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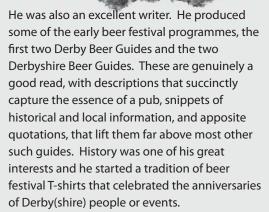
Reg Newcombe - A Celebration

Irrepressible, Irreplaceable CAMRA Pioneer, Sadly Missed.

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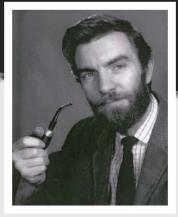


Reg was an extremely gifted artist and graphic designer. His superb line-drawings of Derby pubs graced the early Derby and Derbyshire beer guides; a set of specially-commissioned beer mats; and not a few pubs, who hung framed copies on their walls. He designed an award-winning label for a bottled beer commissioned by Derby CAMRA to celebrate the 10th festival. It is hoped that there will be an exhibition of his work in the Derby Museum and Art Gallery later this year.



Reg was a great campaigner, one of the handful of people who were largely responsible for getting the fledging Derby Branch of CAMRA off the ground, and developing it to become one of the most successful in the country. He was an early branch chair, and for many years the branch public relations officer. But Reg had no place for, as he put it, the "mealy-mouthed", or those that are "lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold". He took on the brewing establishment, much of which back then wanted to eradicate real ale. It did not matter whether they were a brewery manager, a hostile landlord, or a dismissive journalist, Reg would treat them to some "plain-speaking". But he was invariably polite, and nearly all remained on friendly terms.

He was a drinker, and loved beer and pubs. He revelled in the "hubbub of conversation" in a bar. He hated the "thump-thump music", "inflicted" by some pubs, making it difficult for him to hear. He was a great conversationalist, always















Malt Shovel, Spondon



Exeter Arms, Derby



Bell & Harp, Little Eaton



Reg drawn by Mick Bloor



Cellar of Bell & Castle, Derby

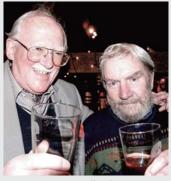


Old Dolphin, Derby

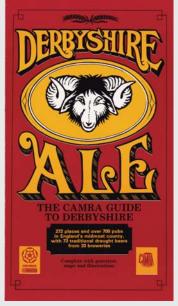




Derby Beer Festival 1979



Reg & Bill Tidy



interesting and witty, eloquent and erudite, often sprinkling in a line or two from a poem, or a quotation from Shakespeare. He was full of information and opinion, and apt to depart tangentially from his own arc of conversation into parenthetical asides, eventually bringing everything back to a coherent conclusion.

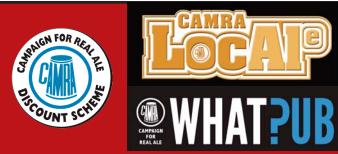
Reg could appear curmudgeonly at times with some deeply held and inflexible views, but there would be a twinkle in his eye, and he was never malicious. He could be irritating: he was invariably five minutes late for minibus trips, and invariably had to borrow a pen to write down notes on the scrap of paper that he did carry for that purpose. But it was always a pleasure to be in his company, and such was his influence and popularity that he became seen as the Father of the Branch. Many of us will feel that it was a

privilege to have known him, and will miss him dearly.

TW, with thanks to: JA, PW, NM, CG, DG, PG and TM.



Reg & Mike Ingham, 1997



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Would you like to get free publicity for your Pub, Club or Venue through CAMRA's various mediums such as websites, newsletters, etc?

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Whatpub - Check out your listing on CAMRA's national website Whatpub.com and let us know if anything needs updating or altering such as opening times, number of beers you sell, etc. pubsofficer@derbycamra.org.uk

We would love to hear from you on any of the above.

Help us to Help You.

Cheers, Derby CAMRA

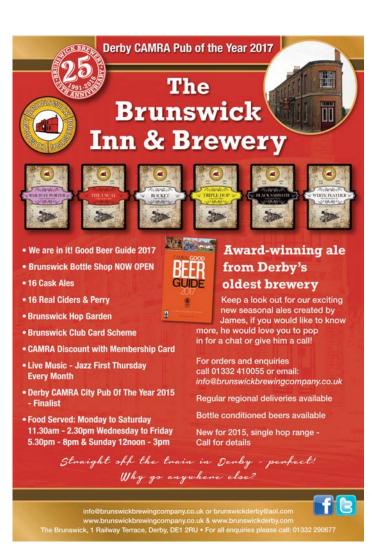


at More Blue Monkey Pubs...



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The Monkey Bar







Pick up a slice of history

CAMRA's 32nd National Breweriana Auction; Saturday 21st October 2017

Ever fancied owning a slice of brewing history? Then this Auction is just the thing for you. Run by the Campaign for Real Ale, the National Breweriana Auction returns to Burton on Trent's Town Hall to celebrate its 32nd event on Saturday 21st October. It again promises over 150 interesting auction lots; everything from mirrors to trays; wall signs, bottles and books. Plus there are a number of stands selling brewery memorabilia adding to the atmosphere in this wonderful Victorian venue.

There are all sorts of items from all over the country to decorate your home. Starting with the Midlands, there is an Ansells' sign, a Home Brewery tankard and a jug from Offiler's, a company that brewed in Derby for around 90 years. Across to East Anglia and a sign showing Bateman's Brewery will catch the eye. Abingdon, Oxfordshire is represented by a fully functioning Morland's clock, a brewery that was set up in 1711 and closed by Greene King in 2000. Further north, and there is a Hope and Anchor sign from Sheffield. The brewery went through a number of name changes, finally being called United Breweries Ltd and closing in 1994.

As always, there are a number of lots from Burton on Trent breweries including a splendid plate from Marston's celebrating its Burton Union brewing system, an Allsop's match striker, a Bass metal sign and a George V coronation jug and a mirror from Worthington.

