that I like cider, but the idea of making it myself appealed because it is (or at least can be) a very ecological process, more so than brewing since boiling is an intrinsic part of brewing. Firstly the apples you use. A more than acceptable cider can be made from a judicious blend of cookers and eaters growing around here; you don't need to go to the West Country for specific cider varieties. So provided the fruit is sound and you have more eaters than cookers all will be well; it's amazing when you start doing this how much fruit you find which would otherwise drop off and rot.

The next challenge is not to use any power during the process. You have already picked the fruit by hand (commercial orchards plant the trees in rows and use machines to harvest it). The next process is milling which can be done by hand and converts the apples to a coarse pulp (skin and pips included). Pressing can also be done manually using a traditional cloth and board press leaving you with fresh apple juice, just waiting to turn itself into cider using its own naturally occurring yeast. If that sounds good there is an additional bonus; up to 50% by weight of the original apples is now available as a residue from the pressing. It is an excellent fertilizer, but is even better used as animal fodder; sheep, pigs and turkeys love it. Cider made this way is also vegan. Of course I'm not suggesting that large scale, commercial cider makers operate like this, but it can be done and it fits well with the ethos of a festival such as Belper Goes Green.

CAMRA continue to wrestle with their definition of Real Cider and there are two resolutions for debate at CAMRA's AGM at Bournemouth on the subject. You have an advantage on me since these resolutions will have been voted on by the

time you read this. The first one concerns the addition of fruit or flavourings to cider. My view on this is that provided the underlying drink is Real Cider or Perry (say made from a minimum of 90% apple / pear juice) adding other fruit, whether as actual fruit or flavourings ought to be OK. This is the position with Real Ale where all manner of flavourings are permissible.

The second resolution concerns pasteurization and I find this far more difficult. If we take the pub trade, leaving aside keg cider which is clearly not Real most pub cider is sold in 20L boxes and the vast majority of this is pasteurized (because it increases the shelf-life). This means that in CAMRA terms it is not Real and should therefore not be sold on CAMRA run cider bars. Problems arise because many ciders are now only available in boxes (5 gallon tubs having gone right out of fashion) and you can't tell whether it is pasteurized or not without sophisticated laboratory analysis, certainly you can't tell by taste alone. All of which is a muddle; perhaps the best idea is to drop the term "Real" when applied to cider and apply it only to beer. See what the AGM thinks.

**Wassail**



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# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

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## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

### Branch News

At our March AGM held at the Spanish Bar a new committee was formed as follows:-

**Chairman & Website Coordinator**

- Gary Higgins

**Secretary** - Richard Tyson

**Treasurer** - Barry Hewson

**Membership Secretary** - Jayne Tysoe

**Socials** - Michael & Carole Golds

**Pub & Beers Scores Coordinator** - Mark Suiter

Many thanks to our outgoing Chairman, Martin Williams and Secretary, Julie Powell.

### Pub News

**Needlemakers**, Nottingham Rd, Ilkeston, has re-opened but on our visit Monday evening to get a report it was unfortunately closed but we have been told they have two cask beers on. Also on Bath Street, Ilkeston, the Borough Arms has now been renamed The Lounge and has four cask beers available.

**Burnt Pig**, Market Street, Ilkeston, will be presented with the Pub of the Year award on Monday 24th April at 8.00pm.

### Socials

Our Social trip around Kimberley on Saturday March 11th was well attended and several of our members who had never been to Kimberley were surprised at the number of excellent pubs including the new micro pubs and it was easy to get there by public transport as well.

We started at the White Lion, Swinegate and finished at the Miners Return where mine hosts Nick & Debbie kindly allowed us to take our fish and chips tea inside from the excellent chip shop next door - we are probably not the first or last to do it. Other pubs visited were the Stag, Roots Emporium with its Tardis like appearance inside and then on to the newly acquired Castle Rock pub the Cricketers.

### Beer Festivals

**June 10th-11th** - Nutbrook Brewery, The Farm, Stanley, hot Food available, proceeds to Air Ambulance.

**Friday 28th – Sunday 30th April** - The Marlpool Ale House & The Queens Head, Breach Rd, Marlpool, DE75 7NJ. 12 noon – 11pm, 30 plus beers, 10 plus ciders, food, live music - **Friday 7pm TBC, Saturday 5pm** Acoustic Union, **Sunday 3pm** Treebeard.

