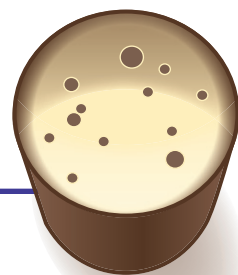


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An Extravaganza of Possibility

At 5pm on Wednesday 21st February 2018 Derby CAMRA will throw open the gates at The Roundhouse, Pride Park, for the fourteenth Derby Winter Ale Festival and what a spectacular show they have for you!

There is likely to be something on offer for most drinkers, with the very best winter style beers from across the East Midlands balanced by an interesting selection of other beer styles. The cider and perry bar will have an exquisite offering some of which have been earmarked for Derby since mid August. Derby's appetite for mead, a fermented honey drink, has increased year on year and again there will be a bar serving this fascinating and delicious drink. The experienced World Beer Bar Team have over the years established some unique supply relationships which ensure you will find arguable one of the finest selections of bottled beers and some peerless draught ales for your delight. It's said there might even be some prosecco and wine being sold by the World Beer Bar!

Having learned just how much you love CAMRA's Derby Winter Festival our Chair Russell Gilbert has asked all wet stock orderers to ensure they order enough beer, cider and perry to match your thirst. Russell's aim is to have a good selection on sale when we close the Festival on the Saturday night.

Did you know the Festival is staffed by volunteers? If you are interested, you can get involved by completing an online form: <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/winter-beer-festival/> For months now meetings have been taking place in pubs around Derby as volunteers conjure with a variety of options to ensure that your visit is as wonderful as possible.

As time slowly moves forward, 2018 becomes a reality as the plans solidify it is clear this year will be even more exciting than 2017. For the first time we will have new entrance arrangements taking on board the popular tokens which debuted in July 2017 at the City Charter Beer Festival.

The good news is we are planning to offer the stylish £10 deal, which is £7 of tokens plus £3 for one of our very limited edition glasses. This was well liked when introduced in July and worked well. (Remember you can get the money back on your glass as long as it's not chipped or damaged on exit). Additional tokens can be purchased during your visit to our fabulous festival, and unused tokens exchanged for their cash value as you leave.

When you enter the Festival, if you turn left you will find the much loved additional seating in the library area. The Cloak Room is situated here too, staffed by The Derby Mountain Rescue who, for a donation they will look after your coat and bag until you want to collect them again. Derby Mountain



Rescue are a voluntary emergency service who attend callouts in response to requests from the Police, and they are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You might not be aware but Derby Mountain Rescue consists entirely of unpaid volunteers, with a main function to search and rescue for missing or injured people, principally in upland or mountainous areas. They are happy for you to pop over and have a chat with them, if they are not too busy.

At the far end of the library/corridor is The Carriage Room where all the East Midlands winter style beer will be stillaged – so if you like porters, stouts, strong mild, old ales, strong old ales or barley wines this is the area for you! This is also where you will find Derby's very own Shiny Brewing Company. Expanding and relocating in 2016 to Long Eaton, Pedro Menon is the visionary driving force behind this popular, strikingly successful, award winning and innovative brewery. Don't miss the opportunity to have a chat with the Shiny Team while checking out what's hot on their bar!

Moving back up the corridor towards the main entrance you'll find on the right hand side our external music marquee which is returning this year. This means there are improved acoustics, and more space to dance and meet friends – boom! Result. Tucked inside will be a Cider & Perry Bar and Dancing Duck Brewery, which is Rachel and Ian Matthews champion award winning brewery. Dancing Duck achieved distinction in 2015 when their Dark Drake, an oatmeal stout, was judged the very best beer in England by CAMRA. Their moto is: "Serious about Beer!" and you are certainly in for a treat as there is quality, passion and layers of flavour in every glass.

Entering the main Roundhouse you may well gasp in awe at the vision before you. The plan



is to open with over 350 different draught beers stillaged in the round in addition to two Brewery Bars, a Cider and Perry Bar, the World Beer Bar and Mead Bar. This year we are delighted to be joined at two sensational Brewery Bars – Peak Ales and Brunswick Brewing Company.

Derbyshire's Peak Ales was created by Robert and Debra Evans in January 2003 and the Team at Peak have spent the 15 years since getting continually better and better. Peak Ales have won multiple awards and recently expanded into a 20 barrel purpose built premises in Ashford in the Water. Peak Ales are rightly confident that they create "simply magnificent pints" and we have no argument with this as you will discover.

Brunswick Brewing Company, Derby's oldest brewery, is under the capable leadership of Head Brewer James Salmon, enriched by Alan Pickersgill and Philippe Larroche's involvement as pub tenants of The Brunswick Inn. This is an award winning brewery with a contemporary quality lead approach. The range and variety of beers Brunswick Brewing Company create are peerless and delicious, so form a queue!

As you leave or enter the festival in the late afternoon, (and all day Saturday) you will meet our second charity who are Rotary Club of Derby Daybreak. This year their volunteers are collecting for RNIB's Talking Books and The DART appeal at The Royal Derby Hospital:

- RNIB's Talking Books is a service that provides the spoken word in audio format for those who can no longer read the written word. For many Talking Books are indispensable not only as a pastime but also for learning and staying informed about what's going on in the world. Each adult Talking Book costs £2,500. Derby Daybreak has the goal to sponsor at least one.
- The DART appeal at Royal Derby Hospital is aimed at purchasing extra state of the art radiotherapy equipment and also embraces the development of a new light and airy reception/waiting area for patients and relatives visiting for treatment.

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Rescue and Rotary Club of Derby Daybreak, and we hope that you our customers will be proud to support them as well.