Moving to the Capital for an iconic Watney Red Barrel in the form of a light, advertising their Brown Ale; some more brown ale advertising, this time a Trubrown advertising card from the original Truman's Brewing ex Brick Lane and a price list from Taylor Walker.

If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, the auction is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get

Offilers'
Bortled
Bitter

some great
bargains plus
many of the items on
sale can appreciate in
value. And, of course, like any
CAMRA event, there is some good beer on sale all day (from
Burton Old Cottage Brewery).

Burton on Trent is less than 15 minutes by train from Derby and the Town Hall is just a short walk from the railway station. The event starts at 10.30am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there. Bidding starts at noon. Entrance is by catalogue (£3.00), available on the day, or £4.00 (includes postage) in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 07789 900411 or baustin1951@btinternet.com. If you can't get there, postal bids are accepted, just contact Bill. Wheelchair accessible. For more details see:

www.gandc.camra.org.uk.



Derby Drinker Goes Down **Under in Melbourne**



Hardinge Arms



Alma Inn



Harpur's



White Swan



his time round we thought we'd look at an area which is firmly on the tourist trail and visit the southernmost town of the Derby CAMRA Branch area.

Having bought a Derby Day Saver ticket for just £4.20, I caught the Arriva no. 2 bus from bay 18 of Derby bus station. Alighting at Kings Newton, I noted that the Pack Horse Inn was now a private property, and headed for the 16thC Hardinge **Arms**, named after the family who lived opposite in Kings Newton Hall for generations. The Hardinge has been licensed for little more than a century and some will doubtless recall the 70s discos here in the Pippin Room which were hugely popular. Multiple rooms, with a stone flagged floor in one, together with horse brasses affixed to beams create a genuine olde world ambience. On the bar were CAMRA's 2014 Champion Beer of Britain, Taylor's Boltmaker, Shepherd Neame Spitfire and Draught Bass; on a warm summer's day I took my Yorkshire beer outside to sit beside an attractive, circular stone table, underneath the colourful hanging baskets. A cursory glance at the menu showed many mains reasonably priced at a tenner and if you're thinking of visiting this picturesque part of south Derbyshire, LateRooms.com rate the Hardinge as the best in 2017 based on guests' reviews.

From here, I walked along Pack Horse Road towards Melbourne and past

the Chapel Street plaque dedicated to Thomas Cook, founder of the world-wide travel agency, who was born in the town in 1808. Turning right at the top onto Derby Road where the Alma Inn serves Marston's Pedigree from the central bar servery in the main lounge whilst a second, separate room has a dart board. I'm told that this is a favoured venue of the younger set on weekend nights.

Retracing my footsteps, the Georgian frontage of **Harpur's** (ex-Melbourne Hotel) soon hoves into view which is part of the small Bespoke Inns chain. At ground floor level, two spacious public rooms are decorated in contemporary style, while upstairs there are boutique letting rooms and a restaurant. Boot brewery (Repton) features with Clod Hopper, Boot Bitter and the dark Tuffers Old. Competing for attention are Draught Bass and Pedigree with all real ales discounted by 20p a pint for card carrying CAMRA members. Outside, a patio is shaded by trees which afford privacy from the main road.

Turn left into Potter Street, and at the bottom, right into Castle Street, next to a magnificent Horse Chestnut tree, is Melbourne's oldest pub, the White Swan, rebuilt in 1682. The small, characterful front bar was the only public room until three further rooms were opened later. These are well worth spending some time in and a unique feature is the moulded swan (pictured) in the stunning, high ceilinged rearmost room which has original stonework visible. Draught

Bass, Marston's Pedigree and an integral Thai restaurant are added attractions.

Turning right into Church Street, opposite the entrance to Melbourne Hall, and the Shardlow brewery tap, the Blue Bell awaits with its fabulous floral displays. Parapeted gables suggest early 18thC origins here and a fine selection of beer greeted me including a brace from the host brewery together with St Modwen Heritage, Milestone Hammerhead Dark and Towcester Mill Coffee Porter. Cider aficionados aren't forgotten either. There's a cosy room with dark wainscoting and a longer bar with a pool table at one end where Sky Sports are shown. Those seeking non liquid sustenance are catered for lunchtimes and evenings, and on Sundays between 12 - 4pm, traditional roasts are served. A canopied, decked area outside has a lovely view of the Norman parish church.

Further up Church Street is the John Hair brewery (pictured) taken over by Offiler of Derby in 1954, but brewing has long since ceased.

At the top of Church Street, turn left and on the right in High Street is the current Times newspaper Micro Pub of the Year, the **Chip and Pin** in the former Midland Bank/HSBC premises. The place hasn't been open that long having been founded by five friends of whom long standing CAMRA member, David Carpenter, is the most visible. There's an eclectic range of ciders and real ales for your delectation which on my visit were: Pride of the Valley, Session Bitter; Lawman, Pixel Bandit; Ossett, Silver Fox and a stout, Casual, from the newly established Langley Mill outfit, Abstract Jungle. 3 x 1/3 tasting racks and table service are welcome innovations and a backdrop of framed photographs and beer mats pay homage to Melbourne's pub and brewing heritage. The Good Beer Guide listed Chip and Pin was buzzing at 5.00pm on a Tuesday and is deservedly popular although opening hours are restricted including Monday closing. Further along High Street is the Viscount Lamb whose closure I understand to be temporary as refurbishment beckons.

Notwithstanding the loss of the Crewe and Harpur and Melbourne Arms on Ashby Road, Melbourne makes an ideal day or evening destination with buses back to Derby running late into the evening – check Arriva's website for timings.