### Future Meetings

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

**Monday 8th May** - Erewash Hotel, Station Road, Ilkeston.

**Monday 5th June** - The Crown, Heanor.

**Monday 3rd July** - General Havelock, Stanton Road, Ilkeston.

For further details if required contact secretary@erewash.camra.org.uk

### Beer Festivals

If you wish to publicise any information about anything you are planning or any news items please contact our webmaster Gary Higgins on webmaster@erewash.camra.org.uk



White Lion



Miners Return



Nick and Debbie - Miners Return



Roots



Roots

## Camra Discounts

Please remember to show your camra card

**The Bridge, Sandiacre** – 15p off a pint

**Bridge, Cotmanhay** – 15p off a pint

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

**Coach & Horses, Draycott** – 20p off a pint,  
10p off a half also except Wetherspoon  
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**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

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**Plough, Sandiacre** – 10p off a pint

**Poacher, Ilkeston** – 15p off a pint

**Redemption, Heanor** – 10p off a pint

**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** – 10p off a pint  
5p off a half including real cider  
(Mon-Wed)





## Darley Dale Music and Beer Festival

After last years successful trial run Darley Dale is to have it's very own yearly **Music and Beer Festival on 7th - 9th July at The Church Inn**. Any suggestions for your favourite tipples please feel free to request them. They are also looking for stalls, bands and sponsors.

## MAY

**Thursday 18th** - Branch Meeting - Black Swan,  
6 Brown Hill, Crich, DE4 5DG.

**Saturday 27th** - Wirksworth Pubs Walkabout - Meet Angie Corby in the Feather Star @ 2:00 pm to walk around the pubs and well dressing festival. Feather Star, 15 St Johns Street, Wirksworth, DE4 4DR.

## JUNE

**Thursday 15th** - Branch Meeting - Thorn Tree Inn,  
48 Jackson Road, Matlock, DE4 3JQ.

## Birchover

## Druid Inn

**Main Street, Birchover**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

## Red Lion

**Main Street, Birchover**

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## Matlock

**The Crown (Wetherspoon's)**  
Bakewell Road, Matlock

Discount available on presentation of JD Wetherspoon's CAMRA vouchers. These vouchers have some restrictions printed on them.

## Remarkable Hare

### **Dale Road, Matlock**

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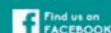
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# Chairman's Corner

I would like to welcome you to this issue of Derby Drinker. As I write this article before the AGM I would like to reflect on a year of success within the Branch.

We have judged and given awards to more pubs and clubs this year than last, and it goes to show the commitment of all our licensees in this great city of ale, their hard work makes the job of judging such a difficult one. Our judging panel could always add a few new faces this would give a greater perspective.

We have again run two very successful beer festivals during the year, and with particular reference to these I am looking forward if re-elected, to the challenge they create and to our 40th Summer Festival in July.

With reference to the winter festival ale stock, I would just like to add that despite some negative remarks over the lack of beer available on Saturday evening, we had a very difficult balance to strike. Russell Gilbert and his team did a terrific job as always, but it's a difficult call to get this just right without having too much left over. The World Beer did have beer to drink right till the end. However we very much appreciate your valued support at our festivals and the fact that so many of you came to The Roundhouse shows how much you enjoy them. The plan for next year is already in the making with more beer to be ordered.

In the world of parliamentary politics, which I love, not, the government has given its backing to planning permission being needed to facilitate a change of use for our Great British Pubs. This should now make it much harder to shut down these valuable assets in our area and we at Derby CAMRA welcome this as one of our campaigning goals achieved. A lot too late for saving the many that have closed already but better late than never.

Anyway please read the issue with interest, and we always welcome your feed back to our Editor or Publicity Officer.

*If you, as Derby CAMRA Members, would like to join our team in any position please contact our Secretary, you would be more than welcome.*

**Martyn Reek**

Chairman@derbycamra.org.uk

## WINTER ALES - a big success



The Derby and Amber Valley Branches of CAMRA held their first-ever joint Winter Ales Trail during January and February, with 31 pubs in total - 15 from Derby and 16 from Amber Valley taking part. Drinkers were invited to visit all the pubs in either the Derby or Amber Valley area and collect a sticker from each, thus entitling them to a free pint at the Derby Winter Ale Festival, and quite a few people managed to do so, with a couple of hardy souls completing both Branches Trails and thus claiming 2 free pints!