Most importantly, some say, you will find a delicious selection of hot & cold food, hopefully catering for all dietary requirements in the main Roundhouse itself. Mr Morgan and his delicious cheese stall is back, as it Pipers Crisps and Oddfellows Chocolate so there really is something for everyone to eat.

It could just be that Derby's Winter Ale Festival 2018 could be your ideal trip out, somewhere with a choice of what to drink, where you are likely to bump into friends, with live bands in the evenings a selection of food and in a good location. Did you know we have some of the very best live cover bands performing most evenings? There is an article about them in this magazine which sets out who's playing when so that you can plan your visit and not miss anyone.

Remember if you join CAMRA admission is free to all sessions for card carrying CAMRA Members. We'll have a Membership stall on site who can explain how to join to you, but if you want to join in advance you can do here: <http://www.camra.org.uk/join>

The festival will open with over 450 different draught beers on sale throughout the venue in three areas, and as it progresses towards the final evening the number of beers available will decrease. The master plan however, is not to run out but to ensure there is still plenty of choice right up to the final whistle on Saturday night.

If you haven't been to a beer festival for a while or have never been before it's an amazing event, you are in for an exciting and interesting time. Admission prices vary, see the table below for more details:

		Admission	Card carrying CAMRA Members	Aged 60 & over	Aged 25 and under
Wednesday 21st Feb	Open 5pm	£3.00	FREE	£3.00	£1.50
Thursday 22nd Feb	12 Noon – 5.30pm	£2.00	FREE	FREE	£1.00
	5.30pm – 11pm	£5.00	FREE	£5.00	£2.50
Friday 23rd Feb	12 Noon – 5.30pm	£3.00	FREE	FREE	£1.50
	5.30pm – 11pm	£6.00	FREE	£6.00	£3.00
Saturday 24th Feb	11am – 5.30pm	£3.00	FREE	FREE	£1.50
	5.30pm - 11pm	£6.00	FREE	£6.00	£3.00

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

Please note while there is no separate family area at the festival we welcome well supervised under 18's until 19:00 or 7pm after which time all under 18's have to leave. All under eighteens must be accompanied and supervised while at the Festival at all times. This is a licensing requirement, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

So when you combine friends with beer, cider, mead, world beer and live music what do you get? Why CAMRA's Derby Winter Ale Festival of course! See you at The Roundhouse and lets party like it's 2018.

Gillian Hough





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Beer Festival

Cider

with Suzie



It seems to come round quickly, but we are well into planning the cider bar for the Derby Winter Ales Festival at the Roundhouse which will run from February 21st to 24th 2018. The setup will be the same as last year, with the principal cider bar in the Main Hall and a second cider bar (selling different ciders / perries) in the Carriage Room. As always we will have a selection of locally produced ciders, in particular Sisson & Smith from Eastwood which is the current East Midlands Champion Cider (judged at Nottingham Festival 2017). It is a 6% medium cider, made from local fruit, with a proper cider flavour and aftertaste. Winning at Nottingham means that this cider will go forward to the National Cider Judging at Reading next May. Congratulations to Alistair Smith on winning this prestigious award.

Our trawl through Somerset will see a mixture of old favourites and a few new to the festival. Westcroft Janets Jungle Juice, three times National Champion cider, Sheppys Medium Sweet and Wilkins Farmhouse need no introduction. If you are in the area and have never been to Wilkins Farm near Wedmore you should; it is an amazing mixture of rural life, drinking fine cider and putting the world to rights. Also from Somerset will be Orchard Pig Philosopher, also

Chilli & Ginger (a quirky mixture, there will be plenty of flavoured ciders on the bar), and from nearby Nempnett Piglet's Perry. Further on into Devon no bar would be complete without Winkleigh; we will have their Autumn Scrumpy (somewhat mis-named in my view since it is clear, medium sweet and easy drinking, albeit at 7.5%), also their Blackcurrant cider.

Heading out East we will have two fruit ciders from Bottle Kicking from Leicestershire, Pineapple Peach and Passion Fruit will be one of them. Then on to Peterborough where we find the ever popular Hubz cider, 'Ang Over at 8% and an only slightly weaker Cranberry and Raspberry cider are the likely candidates from here. Further on in Cambridgeshire is Glebe Farm. It's a bit big and commercial, but the range of fruit ciders is impressive; the two from here are likely to be Cherry and Mango.

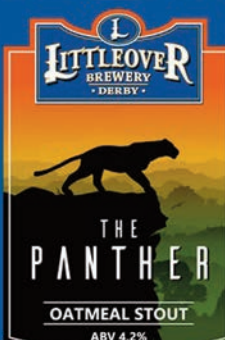
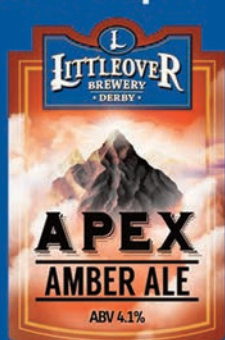
Midlands cider production is centred on Herefordshire but also encompasses Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. From Worcester we will have Barbourne strawberry and painted lady perry. From Pembrige in Herefordshire we will have Dunkertons. It is quite upmarket, and much of their cider is bottled and sold in top London stores (so I am told), however they have extensive orchards and

make high quality traditional cider and perry, we will concentrate on the draught versions for the festival. Another quality cider is Carey Organic, from Carey near Ross-on-Wye. This is a medium dry, high tannin cider made on an all organic fruit and vegetable farm. In fact a lot of the cider sold, particularly from smaller producers is suitable for vegetarians, even vegans, but I would not claim this unless it has official accreditation. Best to check on the producer's website if you are interested. Close by, and not to be missed if you are in the area is the Ross Cider and Perry Co. (better known as Broome Farm) at Peterstow. This has always been a mecca for cider enthusiasts, but it is even better now with a well-stocked shop and their own pub (the Yew Tree) and a campsite. They do an extensive range of ciders and perries, some single variety; you will have to wait for the festival program / website to see exactly what we have from there.