Paul Gibson





Blue Bell



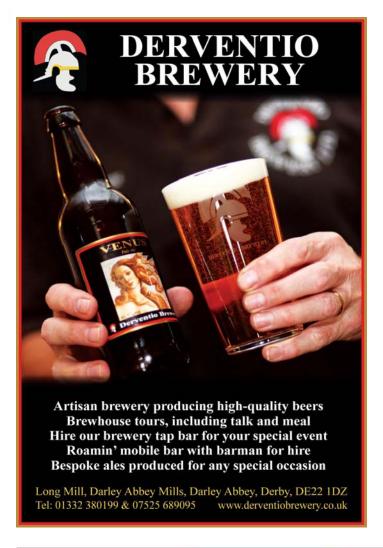
Chip and Pin



Hair's brewery



Viscount Lamb







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Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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Ashbourne Beer Festival 2017

Plans for our Beer Festival continue to be put together. The music is booked and includes: - The Midnight Specials and Steve Giddings on Friday and Burlesque on Saturday evening. The beer list should be almost finalised by the time you read this and will be available for preview on our Facebook page and Branch website. See advert on this page for further details.

Branch Area Pub Map

We are pleased to report that our long-awaited Branch area pub map is ready to print and will feature in the Beer Festival programme as well as being available as a free stand-alone leaflet. Massive thanks are due to John Arguile for all his hard work and patience in gathering the information and designing the layout.

Pub News

Our members recently voted the Okeover Arms at Mappleton as our Summer Pub of the Season. A certificate has been

Ashbourne & District CAMRA
BEER FESTIVAL 2017
at Ashbourne Town Hall
Thursday 21st September, 6pm - 11pm
Friday 22nd September, 12 noon - 11pm
Saturday 23rd September, 12 noon - 11pm
Consider and Perries
Live Music Friday / Saturday
Food from local suppliers
£3 entry at all times
(FREE to CAMRA members)

presented to them. Nominations for the Autumn Pub of the Season are being shortlisted and judged and the winner will be confirmed in the next edition.

The Ostrich at Longford has new licensees as of late June. They are in place full-time for now, but there is still a threat of permanent closure hanging over the pub as New River Retail are still proposing to sell it off for housing.

New licensees were apparently being lined up for Ye Olde Vaults in Ashbourne as we went to press.



Diary Dates

All meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated

Monday 18th September

- Festival set-up begins.

Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd September

- 5TH ASHBOURNE BEER FESTIVAL

Tuesday 26th September

- Branch Meeting - Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston

Tuesday 31st October

- Branch Meeting - Okeover Arms, Mappleton





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BREWERY BITES

News from Breweries in and around the Derby Drinker area

BOOT BREWERY



If you've never been to Repton, Derbyshire for a beer put The Boot Inn high on your bucket list. The smart onsite Microbrewery has a new Head Brewer called Jonathan Archer who has a lifelong passion for real ale and craft beer. Jon took over from Alan Shepherd in May this year and the quality of his beer is already attracting attention

across the brewing community. What's surprising about Jon is that he is not a traditional commercial brewer by trade, his job at the Boot is his first ever job as a brewer but he has been home brewing for about 30 years. Jon has guickly settled into the new role and is already developing new recipes and ideas. His latest creation is a 5.2% American Pale Ale called "Reboot", a continuation of the brewery's 'Boot' themed beers. It was inspired by the vibrant craft ale movement of the US West Coast and reflects a new direction for Boot Beer. Reboot is golden and loaded with American 'C' hops (including Chinook, Columbus, Cascade and Centennial) to produce a very drinkable and refreshing pale ale packed with orange aroma, a juicy palate laced and with a hint of pine. You'll find a full range of Boot Beers at the Boot Inn, Repton, The Dragon, Willington and Harpurs, Melbourne. Behind the Boot Inn you'll find Jon in the brewery. Pop in and say hello if you're passing. Cheers, Graham.

BRUNSWICK BREWING COMPANY LTD



The second in the Pick and Mix range is ready to roll, brewed in conjunction with some brewery experience day delegates. Pale 5%, hopped with a mixture of Mosaic/Cascade/Simcoe/Vic Secret/Ella. Also, the first in the 'Engine Shed Project' range is now available in ecokeg on free trade and in the

Brunswick Inn. 'Band Wagon', a 5.6% APA. Light caramel malt base with plenty of citrus from late additions of Simcoe and Summit. The next one planned is a 6% extra pale single hopped with citra, to be called 'Ubiquitous'. Call the brewery for more details. Cheers, James.

DERBY BREWING COMPANY



Family run Derby Brewing Co are pleased to have won two more awards for one of its core beers Quintessential, having won Gold in both the Old Ale/Strong Mild category and overall East Midlands Champion Winter Beer. A popular beer at 5.8% it's one of their strongest beers with a golden colour,

citrus flavours and hoppy finish. In addition to monthly special beers, recently a new range of beers Derby Brewing Crafted has been introduced offering a range of crafted beers, big and bold in flavour, showing true appreciation for the world's fantastic hops and malts. These are available from all Derby Brewing Co venues. To find out more about Derby Brewing Co visit WWW.DERBYBREWING.CO.UK Cheers, Rachel.

DRAYCOTT BREWING COMPANY



The Draycott Brewing Company recently received a Bronze award for our California Steam at the Rail Ale Festival, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. It was very pleasing since the Ca. Steam

is our best selling ale to date. This is the first award the Brewery has won. There is a new ale coming out this month from the Brewery – OBSIDIAN BLACK LAGER ALE. It is made of lager malt, Marynka hops and West Coast California Lager Yeast and of course some other malts to give it its unique colour. Most importantly the taste is very pleasant and refreshing and is served as a traditional ale. You can find both the California Steam and

Obsidian Black Lager Ale on at The Draycott Tap House, 29 Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. For further information please contact Greg Maskalick at draycottbrewingcompany@yahoo.co.uk Call/Text 07834728540 or Visit our FB page. Cheers, Greg.



FURNACE BREWPUB

Much of the 5.5bbl brews remain in the Duke Street Brewpub

exclusively for sale on the bar with the rest appearing at festivals and venues outside of Derbyshire. Cheers, Pedro.



HERITAGE BREWING COMPANY

The Heritage Brewing Company is celebrating its second anniversary in September and is going from strength to strength. Based at the National Brewery Centre in Burton Upon Trent, we are in the heart of Brewing Country.