There was a competitive element for the pubs, with drinkers being asked to nominate their top 5 pubs in either or both Branch areas. After an understandably slow start, many nominations were received in the final week of the Trail, with the winner in Derby being the Alexandra Hotel, who narrowly beat the Brunswick with the Tap in third place. In Amber Valley the Talbot, Ripley finished first, with another Ripley pub, the Thorn Tree finishing a close second, while the Black Bulls Head, who very generously sponsored the posters for the Trail not far behind in third place. Both winning pubs were presented with certificates to mark their victories.

The most popular beers drank on the Trail were Dancing Duck Dark Drake and Titanic Plum Porter, both of which seemed to have an equal number of admirers, while the Titanic Plum Porter Grand Reserve also proved popular. There was a total of 5 Micropubs from the 2 Branches taking part in the Trail, and the Handle Bar, the Landlocked Brewery Tap situated in Alfreton, gained the most support.

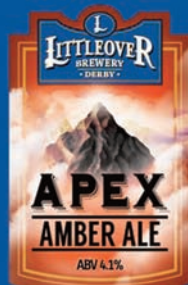
The Trail proved to be a huge success in both Branch areas, with an excellent response from both CAMRA members and non-CAMRA members alike, so it will hopefully be staged again in 2018, maybe with even more pubs taking part.

**Trevor Spencer**





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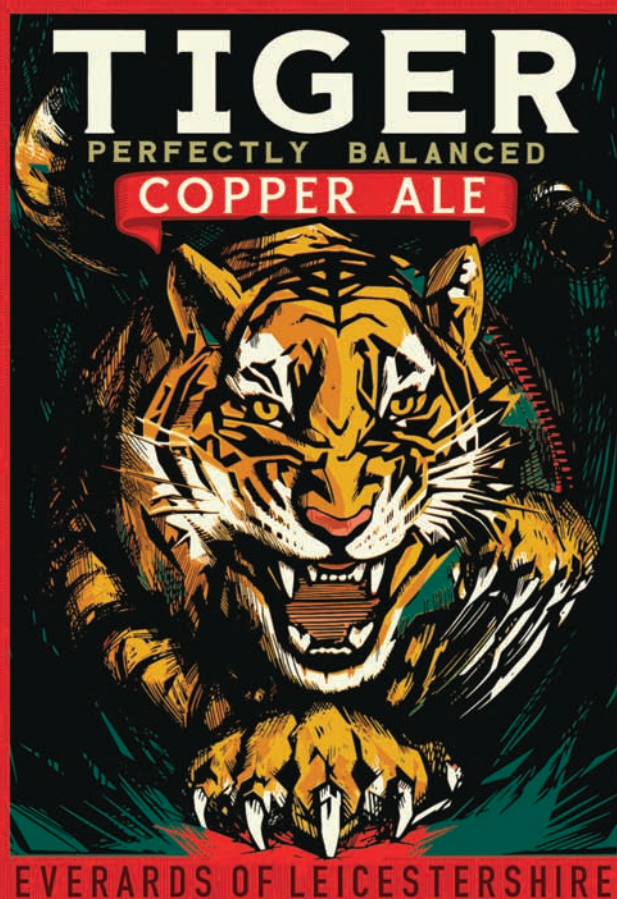


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# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

Contact Nora Harper [noraharper@hotmail.com](mailto:noraharper@hotmail.com)



## AMBER VALLEY NEWS



*White Hart, Bargate*

### Pub Of The Year

The results were declared at our AGM on the evening of 23 February; the winner was **The White Hart, Bargate** followed by runner-up The Holly Bush at Makeney; 3rd was The Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse with the remainder as follows in consecutive order: The Angels Micro, Belper; The Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate; Arkwright's Bar, Belper; The Steampacket, Swanwick and The Wheel in Holbrook. Congratulations to all the entries & their landlords/ladies and owners. The judging period mainly in January is a great time to visit pubs and this time 4 of the 8 entries were brand new plus more judges participated. The winner's presentation was made to Sean at The White Hart on 13th March - see photo alongside.