On a different note Amber Valley Branch have just completed judging for their Cider Pub of the Year. The winner is the Talbot at Ripley, and the runner-up Angels Bar at Belper. If you are not familiar with these pubs both are well worth a visit.

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Festival Entertainment

Wed 21st Feb - Local Band Showcase (about 3 on).

Thu 22nd Feb - Damage Report
(local Derby covers band) & Support.

Fri 23rd Feb - Green Day tribute band & Support.

Sat 24th Feb - Tribute band still being finalised as we went to press & Support.

Festival Bands Wanted

The Winter Ale Festival is actively seeking bands to take part in its Local Band Showcase on Wednesday night as well as looking for support bands on other nights.

You must be able to perform your own material as well as covers.

If you think you fit the bill then please contact us at: winterents@derbycamra.org.uk



BREWERY BITES

News from Breweries in and around the Derby Drinker area



BRUNSWICK BREWING CO

The Brunswick Brewing Co is gearing up for Christmas with a special new Christmas beer, 'Saint Nick's Mince Pie-eyed', a 4.7% chestnut warmer, with everything but the kitchen sink! Black Treacle, orange, raisins and cinnamon, and hopped with Challenger, Cascade and Enigma. Get it whilst you can! As for the new year, the next beer in the 'Engine Shed Project' range is being drawn up as we speak, stay tuned for details.

Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Cheers, James :)



DANCING DUCK BREWERY

Our onsite brewery shop opened on 1st December, stocking bottles, minikegs, clothes and various merchandise along with casks and bag in boxes available on pre-order.

Open Monday to Saturday see facebook or website for details.

We collected a couple of awards at the recent SIBA competition, our 6.4% Duck a l'orange won a gold and now goes through to the nationals and our 6.5% Imperial Drake won bronze

Cheers Rachel



DERBY BREWING CO

To get into the festive spirit Derby Brewing Co brewed four great beers available exclusively in December. The ever popular White Christmas, a flavoursome 5.5% rich pale with a full hop finish and three additional special Christmas beers - A Winter's Ale 4.2%, Snowed Inn 5.9% and What The Elf! 3.8%. These were available alongside Derby Brewing Co's core beers and new crafted range of beers.

Cheers Rachel



FURNACE BREWPUB

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and give our appreciation for you support since our launch last summer. We will continue to experiment and push the boundaries with our beers, and a great many examples will be showcased together with Deya Brewery of Cheltenham at the Furnace Brewpub Beer Festival in February.

Kind Regards, Pedro.



SHINY BREWERY

After the success of canning our award winning gluten free lager at the end of last year, we will be launching several more cans so watch this space! They will join our existing range of gluten free real ale in a bottle, available at Beer Metropolis in Little Eaton, and all other good beer stockists.

Kind Regards. 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 February 2018.

It would be great to hear from you.



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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Firstly, Happy New Year to all readers.

AGM

This will take place on 1st March, 8pm at The Old Oak in Horsley Woodhouse - please put the date in your diary.

Pub Of The Year

The 8 shortlisted finalists for the Branch competition appear in alphabetic order below:-

Angels, Belper; Arkwright's, Belper; Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate (previous winner 2 years running); Holly Bush, Makeney (previous winner); Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse (previous winner); Poet and Castle, Codnor; Talbot, Ripley; White Hart, Bargate (2017 winner).

These 8 gained the most votes from 312 nominations received during November from 83 branch members and overall, 33 branch pubs received nominations, 1/3rd of our total which shows how lucky we are in Amber Valley to have such good quality real ale

outlets. The judging period lasts until 31st January and judges follow CAMRA national guidelines. Good luck to each nominated pub and the winner will be announced at our **AGM**, see details above.

Winter Ale Trail

Elsewhere in this edition you will find the full list of 69 pubs across 3 branches participating in the trail, bigger than ever with the inclusion this year of 14 in Mansfield /Ashfield. Just to mention that the **27** Amber Valley pubs is the highest ever number and to urge you to go along between 20th Jan and 18th Feb to support them at this leanest time of the year.

Cider POTY

The Branch is pleased to announce the result of this competition - the winner is **Talbot, Ripley** and the runner up is **Angels Bar, Belper**, congratulations to them both. Amber Valley will continue to support cider in pubs by running the competition annually each Autumn. The winner goes forward to the East Midlands round of judging (March 2018).

CBOB Silver Award

Amber Ales received this in the E. Midlands CBOB competition for Dambuster - well done to Pete Hounsell.

Figment Beer

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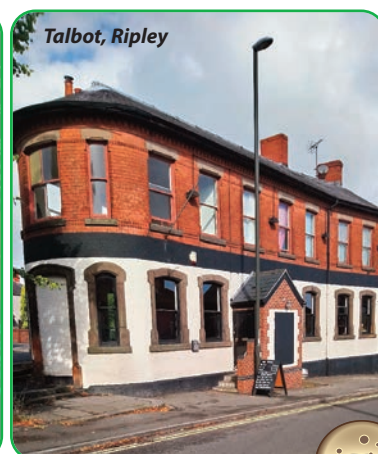
- all meetings start at 8pm

Mon 8th Jan

- Initial AVBF meeting, Thorn Tree in Ripley.