Our brand new bottling plant has just opened with Charrington IPA the first beer off the production line. As well as our core range of classic beers,

two new one off ales have also been brewed. East Lancs Camra approached us and asked if we could reproduce Massey's Golden Bitter, which is 4.1 %. They wanted it for their beer festival in September and that has just been brewed. Bill Tidy, the famous cartoonist, has drawn a series of pump clips for us and the 5th of the Bill Tidy series has just been produced. It's Tremendous, is another 4.1 % Light golden beer and we certainly feel it is just that.

Finally, for more information on Museum and brewery tours, please contact terry@heritagebrewingcompany.co.uk Cheers, Terry.



LITTLEOVER BREWERY

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer, we certainly did. The beer we brewed for Derbyshire cricketer Wayne Madsens Testimonial that we told you about last time, 77 Pale

Ale, has been a massive success. This allowed us to make a significant contribution to the testimonial fund so thanks to you all for your support. We were also delighted to receive recognition for The Panther Oatmeal Stout at the Barrow Hill Rail Ale festival where it picked up a Silver in its class. It was up against some fantastic beers so we were really chuffed to bits, (sorry!)

Finally, were really looking forward to supplying our beers to the new micropub in Allestree that were involved with. It's called The Pothole and as well as featuring some of our beers, it will also have lots of other quality ales from near and far on offer. We look forward to seeing you there sometime. Cheers, Tim.

SHINY BREWERY



After much work and recipe formulation, we've had our core range of cask & bottled beers certified as Gluten Free as well as Vegan Friendly: New World, 4Wood, Affinity, Disco Balls, Happy People, Wrench, Pail & Tomahawk. Additionally, we've recently

invested heavily in new 2200L lagering tanks, which will allow us to triple the production of our Shiny Lager, which is also Gluten Free. Cheers, Pedro.

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

FAO Alan before the cut off date of 1st October 2017. It would be great to hear from you.



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ctober is CAMRA's cider month and for good reason; this is when the fruit is ready and most of next year's cider is made. 2016 was a really good year for cider making and the benefit of that is all around us now. It's too early to say how 2017 will turn out; you need plenty of rain to swell the fruit (we have certainly had that) and then strong sunshine to ripen it (let's hope). On top of that apple trees tend to be biennial, and some of them may take a rest this year. As you will see from elsewhere in the Derby Drinker Derby and Amber Valley Branches are running a combined cider trail throughout October. The pubs taking part in the trail will all be selling at least one "Real" cider or perry, and there will be incentives available at the Derby Winter Festival for those taking part. It's an ideal excuse (if one were needed) to get out and visit a few pubs not on your usual circuit; you may be pleasantly surprised by what you find.

Just before the cider trail starts, running from Thursday September 28th until Saturday 30th is Amber Valley CAMRA's Beer and Cider Festival, held, as it has been for the past three years at Strutts, Belper. The building is a bit quirky; it was a school, now a community centre and the use

of different rooms, with entertainment in the central hall and beer and cider in a tent, works well. We are putting together a cider / perry bar which will cover a wide range of tastes. It will be sponsored by Three Cats Cider from Morley, Derbyshire; we should have both a medium sweet and a dry version available. If you don't want to wait until the festival Three Cats is generally on sale at the Furnace Inn, Derby, the Marlpool Ale House and the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. Just into Nottinghamshire, from Eastwood we will have another local cider and last year's festival champion, Sisson and Smith medium cider.

Somerset is still, for me, the best county for cider making. From South Somerset we will have a medium dry cider from Burrow Hill based at Kingsbury Episcopi. This is a long-established cider maker with acres of mature orchards. They are probably as well known for their cider brandy as their cider; they are also the main cider supplier to the Glastonbury music festival. At West Lyng some ten miles from Taunton are Parsons Choice. This is a much smaller, traditional cider maker, again with extensive orchards. They have a farm shop selling a variety of goods such as ceramics, worth a visit if you

are holidaying in Somerset. It is new to the festival; we will have their medium cider.

To complete the Somerset contingent we will feature two cider makers who need no introduction to those who enjoy their cider. Hecks from Street specialize in single apple variety ciders; we will have their Port Wine of Glastonbury. Perry from Somerset is a rarity, but Hecks Blakeney Red is excellent so we will have that. Close by at Wedmore is Wilkins Cider Farm, an unforgettable experience for anyone who has been there since you don't pay for cider consumed on the premises, only what you take away! This time we will have their medium sweet cider.

Herefordshire will feature strongly too. For those of you who like your fruit ciders there will be Snails Bank Fruitbat and Rhubarb ciders. The rest of the Herefordshire contingent looks like being Greggs Pitt, a small, craft cider maker from Much Marcle along with festival favourites from Gwatkins, Ross-on-Wye (Broome Farm) and Newton Court. Strutts is the only place to be for the end of September.

Wassail







DERBY CAMRA & AMBER VALLEY CAMRA CIDER/PERRY TRAIL - Autumn 2017

Trail Card Pull-Out Details, Instructions & Scoring

Derby CAMRA and Amber Valley CAMRA have again joined forces to bring you a Cider Trail through September and October 2017. Please remove this page from Derby Drinker, or make a copy if you do not wish to damage your copy.

To complete the trail, you need to drink at least half a pint of real Cider or Perry in each of the pubs listed and collect a sticker. For information on pub opening times and travel information, please check WhatPub.com.

The trial will run from the 1st September to 31st October. There are 28 pubs taking part in the trail as listed below. Each pub will endeavour to stock at least one real Cider or Perry during the period. You have two months to complete the trail, so we encourage all participants to drink responsibly.