### Winter Ale Trail

The Amber Valley winner of this trail which we shared with Derby Branch was **The Talbot in Ripley** with the town's Thorn Tree, Market Place in 2nd place - their certificates were presented on 28th Feb - see photo on page 23 - and well done to Angela and Steve at The Talbot on this achievement having only taken over the pub last October. Thanks also to Trev Spencer for organising the trail.

### Good Beer Guide 2018 Selection Meeting

This was held at The Poet & Castle on Mon 6th February. Using statistics taken from the beer scores input by CAMRA members throughout the year, we chose our allocation of 10 entries plus 2 reserves which will be announced when the publication is finalised in September. We would like to thank all members who have scored beers within Amber Valley region - we reached a record total of 3799 scores for 95 different pubs and clubs. Three of our members excelled themselves in visiting a grand total of 123 pubs between them and inputting 1005 beer scores during the year. Their efforts will be rewarded by the presentation of copies of the 2017 GBG.

### Mild Trail

We are pleased to be taking part in the joint Derby and Amber Valley Mild Trail in May, for full details see centre pages.

### Derby City pubs crawl

On Sat 18th March a group of 18 braved the wet and windy weather to take a walk around Derby pubs, meeting at The Tap at 1pm. Our next planned Derby pub walk will be on the Sat **19th August** when we hope the sun will be shining on us.

### Belper Goes Green

The Branch will again run the real ale & cider bar at **Belper Goes Green** eco-festival **Fri 2nd June to Sun 4th** - the event held on the rugby fields Derby Road is free to enter and packed with stalls. Live entertainment is provided throughout the day. Do come along and enjoy the beer or cider & may the sun shine.

## Branch Diary

- all meetings start at 8pm

#### Fri 5th May

Evening survey trip, contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 to book.

#### Mon 15th May

8pm - Beer festival meeting, The Queen's Head, Belper (TBC).

#### Thu 25th May

8pm - Branch Meeting, The Pear Tree, Ripley (TBC).

#### 2nd-4th June

Belper Goes Green, A V CAMRA run real ale & cider bar.

#### Fri 9th June

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June meetings - see What's Brewing





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## 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  
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  
Peacock  
Seven Stars  
Silk Mill Cider & Ale House  
Slug and Lettuce  
Smithfield  
Tap  
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 (Melbourne)  
Hope and Anchor (Wirksworth)  
Lamb Inn (Melbourne)  
Lawns (Chellaston)  
Malt (Aston on Trent)  
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)  
Town Street Tap (Duffield)  
Victory Club (Allenton)  
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)

#### A Guide to...



CAMRA LocAle is an accreditation scheme to promote pubs that sell locally-brewed real ale.



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**LocAle Coordinator**  
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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

King Alfred, Alfreton	15p off a pint
Crown & Arrows, Allenton	25p off a pint
Victory Club, Allenton	All ales £2.50 a pint
Markeaton, Allestree	20p off a pint
Red Cow, Allestree	20p off a pint
The Lodge, Alvaston	10% off a pint
Bowling Green, Ashbourne	10% off a pint
Arkwrights Bar, Belper	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
George & Dragon, Belper	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
Lawns, Chellaston	10p off a pint and 5p off a half
Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
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Brunswick Inn, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Coach & Horses, Derby	15p off a pint
Duke of York, Derby	20p off a pint
Exeter Arms, Derby	30p off a pint, 15p off a half
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
New Zealand Arms, Derby	10p off a pint
Old Bell, Derby	40p off a pint, 20p off a half
Old Silk Mill, Derby	30p off a pint, 15p 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
Victoria Inn, Derby	30p off a pint
Wardwick Tavern, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Waterside Inn, Derby	10p off a pint
Town Street Tap, Duffield	10p of a pint of ale/cider, 5p off a half
Red Lion, Hollington	20p off a pint
Half Moon, Littleover	10% off a pint
Hollybrook, Littleover	20p off a pint
Harpur's, Melbourne	20p 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
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The Dragon, Willington	20p off a pint

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# BREWERY BITES

News from Breweries in and around the Derby Drinker area



## Ashover Brewery

We have now ended our association with the Poet & Castle at Codnor and plan to reopen the Royal Oak at Old Tupton as new licensees after a £160,000 refurbishment by Heineken-owned Star Pubs & Bars. The project will transform the tired local into a traditional community pub specialising in cask ales. And the Pub will be renamed The Tupton Tap to signal its change in direction.