Thu 18th Jan

- Committee & Branch Meeting, The Cross Keys, Swanwick (TBC).





Derby CAMRA Branch

Business Rates Update

Following on from the last article I wrote in Derby Drinker 176 Page 5, I am very pleased to inform you that we have achieved that aim and all pubs entitled to the rates rebate have now had bills adjusted to deduct it of December & January amounts to be paid.

I would like to point out that Leicester City Council and Rugby Council allocated this money to the pubs in their areas by July 2017!

Derby City Councils Baggy Shanker blamed "a snap general election in June" in his letter dated 6th October 2017, as far as I believe a lame excuse.

Did the General Election not take place in Leicester or Rugby, Baggy?

What do you want me to tackle next?

Yes it's your branch, and your call.

We had a lively debate on 30th November 2017 at The Brunswick over a motion about cask ale and CAMRA's focus and priority towards it. It was great to see so many new and engaging faces.

I want to do more of this and the committee will be setting out priorities for you to choose what we tackle next.

1/ Business Rates is a really unfair tax on our pubs and small retail businesses which threatens the existence of many. We in the pub industry and you as a drinker pay approximately 4 times the amount of rates compared to the amount we take in hard pound notes of other businesses. Plus we are extremely highly taxed on top of that by excise duty on beer and VAT. Our pubs are dying in many cases because of the tax burden.

Do you want me to fight the cause of business rates reform, £5k rate relief and beer tax reduction?

2/ Do you know that pubs which give a CAMRA Discount do at the expense of the individual pub? Or ones who take spoons vouchers? CAMRA do not refund this money to any of them.

20p off a pint for some who visit once a week or even once a year when regular customers of that pub often get nothing. Join CAMRA I hear you say. But are we a purchasing organisation or a campaigning organisation?

Many of our pubs offer very reasonably priced ale in comparison to other cities we all visit.

After June 2016 the currency has devalued meaning imports of hops used to make our beer often 30% more expensive now and the pressure at the pub will be even greater to raise prices this coming year.

Should we question our aim in asking for CAMRA Discount to help the pub's viability?

3/ Derby City Council are talking about a new initiative to drive tourism into our city, I hear it called Alco Tourism. Derby the city of Alco Tourism doesn't sound good. Derby Capital of Real Ale is far better.

In my opinion we have got Beer Tourism and I call upon the council to contact me to help shape this policy and not destroy what we have by calling it something which makes me think of Alcoholics and Alcopops!

Please Derby City Council consult a group like us, and our brewers, to help you sort this idea out to benefit the city not harm what it already has.

If you have a topic you want to fight for please let me know. I know how passionate you are. I saw your passion at the last branch meeting.

Let us fight for the Great British Pub and Pint of Ale in our great city!

Contact me with your ideas camrapublicity@aol.com

Alan Pickersgill - Publicity & Public Liaison Officer - Derby CAMRA




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Annual Beer Census

The Annual Beer Census (ABC) crawl will take place on **Friday 2nd February** around 60-70 pubs within Derby. The idea is to determine the number of beers on sale in any one given night. Last year resulted in a record number of Real Ales available with 336 being counted, 220 of which were different ones. There will be about 8 different routes on the night so if you would like to join us then please contact Gareth Stead on ABC@derbycamra.org.uk who can e-mail you the routes or check out the website www.derbycamra.org.uk

Pub News

Mid-November saw the opening of the **Pothole** micropub at the Park Farm shopping centre in Allestree, Derby. Six ever changing real ales and four traditional ciders should be available. Please note that the Pothole is closed between Monday and Wednesday opening Thursday 12-9pm, Fri & Sat 12-10pm and Sundays 1-6pm. The pub consists of a single room with the bar to the back, but does have a games room. The beers normally include one from the Littleover Brewery. Catch the Allestree bus from Derby City Centre to get there.

A new Bavarian Bar, **Stein Strasse** opened on the Wardwick in Derby recently. As well as all the traditional German products you'd expect such as Pils, Wheat beer, etc there are also 2 handpumps on the bar which will be selling Real Ale although this wasn't on as we went to press as things were still getting sorted out. There is also an extensive range of bottled beers and the food is of the traditional German variety. The stage at the rear is set up for a house Oompah Band who will provide the entertainment and the seating is set out like a proper German beer hall.

Figment Beer Stall in the Market Hall

A new stall has opened in Derby Market Hall stocking over 150 different beers from around the world, gift packs and glasses too. They are on the ground floor in unit 6. They usually open 0930-1445 Tues-Weds, and 0930-1700 Thurs-Sat.

The Berlin Beer Adventure

Berlin, a great city, and a great place for a Derby CAMRA beer adventure. Eighteen of us visited for four nights in early August last year, and a very welcoming and enjoyable place it proved to be. If 18 sounds like a gang of uncouth Brits, don't worry. We were split between different flights and hotels, and, during the day, divided into different groups, depending on interests: some sought the cultural and the historical; for others, the four-day mission was to seek out new beers and microbreweries; for most, a mixture of all those things. But, in the evenings, we all converged on the main objective of the trip - the Berlin Beer Festival. More on that later!

I had been to Berlin twice before, and have still scarcely scratched the surface of all it has to offer. On the first day, the group I was in visited the magnificent Sans Souci palace in nearby Potsdam, followed by a late lunch in the Meierei im Neuen Garten (Dairy in the New Garden), which brews its own (excellent) beers and has a terrace with a lovely view over the Jungfernsee (lake) – best seen over a plate of Berliner Boulette mit Kartoffel-Gurken Salat. On subsequent days we opted to visit some of the preserved sections of the Berlin wall, and other reminders of Berlin's 20th century history. Sad in parts, yes, but uplifting at the same time; Germany has struck a good balance, the past is remembered and preserved; not to be forgotten, but gone.