Pubs taking part are: Alexandra Hotel in Derby, Angels in Belper, Arkwrights in Belper, Babington Arms in Derby, Black Boy in Heage, Black Bulls Head at Openwoodgate, Brunswick Inn in Derby, Chip & Pin in Melbourne, Dead Poets at Holbrook, Flower Pot in Derby, Furnace Inn in Derby, Handle Bar at Alfreton, Holy Bush at Makeney, Hunters Arms at Kilburn, Lord Nelson in Derby, Marquis of Ormonde at Codnor, Old Oak at Horsley Woodhouse, Paper Mill at Darley Abbey, Poet & Castle in Codnor, Silk Mill in Derby, Smithfield in Derby, Standing Order in Derby, Steampacket at Swanwick, Talbot at Ripley, Thomas Leaper in Derby, Thorn Tree in Ripley, Thorn Tree at Waingroves and White Hart at Bargate.

So we can show recognition for the effort the pubs are playing, we ask you to score the cider/perry you drink in line with the CAMRA National Beer Scoring scheme. Please mark you card alongside each pub according to the following criteria:

0 - No real cider/perry or undrinkable

- 1 Poor
- 2 Average
- 3 Good
- 4 Very good
- 5 Excellent

Please send your results to pubsofficer@derbycamra.org.uk with your name, or drop your completed trail sheet into the Alexandra Hotel, Derby or post to 21 Priestland Avenue, Derby, DE21 7GQ.

The winning pub will be awarded a certificate in recognition of their services to real Cider/Perry.

Finally please enjoy the trail and don't stop supporting real Cider/Perry once the trail has finished. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to pubsofficer@derbycamra.org.uk. Please see Derby CAMRA website for contact details.



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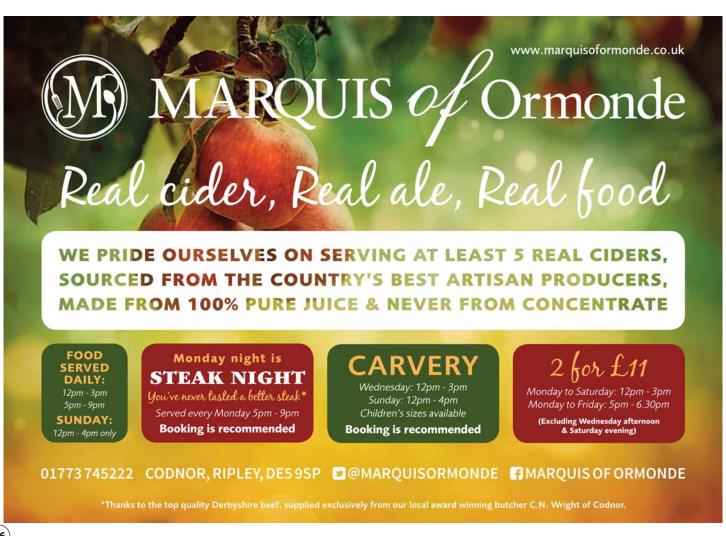
Alexandra Hotel Derby	Angels Belper			Black Boy Heage
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Black Bulls Head Openwoodgate	Brunswick Inn Derby	Chip & Pin Melbourne	Dead Poets Holbrook	Flower Pot Derby
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Furnace Inn Derby	Handle Bar Alfreton	Holly Bush Makeney	Hunters Arms Kilburn	Lord Nelson Derby
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Marquis of Ormonde Codnor	Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse	Paper Mill Darley Abbey	Poet & Castle Codnor	Silk Mill Derby
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Smithfield Derby	Standing Order Derby	Steampacket Swanwick	Talbot Ripley	Thomas Leaper Derby
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Thorn Tree Ripley	Thorn Tree Waingroves	White Hart Bargate		
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DERBY CAMRA & AMBER VALLEY CAMRA CIDER/PERRY TRAIL - Autumn 2017







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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2017

The 8th Amber Valley CAMRA festival will be held at Strutts on Derby Road, Belper from Thursday 28th September to Sunday 1st October 2017. The former Herbert Strutt Grammar School is situated on the A6 just outside the town centre and has its own car park, with the railway and bus stations only a short walk away and buses stopping right outside the venue.

The festival is held in the main hall and various "classrooms" of this unique, atmospheric venue, with the bars being set up in a marquee in an adjoining playground. Several areas will be kept free for those who prefer to drink quietly, have a chat or to sample the great selection of hot and cold food that will be on offer from local caterer, Farmhouse Kitchen, during all sessions from Thursday to Saturday. Snacks and soft drinks will also be available with free soft drinks for designated drivers.

The festival will launch on Thursday with a special preview session from 4-6pm with free entry to all including nonmembers. This gives customers the opportunity to access the full range of beers, ciders and perries without the weekend crowds. This will be followed at 7.30pm by our popular, free-to-enter quiz with prizes, where table-service will be provided for participants.

There will be live music in the main hall on Friday and Saturday nights - for full details of all entertainment, opening times and prices, please visit www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk.

2017 sees the bicentenary of the Pentrich Revolution. Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group will be displaying artwork and historical pieces throughout the festival. The Group will be giving a talk on Saturday afternoon at 3pm with the opportunity to sample the revolution-themed beers brewed for the festival to commemorate the event. There will be a £3 entry fee for this talk and tasting session and spaces are limited so please pre-book at avbeerorders@gmail.com or visit the membership desk on arrival.

The Sunday session 12-2pm is free entry with any remaining beers at £2 a pint.

There will be over 70 ales from around the country, showcasing a good mix of traditional styles along with some unusual and contemporary beers. The Cider Bar will be serving a varied selection of ciders and perries and also country wines and soft drinks. The beer and cider list will be available to view on our website closer to the event.

Advance tickets are not required at any sessions but be sure to arrive early to ensure admission. Over 18's only after 6pm. There is free wi-fi at the venue. Dogs are welcome but only allowed in certain areas.

2017 Festival commemorative glasses in various styles will be on sale for £3 and hire glasses will be available on sale or return.