Inside the pub will be redecorated throughout in a traditional style with wooden and slate floors and wooden paneling in keeping with the building's architecture. A second snug will be created and three log burners put in to give a warm, welcoming atmosphere. A new kitchen will be installed and a dining area added to enable the pub to introduce good pub grub. We plan to have 8 cask ales on tap offering a range of predominantly local ales but beers will change regularly and we will have some more unusual ales. We will also host a range of new activities from quiz nights and open mic nights to charity fundraisers. Work has now started but we don't have a date yet for re-opening. *Kim.*

## BOOT BEER



Following the success of the Gold for Beast of Bloodstock at the Derby Winter Beer Festival, production has been given a boost in a quiet time of year. Boot Beers have been confirmed at two large Derbyshire music Festivals - Rock n Blues at Pentrich, July 27-29 and Bloodstock Open Air August 10-13, The beers will be a main feature with Beast of Bloodstock representing the Beer of the festival. *Alan*

## BRUNSWICK BREWING COMPANY



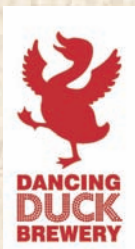
The next beer in the Engine Shed Project range will be ready to roll mid April. 'Hey Mandarin!', 4.9% is a golden ale, heavily hopped with one of the new German craft beer hops, Mandarin Bavaria, with a touch of Simcoe and orange peel. Look out for more info on the Engine Shed Project soon! We are also honoured to be producing a special beer for the Loco trip to the Rail Ale festival in May. Brunny Flyer to be sold on the train and at the Brunswick during the Rail Ale festival. *James*

## BURTON BRIDGE BREWERY



February has been its usual less than exciting month but in our own pubs trade has been particularly good on match days with away supporters flocking into the town. Championship football is certainly helping our licensing trade with Draught Burton Ale and Stairway to Heaven going down well both pre and post match. February's gold medal ale has drunk well and the March beer, Beeble brew, is ready to fly out of the door. We were disappointed not to see any of our beers at the Derby Winter Ale Festival but this was offset by Bramble Stout and Empire Pale Ale selling well at the National Winter Ale Festival at Norwich. *Geoff*

## DANCING DUCK BREWERY



We are pleased to have received a few awards in the last months at the CBOB regional competitions, all silvers for Dark Drake, Indian Porter and Ay Up. We've taken on the Duck House bar and cafe at Derby Rowing Club, currently open during the daytime at weekends with plans to open in the week when the weather improves, the Duck House is available for private hire in the evenings.

Our Donald \*UCK!!! pale ale has been flying out and we had a collaboration brew with the young members of the Institute of Brewing

and Distilling and brewed Rosetta, a 5.7% american amber made using comet hops and so named after the duck shaped comet that passed us by a few years ago. *Rachel*



## DERBY BREWING COMPANY

The family run Derby Brewing Company has over 30 years brewing expertise with only the finest ingredients going into each pint. We have developed a core range of beers including favourites such as Business As Usual, Old Intentional and Quint Essential. Each month one or two special beer are also brewed, including 'Drop It Like It's Hot' which recently won Gold at the SIBA's Midlands Independent Beer Awards. With four venues in Derby; The Tap, Derwent Street, Derby; The Greyhound, Friar Gate, Derby; The Queen's Head, Little Eaton and The Kedleston Country House, Quarndon.