Other groups hit the heights, ascending the former Soviet television tower at Alexanderplatz, at 386m high the tallest building in Germany. Clearly immune to vertigo, they also ascended into the famous dome of the Bundestag building designed by Norman Foster, of 'The Gherkin' fame. No doubt exhausted by all the ascents and descents, they later opted for a river trip on the Spree.

Never mind the confines of the Derby Market Place, the Berlin Beer Festival stretched for 1.5 km down Karl Marx Allee (no prizes for guessing that this magnificent broad boulevard was once in East Berlin). Individual beer stalls, food outlets and bands were spread down one side of this dual carriageway over the whole distance (wisely, it was more or less



closed to traffic). So, how do you find the rest of the group? Simple, you text one of them to ask the number of the lamppost nearest to where they are sitting, and which of the three U-Bahn stations down the length of the festival is nearest to that lamppost. Attaching numbers to lampposts specially for the festival – excellent idea!

The festival is international, so in addition to a huge range of German beers from all over the country, there were some that we did not go there to try - Stella Artois or Kilkenny anybody? And we were not there for Old Speckled Hen or Thornbridge either. But there was an overwhelming choice of good German beers, a wide range of tasty foods to soak them up, and a great atmosphere of beer-lovers enjoying beer.

At this point I should perhaps admit that, although I like a great many German beers, I do find many of the well-known traditional brews, are a little bland for my taste. But I was hugely impressed by the microbrewery beers that we found. For me, pride of place goes to BRLO (Brlo is the original Slavic name for Berlin) a craft brewery with 16 brews on tap. The six I tried (well five of these were small measures on a tasting board) were excellent, and so was the food. We spent a golden afternoon there – sunshine, good company, good beer.

Tim Williams

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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:

JANUARY

Thu 11th - Branch Meeting - Olde Spa, Abbey St, Derby - 8pm.

Mon 22nd - Comedy Night - Blessington Carriage, Chapel St, Derby.

FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd - Annual Beer Census Crawl - Around Derby pubs.


Thu 8th - Branch Meeting - Blessington Carriage, Chapel St. Derby - 8pm. (contact 07711 202841 for details of disabled access).

21st-24th - Derby Winter Ale Festival, Roundhouse, Derby.

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AMBER VALLEY, DERBY & MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA WINTER ALE TRAIL 2018

The Winter Ale Trail is back - and it's bigger than ever!

Following the success of the first Derby and Amber Valley CAMRA Winter Ale Trail, which ran during January and February 2017, we have decided to run the event again, this time including pubs from the Mansfield and Ashfield CAMRA area, a most welcome addition. The 2018 Trail will thus be called "Amber Valley, Derby and Mansfield and Ashfield Winter Ale Trail", and the pubs taking part can be seen on the grid included in this magazine. The total number of pubs taking part this year is 69, including last years' winners from Derby, the Alexandra Hotel, and Amber Valley champions the Talbot at Ripley. We are sure that both will be trying very hard to retain to their titles, and we are equally sure that they will face stiff competition to do so.

As we did last year, we are inviting you, the public, to help us decide which pubs will take the honours this time. Whether you are a member of CAMRA or not, you can take part in the voting. What we would like you to do is visit at least 3 pubs, and preferably a lot more, in any or all 3 of the Branch areas and vote for your **top 3 pubs** in each one. You don't have to visit all the areas taking part to vote as there are individual winners in each one. **The top pub will receive 5 points, 2nd 3 points and 3rd 1 point.** You can also let us know what your favourite beer is on the Trail - while this won't influence the result, the brewers will be happy to know about it! Once the Trail ends the points will be added up and the winners announced at Derby Winter Ales Festival, as well as on the Trail Facebook page, the winners having already been informed. Winning pubs in each Branch area will receive a CAMRA certificate signifying their achievement.

As for how to vote, there are four ways that this can be done. We have a dedicated email address for the Trail, amv_derwintertrail2018@email.com, a Facebook page [DERAMVWintertrail2018](https://www.facebook.com/DERAMVWintertrail2018), a Twitter account [ADMAWinterAleTrail2018](https://twitter.com/ADMAWinterAleTrail2018),

or by text to 07982 943 944. Whichever way you choose to vote, **please include your name, your top 3 pubs from all the Branch areas you've visited and your favourite beer from the entire Trail when doing so.** As there are bound to be some great beers available on the Trail, if you want to nominate a top 3, that would be fine.

As we did last year we are offering some free ale at the **Derby Winter Ales Festival**, which begins on Wednesday February 21st, a few days after the Trail ends. As the Trail is much bigger than last time, to qualify for a free pint at least 20 pubs must be visited in either Derby, where there are 28 participants, or Amber Valley, from which 27 pubs are taking part, or all 14 Mansfield and Ashfield pubs. To enjoy 2 free pints, you need to visit 20 pubs from both Derby and Amber Valley, or 20 from one of those plus all the Mansfield and Ashfield pubs, quite a challenge, so are you up for it? There will be a Trail card included in Derby Drinker, and each pub will receive stickers to attach to it. Bring your card with the appropriate number of stickers to the Membership desk at Derby Winter Ale Festival to claim your beer. If anyone manages to get to all 69 pubs on the Trail, 3 pints would be the most appropriate reward for such an achievement.