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



Chesterfield Outing

On Saturday 29th July 10 Branch members visited several pubs in Chesterfield, starting in The White Swan and The Rutland (opposite sides of same road) before moving onto The Neptune (where photo alongside was taken by a willing customer), the Chesterfield Arms, The Tap House and Tramway Tavern before saying our goodbyes.

Destinations being considered for trips this autumn are to Stockport, Leeds and before Xmas what's become our traditional jaunt to Sheffield.

Branch Diary - all meetings start at 8pm

Thu 31 Aug - Branch Meeting - Spotted Cow. Holbrook.
 Fri 08 Sept - Eve survey trip, contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966.
 Thu 05 Oct - Branch Meeting - Old Kings Head, Belper.
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Thu 26 Oct - Branch Meeting - venue TBC (see What's Brewing).





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RECENT PUB OPENINGS

Dog & Moon

By the time you read this the Dog & Moon on Sadler Gate in Derby should be well and truly open having had its official opening on 24th August (see advert on the opposite page).

It promises to be yet another exciting addition to Derby's pub scene with local, regional and national ales promised alongside craft beer, home cooked food and live music.

The pub was formally the

Shakespeare and has had many ups and downs over the years but is still fondly remembered by most Derby folk. Dating from 1737 but re-modelled over the years the pub still has many interesting features and characteristics and the new owners have been busy restoring some of them. It will be good to see and along with the recently restored Old Bell should make another fine addition to the Sadler Gate drinking scene. For opening hours and further details check out the pubs website or facebook page.





The Spotted Cow

f you've been following the story of the Spotted Cow in Holbrook through the pages of Derby Drinker (Issues 171 & 174) you will be delighted to know that the pub is now finally open. It was closed in 2014 and looked like it would be lost forever to housing development until the local community banded together to form the Holbrook Community Society and raise the necessary funds to buy it.

And now after extensive works inside and out, the Spotted Cow pub and Spotted Calf café are both officially open. The café will open from 9am to 5pm seven days a week while the pub is open from Noon to 11pm Sunday to Thursday and until Midnight Friday & Saturday. The new landlord and landlady are Paul and Cheryl Brew who have previously run the Hawk and Buckle in Etwall and the Robin Hood in Lambley, Nottingham. They are keen to keep everything local and the ales will be sourced from the likes of the Hairy Brewers, Dancing Duck and Burton Bridge amongst others.

So why not pop along and check it out, the 7.1 Trent bus from Derby to Belper does pass by the front of the pub but beware it only runs until early evening.







Fabulous Fortieth Festival

organisers have hailed the 40th Derby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival on the Market Place a big success after 9,000 customers drank nearly 30,000 pints of real ale, 4,128 pints of real cider/perry, 200 bottled beers and 116 cases of world beers.

The eager punters were undoubtedly driven to quench their thirsts by the heat & humidity at this year's event and the top line-up of entertainment also proved to be a big draw. It also encouraged 127 new members to join CAMRA which was a record for the event.

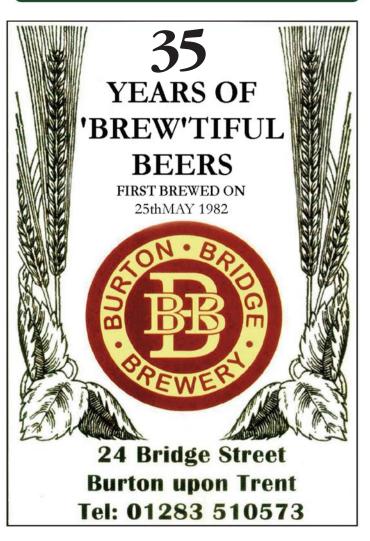
All in all it was a great way to mark the 40th Birthday of the City Charter Beer Festival and all being well it will be back again next year but if you can't wait that long then the ever popular Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival returns to the Roundhouse from 21 to 24 February, 2018.

See you there.









EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH by Mick & Carole Golds carolegolds@btinternet.com

EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

First of all we have to report the sad death of one of our founder members and a committee member, Simon Davis who died on 16th June 2017 aged 54. He held the position of Treasurer for our Beer Festivals and retained that position until recently, he was also the



BLO for Marlpool Brewery and North Star. His favourite Breweries were Acorn and Oakham and was particularly fond of stouts and his favourite pub was the Dewdrop. He will sadly missed, our commiserations to his wife Rachel and son Sam.

Social Trips

Our socials have been well supported during the summer with our first rail trip to **Hinckley** on Saturday 17th June. We Started in the Leicester Railway Station Pub Tap, Steaming Billy's Parcel Office whilst waiting for the Hinckley train and we visited some interesting pubs, some more than others. Some of us managed to do 8 out of the Hinckley town centre guide and were made welcome in all of them. Probably the most unspoilt was the Queens Head and the most modern was the Elbow Room with a good selection of ciders and beers. We also visited the latest micro pub, the Pestle & Mortar and it was certainly a trip worth doing again.

Our next one was to **Sheffield** on 22nd July, always a well supported trip with 22 members attending at one stage which was a bit much for some pubs. Unfortunately we did not realise it was the Tramline music festival and from the Bath to the Hillsborough Hotel there was no problems but to get to the Fat Cat and others pubs down Kelham Island was impossible. So we finished off the night by walking to The Harlequin and then walking back to the tram stop in pouring rain, this did not deter the masses outside and inside The Fat Cat listening

to the music though. Back home on the train to Ilkeston for some of us where the Dewdrop was very handy for the station.

Socials

Saturday 16th September to Wakefield. Full Details will be on our Branch website erewash.camra.org.uk or phone Michael Golds on 0115 9328042.

Saturday 9th December to Burton on Trent. Full details in next issue.

Pub & Brewery News

Railway, Langley Mill - Closed. The Tiger Inn, Long Eaton being converted to flats.

Needlemakers, Ilkeston still closed. Three Horseshoes, Ilkeston - the Stables Bar function room is to be changed to a bar for real ale and whiskey from next January.