## LEATHERBRITCHES BREWERY

It's full steam ahead at Leatherbritches Brewery!! More awards to announce with our Hairy Helmet claiming the Silver Medal and the Scary Hairy getting the Gold Medal in the 'Bottled Light Ale' category from the CAMRA East Midlands judging panel. Our beers will soon be regularly available in the City of London at popular cask ale venues. *Ed*

## LITTLEOVER BREWERY

It's been a great winter for us with our Oatmeal Stout, 'The Panther', proving a massive hit with you all. Right now, we're gearing up for an exciting Spring and Summer with lots to reveal in the coming months! For now though, let's tell you about a couple of new beers coming your way. You may remember last year we were asked to brew a beer for ex-Rams footballer Shaun Barker's testimonial, SB5. Well this year we're honoured to have been asked to brew a special to celebrate Derbyshire cricket star Wayne Madsen's benefit year. Look out for that when leather starts to hit willow! We've also been asked by lots of our customers for something with a higher ABV than our current strongest, Dazzler IPA. We've been working with the boffins at our hop supplier Charles Faram's and we're close to having something special which we think you'll really enjoy this Summer. *Tim*



## PEAK ALES



Our brand new 6% IPA is continuing to prove popular, both in cask and bottle, this bold & hoppy IPA is an edition to our core range, sitting nicely at 6% alongside Swift Nick, Bakewell Best Bitter and Chatsworth Gold. Summer Sovereign has now also been brewed and bottled and is available both in cask & bottle, a 4% refreshing blonde beer.

Our brand new visitor experience in the original barn, Chatsworth looks to open in Summer 2017, set to house a small experimental microbrewery which we'll use to trial new brews, as well as being able to offer 'brew your own' days to the public. There will also be a tasting room, situated in the Old Brewhouse for sampling the brews produced, and a gift shop. *Eloise*

Words supplied by the individual brewery themselves.  
If you would like to include your brewery on this page please send me a paragraph of your latest news to [camrapublicity@aol.com](mailto:camrapublicity@aol.com)  
FAO Alan before the cut off date of 1st June 2017.  
It would be great to hear from you.



# BREWERY BITES

## continued



### PEAKSTONES BREWERY

After a steady last 3 months of 2016, the start of 2017 has been quite positive. In fact sales have been so good that we had to go out and purchase some new casks. The market is still very competitive not helped by the beer duty increase in the Budget. Look out for our summer beer Dimmingsdale Blonde which will be in pubs towards the end of April. We will have a bar at The Tramway Museum Crich over the May Day Bank Holiday Weekend. *David*



### SHINY BREWERY

Things continue to go well at SHINY HQ! We have had a pump clip rebrand featuring the designs of Derby Illustrator Andy Hulland, and customers will notice these changes on the bar being phased in over the next few weeks. The wholesale operation is significant enough that it has been given its own name of BEER METROPOLIS, which is also the name of our tap room and bottle shop at the Brewery site in Little Eaton. *Pedro*



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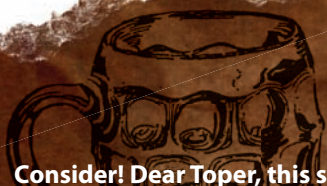
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# Dear Toper...

**Consider! Dear Toper, this searching question: have we been visited by unearthly beings? – No, Dear Toper, I don't mean a rival CAMRA branch in town for a pub crawl – I'm talking about E.T's – extra-terrestrials!**

Imagine, Dear Toper: it is late on a Saturday evening and you are stagg – sorry, strolling home from your local, when you notice a dull, pulsating glow in the night sky. You look up and down the deserted street to see if anyone else has seen the aerial phenomenon – but you are alone! You then watch as the glow gradually descends, and as it does so, you realise that it is a disc-shaped object. The object lands upon some nearby wasteland and shortly afterwards you are confronted by an E.T. who demands, "Take me to your leader!"

You compliment him on his impeccable English, and with a simple, unflinching honesty borne of being British, you then explain that you won't be seeing your local branch chairman until the next meeting, which isn't until a week on Wednesday. The E.T. however, is unimpressed, and waving his ray gun about in the most menacing of manners, he emphatically orders, "Take me to your leader – now!"

You then explain that the branch chairman won't be very impressed if you go banging on his door at such a late hour on a Saturday night, as he will no doubt have had a skinful and will probably be fast asleep in bed, or have his head stuffed half-way down the toilet – or both, depending on the proximity of bed to toilet.

The E.T. seems strangely content with this explanation and remains silent for some moments whilst he tries to imagine what an earthling might look like with his head stuffed down a toilet, and whilst the inter-galactic wanderer is thus engrossed, you entertain the notion of slipping away, but just as you're about to take your leave of the pest from outer space, he demands that you take him somewhere warm, complaining that he is cold, which is not surprising seeing as he is stark naked, (and judging by the size of his ray gun, you can't help but pity Mrs E.T.).