All the pubs on the Trail are either on or in close proximity to public transport routes, details of which can be found by visiting CAMRA's What Pub site. There may also be organised mini bus trips in various areas, but as these have not yet been finalised any details will appear on the Trail Facebook or Twitter pages, along with booking information should that be required.

So, enjoy the Trail, enjoy the ales, and let us know who your favourite pubs are, as well as your favourite beers, we look forward to hearing from you!

Amber Valley, Derby and Mansfield and Ashfield CAMRA

CAMRA MEMBERS, we need your help!

Apart from the Winter Trail and Derby Winter Ale Festival, January and February is the time of the year when individual Branches select their Good Beer Guide entries for the 2019 edition and, as you follow the Winter Ale trail, you can help with this. What we are asking you to do, in addition to helping us decide the Trail winners, is to visit What Pub and give the beers you have sampled a mark out of 5. While this will in no way influence the result of the Trail, it may influence which pubs are selected for the Good Beer Guide, as pubs are judged on their

average mark out of 5 for the beer they serve over the year. Just log in to What Pub, find the pub you have visited and fill in the details asked for, it is very easy and possibly very important for the pub. If you have any problems please contact us.

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AMBER VALLEY, DERBY & MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA WINTER ALE TRAIL 2018





AMBER VALLEY, DERBY & MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA

WINTER ALE TRAIL 2018

ANGELS Micro pub <i>Winter Ale</i>	Arkwright's Real Ale Bar <i>Winter Ale</i>	Beehive/Honey Pot*, Ripley <i>Winter Ale</i>	Black Boy <i>Winter Ale</i>	Black Bulls Head/Bedlam Bar* <i>Winter Ale</i>	Crompton Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>	Dead Poets Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Eagle Tavern <i>Winter Ale</i>	Excavator <i>Winter Ale</i>	George & Dragon <i>Winter Ale</i>	Handle Bar <i>Winter Ale</i>	Holly Bush <i>Winter Ale</i>	Holly Bush <i>Winter Ale</i>	Hunters Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
King William <i>Winter Ale</i>	Miners Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>	Old Cock Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Old Oak <i>Winter Ale</i>	Poet & Castle <i>Winter Ale</i>	Ripley's Little Ale House <i>Winter Ale</i>	Spotted Cow <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Steampacket <i>Winter Ale</i>	Talbot <i>Winter Ale</i>	Thorn Tree <i>Winter Ale</i>	Thorn Tree Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Wheel Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	White Hart <i>Winter Ale</i>	Alexandra Hotel <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Bell & Castle <i>Winter Ale</i>	Brunswick Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Dog & Moon <i>Winter Ale</i>	Exeter Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>	Falstaff <i>Winter Ale</i>	Five Lamps <i>Winter Ale</i>	Flowerpot <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Furnace Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Golden Eagle <i>Winter Ale</i>	Greyhound <i>Winter Ale</i>	Last Post <i>Winter Ale</i>	Little Chester Ale House <i>Winter Ale</i>	Mr Grundy's Tavern <i>Winter Ale</i>	New Zealand Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Old Bell Hotel <i>Winter Ale</i>	Olde Dolphin Inne <i>Winter Ale</i>	Peacock Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Rowditch Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Royal Oak <i>Winter Ale</i>	Seven Stars Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Silk Mill Ale & Cider House <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Smithfield <i>Winter Ale</i>	Tap <i>Winter Ale</i>	Tollgate Tap at the Posthouse <i>Winter Ale</i>	Town Street Tap <i>Winter Ale</i>	White Horse <i>Winter Ale</i>	White Swan <i>Winter Ale</i>	Bold Forester <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Brown Cow <i>Winter Ale</i>	Clock Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Court House <i>Winter Ale</i>	Dandy Cock Ale House <i>Winter Ale</i>	Devonshire Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>	Duke of Sussex <i>Winter Ale</i>	Masons Arms <i>Winter Ale</i>
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Picture House <i>Winter Ale</i>	Railway Inn <i>Winter Ale</i>	Speed the Plough <i>Winter Ale</i>	Stag & Pheasant <i>Winter Ale</i>	Widow Frost <i>Winter Ale</i>	Wrinkly Dog <i>Winter Ale</i>	
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	

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Winter Beer Festival Session		CAMRA Member (Yes/No)?	
Free Beer from Winter Ale			