Harrington Arms, Sawley - Real Ale is £2.50 pint on Mondays.

Prince of Wales, Ilkeston - Double Camra discount on Wednesdays.

Draycott Tap House - applied for new licensing hours Mon-Sat 12-11pm, Sunday 12-10pm. White Lion, Sawley - Tuesday 10th October 8.00pm, meet the brewer, talk on brewing & styles of beer by Mark Tetlow qualified brewer & sommelier. Beer tasting and pie & peas cost £10. Ilkeston Brewery Tap (Aurora) - Bottom of Bath Street Ilkeston, 07768 976999. Run by Mark Abbott, Mark Derbyshire, Trevor Bishop. Opening Hours, Monday-Wednesday Closed, Thursday & Friday 4-10.30pm, Saturday & Sunday 12-10.30pm. 5 changing real ales 5

Future Meetings

All meetings start at 8.00pm

Monday 4th September - Hogarths, South Street, Ilkeston.

Monday 2nd October - Inn in the Middle, Langley Mill.

Monday 6th November - The Bridge Inn, Bridge Street, Cotmanhay.

Navigation, Breaston – 10p off a pint Plough, Sandiacre – 10p off a pint Prince of Wales, 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) (Mon-Wed)











Camra Discounts

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

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

Great Northern, Langley Mill – 15p off a pint **Hogarths, Ilkeston** – 20p off a pint



Matlock and Dales CAMRA Branch

Contact Peter Boitoult peterb56@hotmail.co.uk



TOO MUCH BEER

A poem written by Rob Stamper a regular at The Nelson Arms, Main Street Middleton by Wirksworth.

The Nelson is a great local pub that not only serves really good beer but is a real hub for the community. The landlords are Jane Monaghan and Alan Johnson.

It hosts a part time outreach post office, serves a fortnightly lunch for local pensioners, is an occasional cinema, hosts numerous meetings such as choir & gardening club, Knit & Natter, Art Pub and supports many local activities I am sure I have missed.

This poem, inspired by ALL the pump the clips on display, was performed at the monthly Folk Jam amidst great hilarity as Jane the landlady gamely read the list of beers with appropriate expression!

I called in the Nelson and this I did say Hail Jane, what ales have you on today? She looked up from her slumber and my smile did she see

Her eyes locked onto mine and this she said to me.

Hello, Queen of the Desert, Summer Honey Bitter

Flower Power, Mosaic Blond American Girl or Belter

Now then! I replied, I am not that type of chap

I will not drink here today and I may not in fact come back

But time has passed, the Sun is closed so I tried the same again

And what she said this time makes me think she is insane! She put her glass aside and gazed hard at me but it was as I feared, her behaviour was much the same Saying

Ay Up, Top Totty Blonde Volupta. Cracked Pot Full Moon, Bishops Finger Or Old Mottled Cock



Old mottled cock I did yell
That is so rude I did shout
I will bring my wife in here next time
And she will sort you out
But when she came in, my heart stopped
in dread

Jane looked deep into her brown eyes and this is what she said

Blond Witch, Temptress Rapture, London Lady, Random Toss, Trainspatter Asylum- If You May!

Now stop that's enough! I yelled, This is not right!

But she was in her stride and had us in her sights

Saying how about

Autumn Goddess, Slum Dog Dream Weaver, But Wiser Scoundrel or Preacher Crafty Stackrat and Sidewinder

She went on as she dribbled, she had truly lost her hinge

We have Al Murray, Sporting Times Emperor Orange Tip Hornswoggle, Rampage Or Hairy Helmet

Hairy helmet was just too much! Well my wife she fainted away But Jane she did not pause as then did she say

Born in the USA, Eternal Combustion Engine Fossil Fuel, Alchemy Summer lightening, Full Moon Cocker Hoop's good you will see My cocker is not hooped I declared as she rambled on and on She then looked up and smiled before she started a song

Owd Codger, Owd Codger Back Sack and Quack Nelson in the Middle! Snake Ale, Scarlet Macaw Pterylgargactyl Piddle

No no no I said for my brain was starting to sink

Then she said

Ah ha, sinking, well that does make me think How about Affinity, Infallible Titanic, Star of India that's true Waitangi, Shipwreck Coast And good old B52

I asked her what was going on And she smiled as I started to sway I then realised she was a landlady marvel Like a good beer in so many ways She was indeed

A Suzie Q

A Strawberry Blond. A Fluffer A Pale and Hoppy Posh Blond with a Pedigree

A Stairway to Heaven with an Afterglow like a Cheddar Valley.

I was defeated now I knew and sat down on my ass

And what did I drink after all this Well, I just had a nice pint of Bass.

By Rob Stamper

Pubs with CAMRA discounts in the Matlock and Dales area

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

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

TwentyTen

Dale Road, Matlock

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Matlock Bath

Fishpond

South Parade Matlock Bath

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Winster

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Whitworth Park Darley Dale

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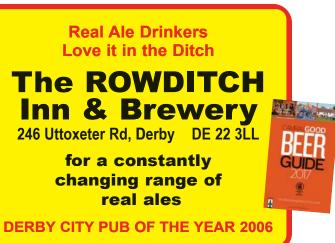
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This is the latest list of LocAle pubs:

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) Hawk & Buckle (Etwall)

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)



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

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

CAMRA Discount Pubs

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

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

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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
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Harpur's, Melbourne Lamb Inn, Melbourne	20p off a pint 10p off a pint, 5p off a half
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Nags Head, Mickleover	10% off a pint
Mill House, Milford	10% off a pint/half
Kings Corner, Oakwood	10% off a pint
Windmill, Oakwood	10% off a pint
Cross Keys, Ockbrook	10p off a pint
Royal Oak, Ockbrook	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Queens Head, Ockbrook George Inn, Ripley	10% off a pint 10p off a pint
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Thorn Tree, Ripley	15p off a pint
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Smithy's Marina Bar, Shardlow	15p off a pint
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DearToper...