Unwilling to take him home with you, and then try to explain to the wife that you are doing your bit for inter-planetary relations and haven't just picked up yet another random drunk in a pub

## Another Planet

and brought him back for a nightcap, you instead decide to take the shivering lifeform from beyond to a late bar you know of, where he should fit in without much trouble, seeing as the place is usually frequented by students and other weirdo's in various stages of mutilation courtesy of their tattooists and piercers.

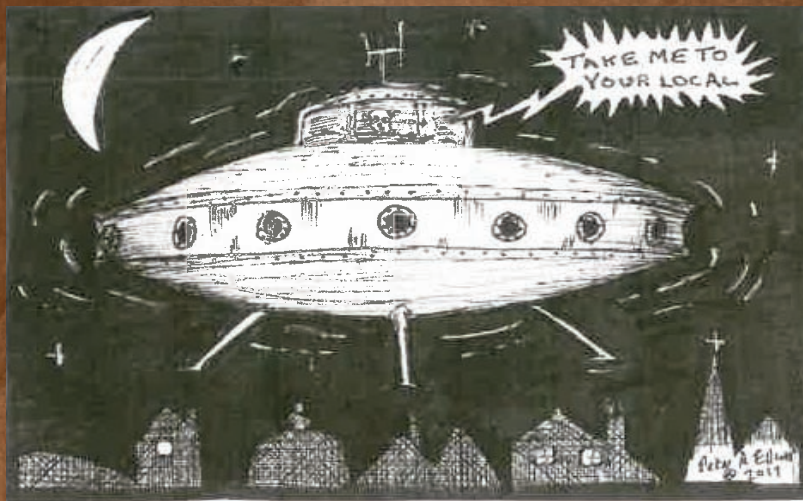
Having brought the alien a drink and then deposited him in a secluded corner of the late bar, you then make a pretext of going to the gents and instead slip out the backway and head off home, thanking your lucky stars for late-night opening.

As you walk home you cast your mind back to what it was like in those dark days before the laws governing pub opening hours were relaxed; if you wanted a late drink then you had be a member some seedy, overpriced nightclub, or trust to the vagaries of a lock-in. And what about those dreadful, rainy Sunday afternoons when all the pubs were shut and there was nothing to do but re-read your newspaper

and then somebody else's. Someone once said, "The past is a different country, they do things differently there." Well, as for those grey, depressing Sundays of yore, I don't know about another country, Dear Toper, it was more like another planet – a planet presided over by a strained alliance of religious bigots and Luddite lefties, where shops weren't allowed to open, T.V. was restricted to a certain amount of hours (punctuated at peak viewing time by the notorious so-called "God Slot") and we were "kindly" allowed our weekly hour's ration of radio pop music, "Pick of the Pops", courtesy of the state broadcaster, before the network returned to its usual insipid brand of so-called "Light Music". It makes you shudder to think of it now.

As you quaff your Sunday afternoon pint, beware, Dear Toper, there are those killjoys who even now want to turn back the clock, and seek to curb opening hours. As for late bars, they do have their uses, even if it's only to rid one's self of unwanted aliens. Consider that, Dear Toper!

D.T.