AMBER VALLEY, DERBY & MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA

WINTER ALE TRAIL 2018

PUB	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
AMBER VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
ANGELS Micro pub	Market Place, Belper	12-10 Thu-Sun	
Arkwright's Real Ale Bar	5 Campbell Street, Belper	4-11 Mon-Fri • 12-11 Sat, Sun	
Beehive/Honeypot*, Ripley	151 Peasehill, Ripley	5-12 Mon-Thu • 5-1 Fri • 3-1 Sat • 4-12 Sun* • 12-2 Mon-Thu • 3-10 Fri • 12-10 Sat, Sun	
Black Boy	Old Road, Heage	11:30-11 Mon-Sun	
Black Bulls Head/Bedlam Bar*	2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate	12-11 Mon-Sat • 12-10:30 Sun Bedlam Fri-Sun	
Crompton Arms	17 High Street, Ripley	10-11 Mon-Thu • 10-1 Fri, Sat • 11-12 Sun	
Dead Poets Inn	38 Chapel St, Holbrook	12-2:30, 5-11 Mon-Thu • 12-11 Fri-Sun	
Eagle Tavern	94 Ripley Road, Heage	5-12 Mon • 12-3, 5-12 Tue-Thu • 12-12 Fri • 12-1 Sat • 12-11:30 Sun	
Excavator	Buckland Hollow, BELPER	12-11 Mon-Sun	
George & Dragon	117 Bridge Street, Belper	11-11:30 Mon-Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Handle Bar	54A King Street, Alfreton	6-11 Thu • 5-11 Fri • 12-11:30 Sat • 2:30-10:30 Sun	
Holly Bush	Holly Bush Lane, Makeney	12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10:20 Sun	
Holly Bush	51 Brook Lane Marehay	12-11 Mon-Sun	
Hunters Arms	Church Street, Kilburn	2-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri-Sun	
King William	The Bridge, Milford	5-11:30 Mon-Fri • 12:30-11:30 Sat, Sun	
Miners Arms	Park Street, Alfreton	12-12 Mon-Sun	
Old Cock Inn	30 Church Street, Ripley	11-12 Mon-Sun	
Old Oak	176 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse	4-11 Mon-Wed • 5-11 Thu, Fri • 12-11 Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Poet & Castle	2 Alfreton Road, Codnor	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Ripley's Little Ale House	Oxford Street, Ripley	1-10:30 Thu • 1-11 Fri, Sat • 1-7 Sun	
Spotted Cow	12 Town Street, Holbrook	12-11 Sun-Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Steampacket	Derby Road, Swanwick	2-11 Mon-Thu • 2-12 Fri • 12-12 Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Talbot	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley	2-10:30 Mon-Thu • 12-11:30 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Thorn Tree	Market Place, Ripley	10-11 Mon-Sun	
Thorn Tree Inn	161 Church Street, Waingroves	6-12 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri-Sun	
Wheel Inn	Chapel Street, Holbrook	2-11 Mon-Fri • 12-11 Sat, Sun	
White Hart	Sandbed Lane, Bargate	5-11 Mon-Thu • 3-11 Fri • 12-11 Sat, Sun	
DERBY CAMRA PUBS			
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri • 11-12 Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Bell & Castle	92-96 Burton Road, Derby	12-12 Mon-Thu • 12-1 Fri, Sat • 12-12 Sun	
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway terrace, Derby	11-11 Mon-Thu • 11-11:30 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Dog & Moon	16 Sadler Gate, Derby	12-12 Mon-Thu • 12-2am Fri, Sat • 12-12 Sun	
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, Derby	12-11 Mon, Tue • 12-11:30 Wed, Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Falstaff	74 Silverhill Rd, Normanton, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, Derby	12-11 Sun-Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Flowerpot	23 – 25 King St, Derby	12-11 Sun-Tue • 12-11:30 Wed, Thu • 12-12:30 Fri, Sat	
Furnace Inn	Duke Street, Derby	2-11 Mon-Thu • 11-12 Fri, Sat • 11-11 Sun	
Golden Eagle	55 Agard Street, Derby	12-11:30 Mon-Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Greyhound	76 Friar Gate, Derby	12-11 Mon-Wed • 12-12 Thu • 11-1am Fri, Sat • 11-11 Sun	
Last Post	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby	11-8 Mon-Wed • 11-11 Thu-Sun	
Little Chester Ale House	4a Chester Green Road, Derby	3-10:30 Mon-Thu • 12-11 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Mr Grundy's Tavern	36 Ashbourne Road, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-11:30 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
New Zealand Arms	2 Langley Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-4 Sat • 12-5 Sun	
Old Bell Hotel	51 Sadler Gate, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, Sun • 12-1am Fri, Sat	
Olde Dolphin Inne	5a Queen Street, Derby	10:30-11 Mon-Thu • 10:30-12 Fri, Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Peacock Inn	87 Nottingham Road, Derby	3-11 Mon • 11-11 Tue-Thu • 11-12 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Rowditch Inn	246 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby	7-11 Mon-Fri • 12-2, 7-11 Sat, Sun	
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook	11:30-3, 5-11 Mon-Fri • 11:30-11:30 Sat • 12-11:30 Sun	
Seven Stars Inn	97 King Street, Derby	12-12 Mon-Sun	
Silk Mill Ale & Cider House	19 Full Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri, Sat • 12-10:30 Sun	
Smithfield	Meadow Road, Derby	12-10:30 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri-Sun	
Tap	1 Derwent Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Wed • 12-12 Thu • 12-1am Fri • 11-1am Sat • 11-11 Sun	
Tollgate Tap at the Posthouse	4 Victoria Street, Derby	12-10 Wed-Sat • 12-8 Sun	
Town Street Tap	17 Town Street, Duffield	4-10 Tue-Thu • 12-10:30 Fri, Sat • 12-5 Sun	
White Horse	25 Morledge, Derby	10-1:30am Mon-Thu, Sun • 10-3am Fri, Sat	
White Swan	Shepherd Street, Littleover	12-11:30 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri - Sun	
MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA PUBS			
Bold Forester	Botany Avenue, Mansfield	11-11:30 Mon-Thu • 11-12:30am Fri, Sat • 12-11:30 Sun	
Brown Cow	31 Ratcliffe Gate, Mansfield	12-11 Mon-Thu, Sun • 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Clock Inn	107 Market Place, South Normanton	4-11 Mon-Thu • 4-12 Fri • 12-12 Sat • 12-11 Sun	
Court House	Market Place, Mansfield	8am-11 Mon-Thu, Sun • 8am-12 Fri, Sat	
Dandy Cock Ale House	184a Victoria Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield	5-10 Tue • 4-10 Wed, Thu • 12-10:30 Fri, Sat • 12-9:30 Sun	
Devonshire Arms	137 Market Street, South Normanton	12-12 Mon-Sun	
Duke of Sussex	Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 Mon-Sun	
Masons Arms	Unwin Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 Mon-Sun	
Picture House	Forest Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	8am-12 Mon-Fri • 8am-12:30am Sat, Sun	
Railway Inn	9 Station Street, Mansfield	11-11 Mon-Sun	
Speed the Plough	Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 Mon-Thu • 12-12 Fri • 12-1am Sat • 12-12 Sun	
Stag & Pheasant	4 Clumber Street, Mansfield	8am-12 Sun-Wed • 8-1am Thu • 8-2am Fri • 8-3am Sat	
Widow Frost	41 Leeming Street, Mansfield	8-midnight Mon-Thu, Sun • 8am-1am Fri, Sat	
Wrinkly Dog	65 Outram Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4-10:30 Thu • 12-11 Fri-Sun	