Consider! Dear Toper, robotics, and what the future might hold for the licensed trade. Oh, I know that some bar staff already resemble robots whose batteries are dangerously rundown, especially students looking to earn a little cash in between long and tedious hours of partying – sorry, studying (must have been a Freudian slip).

As for as real robots, when they arrive in the workplace, they will

(and to some extent, have already) displace many humans (some more human than others), but only if it is cost effective to do so, and the only way to hang on to your job will be to work for a pittance, and thereby undercut the robot manufacturers (who are increasingly other robots), who will no doubt wish to recoup the amount spent on R&D when selling, or hiring out, their superefficient automatons to employers. As for working for a pittance to thwart robots, there has already been some activity in this field (or should I say fields?) where farmers and growers, eager to stave off the cost of mechanisation until a future date, have been keen to import and exploit people prepared to work for

very little in the way of recompense – so little, in fact, that they often pay no income tax, something they have in common with robots. But this is only delaying the relentless inevitable, for machines shall, and will, prevail, and some of those machines will be indistinguishable from humans – well, the better looking humans, at least. I can't imagine anyone wishing to buy a robot that resembles a flabby woman of sixteen stone, with bingo wings, multiple chins, and a beer belly decorated with weird tattoos – which reminds me of a barmaid I know, and brings me nicely back to the pub.

Imagine, Dear Toper, an evening out in the future, whereupon you enter the local, a place of stainless-steel, chrome and glass, and approach the bar with your credit card at the ready (no cash in the future), eager to get a round in before "Happy Hour" draws to a close and the beer goes up to its usual price of £20 a pint. And there she is awaiting your pleasure – the robotic barmaid!

The Day of the Robot

The automated barmaid of the future, will (after reciting all of the government health warnings pertaining to alcohol products) be able to pull a perfectly measured pint every time. She will be able to converse with customers in a variety of languages, and, at the

turn of a dial, at the customer's own intellectual level – although in some establishments the dial will be permanently set low, I fear. She will always charge the right price, always know who's next without having to ask, always give CAMRA discount when applicable, and when you take a pint back that looks like sludge and smells like vinegar, her circuits will not allow her to sneeringly say, "Well, no one else has complained." She will be able to recite the "Good Beer Guide" verbatim, not leave the bar unattended whilst going out for a "fag break" and always wear a smile, albeit fake – no change there then.

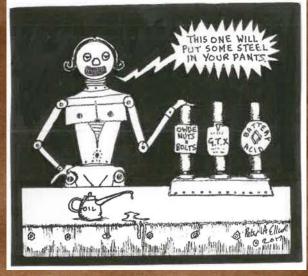
At the end of your evening out in the future, you will journey home in your

driverless car – no problem with drink driving – where the seats, front and back, will face each other across a table, whereon a game of cards or dominos can be played with your friends whilst imbibing a nightcap, giving the expression "One for the road" a whole new meaning.

Soon machines will be making and doing everything for us – and then watch out, Dear Toper, because why would super-efficient, super- intelligent robots want us cluttering up their perfect world? To say nothing of their pubs, where only oil (probably in metric measures) will be served!

The day of the robot is closer than you think, Dear Toper, so as you acquire your various robotic labour-saving devices, stop short of installing automatic lighting, because the machines can see in the dark and you can't! Consider that, Dear Toper!

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Derby **CAMRA** Branch**Diary**

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

SEPTEMBER

Thu 14th - Branch Meeting - Thomas Leaper, Irongate, Derby - 8pm.

OCTOBER

Thu 12th - Branch Meeting - Old Bell (Tudor bar), Sadlergate, Derby - 8pm.

NOVEMBER

Thu 9th - Branch Meeting - The Duckhouse, Derby Rowing Club - 8pm.

Thu 30th - Branch Meeting - Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby - 8pm.

Contact the Social Secretary, by e-mail - socials@derbycamra.org.uk (except where indicated)

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Crossword

No 59 by Wrenrutt

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

rossword winner is M J Price from Long Eaton picked up at the Victoria in Beeston

Across

- 1. Fruit plus another for cockney's stairs (6)
- 5. Re sage tweaked for a lubricant (6)
- 8. State flower of Florida (6.7)
- 9. Harp that sounds like a fibber
- 10. A white grape or wine (8)
- 11. Bog plant or a type of melon
- 13. Liverpool Organic's strong ruby
- 15. Native American dance (8)
- 17. Male bird with a bull that creates a tall story (4)
- 19. Out There Brewery's rich red strong beer (9.4)
- 21. Learning session that sounds slightly undressed (6)
- 22. Bravely persist for this clue's answer (6)

Down

- 2. Fermented juice from the other fruit of 1 across (5)
- Cricket bat oil from flax (7)
- 4. Litigious female? (3)
- 5. Scottish diving duck with valuable peepers (9)
- Re-arrange lease for a supporting frame (5)
- 7. Cleric liable to order 'dare of the hog' from Pennine brewery's retail outlets! (7)
- 10. Warwickshire village with a GBG listed "busy and thriving community club" (9)
- 12. Plucking instrument associated with George Formby (7)
- 14. A state good for preserving onions but not drinkers (7)
- 16. The impurities at the barrel's bottom (5)
- 18. Simply, a speleologist (5)
- 20. What CAMRA is really concerned about (3)

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- **PAX ALE**
- SIPHON
- **KIDDERMINSTER**
- OSLO
- **COWS ARSE**
- 11. OBJECT
- 13. EASTER
- 15. HIGH PEAK
- **IRON**
- BITTER REALITY
- CHAPEL
- 22. BAYARD

- ALIAS
- **ARDMORE**
- **FRR**
- **SHIPWRECK**
- 6. **PASTA**
- **OVERSEE**
- 10. CATHEDRAL
- **BRITISH**
- 14. SHIPLEY
- **HET UP**
- **OTTER**
- 20. EBB

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