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### MAY

**1st - 31st** - Mild Trail - see details in this Derby Drinker.

**Thu 4th** - Awards presentation to Boot Brewery - Dragon Willington - 7pm leave from the Quad.

**Sun 7th** - 11am till 9pm - Day out in Dronfield.

**Thu 11th** - Branch Meeting - Derby Rowing Club.

**Sat 13th** - Trip to Three Cats Cider Mill - leave from the Quad at 3pm.

**19th & 20th** - Barrowhill Rail Ale Fest via ROG train.

**Mon 22nd** - The FunHouse Comedy Club - The Bless Derby.

**Sun 28th** - 11am till 9pm - Day out in Ashbourne.

### JUNE

**2nd till 4th** - Belper goes green - A day out, probably via public transport.

**Thu 8th** - Branch Meeting - TBC.

**Tue 13th** - Evening City Pub walk/crawl - 7.30 meet at the Quad.

### JULY

**5th - 9th** - Derby City Charter Beer Festival - Market Place.

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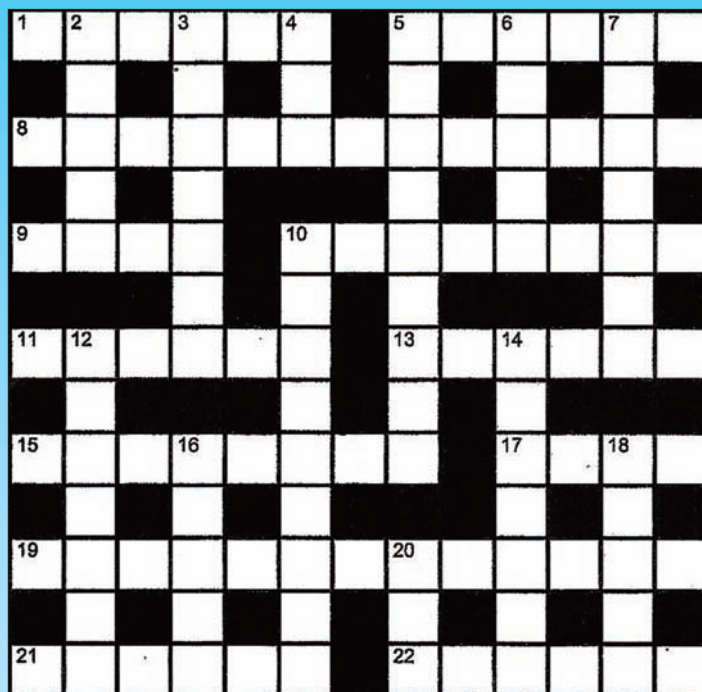
# Crossword

## No 57 by Wrenrutt

The Good Beer Guide 2017 is necessary for some of these clues

**Crossword winner is Terry Lavell**

from London picked up at the Wellington in Birmingham.



- Access to Chambers Dictionary and the Good Beer Guide 2017 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).

### Across

1. Sour these won't merit a pressing engagement (6)
5. Enjoy drinking, but don't become a piss one of these (6)
8. Pale ale from a whim in a Derbyshire brewery (10.3)
9. Right away from end of a seat for an Indian cuppa (4)
10. Farm microbrewery in Peak District's village Dinting (8)
11. Christian church sect originating in ancient Egypt (6)
13. Add water [although that's sacrilege to malt whisky!] (6)
15. Level bed rearranged obliquely sloped off (8)
17. Crisp, floral and 'peachy' white wine from Piedmont (4)
19. Lincolnshire's Oldershaw brewery's dark and malty ale (8.5)
21. Sounds like a fashionable business but is sickly and frail (6)
22. Secretary General's reversal will contain spin (6)

### Down

2. Northern European freshwater fish partly encroached (5)
3. A 1930s LMS locomotive, a lover of one's country, and Somerset brewery (7)
4. The star of British newspapers, but don't be blinded by it! (3)
5. Add no suet? Amazed perhaps (9)
6. A form of verb grammatically? That's a stretch (5)
7. Regularly follow a sports team, or sip a fortified wine (7, or 3.4)
10. Surrey village where the King William IV serves Hogs Back's TEA! (9)
12. Inundate expressed in two cricketing terms (7)
14. Barge, or a smoker's accessory (7)
16. Boredom as expressed by the French (5)
18. Place to store beer or, at a jump, wealth (5)
20. Gum up (the works) or a drinking vessel (3)

Note: Beers in clues 8 and 19 featured in Derby's recent Winter Beerfest at the iconic former Railway Shed in Pride Park

## Crossword No 56 Answers

### Across

1. RED RUM
5. COFFEE
6. WAYLAND SMITHY
9. FETE
10. POLARISE
11. RUSSIA
13. THRUST
15. SPREYTON
17. See 6 down
19. RECTORS PORTER
21. INLAND
22. GASBAG

### Down

2. ERASE
3. ROLLERS
4. MAN
5. CASTLETON
6. FRIAR GATE
7. EPHEBUS
10. PLASTERED
12. UMPTEEN
14. REGARDS
16. EXTRA
18. THETA
20. PIG

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