For information on how to get to the pubs on the Trail using public transport, please see Whatpub, where all the relevant information is available. There may be minibus trips organised during the Trail, and any information relating to that will be on the Trail Facebook page [DERAMVWintertrail2018](https://www.facebook.com/DERAMVWintertrail2018).





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Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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Ashbourne Beer Festival

We are pleased to announce that we can already confirm the dates for our sixth Beer Festival next year. It will be from Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th September 2018, returning once again to the Town Hall. Please note that this is two weeks earlier than 2015/2016.

Pub of the Season

Our November meeting saw the result of the Pub of the Season for Winter 2017 and we are pleased to announce the winner as The Sycamore at Parwich. A certificate will have been presented to the team there by the time you read this.

Pub of the Year 2018

Also ratified at our November meeting was the shortlist for our Pub of the Year 2018. The six candidates are:-

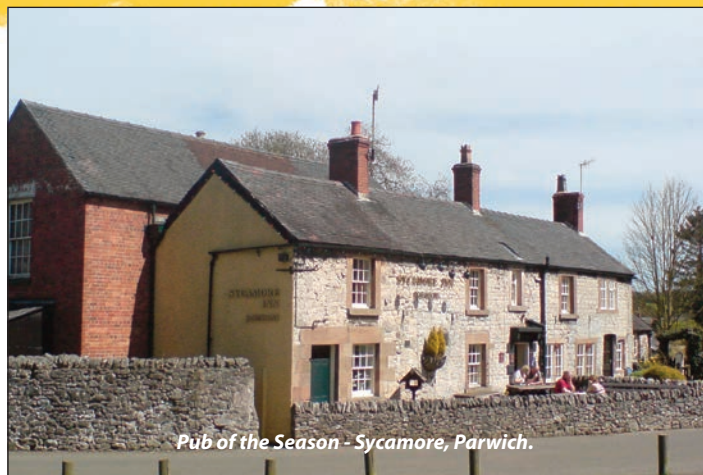
The Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton
The Okeover Arms, Mappleton
The Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston
The Sycamore, Parwich
Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne
Artisan Cafe/Bar, Ashbourne

Judging will take place throughout December and January, with the winner expected to be announced at the end of January.

Pub News

There has been a fair amount of activity in pubs across our area in the last few weeks, as follows:-

- 1) The Red Lion at Kniveton has reopened after a two week closure for refurbishment. A wider range of ales is promised.
- 2) Ye Olde Vaults in Ashbourne has undergone a major refit and relaunch as a sports bar. The two real ales offered are Doombur and Timothy Taylor's Landlord.
- 3) The Yeaveley Arms at Yeaveley has reopened after a closure of some four years and the threat of redevelopment into housing. A major refit has now been completed and it reopened for business on 6th November, with a full food menu promised for early December. We hope to be able to hold a branch meeting there early in the New Year.
- 4) After reopening with new management early in November, The Royal Oak at Hanging Bridge has unexpectedly returned to the old management team already.
- 5) The Coach & Horses in Ashbourne has new management in place again after a succession of short-term regimes. We wish the new team well.
- 6) The Black Horse at Dalbury Lees is due to re-open as we go to press - it is being described as a small boutique hotel with bar facilities. The owners have previously taken on and reopened or renovated pubs local to us at the Cock at Muggington, The Three Horseshoes at Long Lane (now just "The Horseshoes") and are about to start work on The Bluebell at Kirk Langley, which is currently open as normal.



Diary Dates

All meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 9th January

- minibus survey trip to three of the POTY candidates - details tbc.

Tuesday 30th January

- minibus survey trip to remaining POTY candidates, ending at branch meeting - details tbc.

Tuesday 13th/Wednesday 14th February

- ROYAL SHROVETIDE FOOTBALL, ASHBOURNE - 2pm start each day.

Tuesday 27th February

- Branch Meeting, Yeaveley Arms, Yeaveley - 8pm.

Tuesday 27th March

- Branch Meeting - POTY winner - venue to be confirmed when known.

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

BRANCH NEWS

The Branch hosted the East Midlands Regional Meeting on Saturday 25th November at the Three Horseshoes, Ilkeston, 25 people from across the area attended the meeting which was chaired by the Regional Director, Carl Brett.



SOCIAL NEWS

Saturday 11th November

We had a very successful jaunt round Ilkeston with 11 members of the Dronfield Branch supported also by 6 of our members. They were met at the railway station by our chairman and secretary who brought them to the Dewdrop where other members were waiting. After which we all caught the last No 27 bus to Ilkeston market place starting at the Burnt Pig. We then visited the Three Horseshoes and finished at the Spanish Bar before arranging 2 taxis to take them back to the Dewdrop for a last drink before their 9.30pm train home.

PUB NEWS

Draycott Brewing Company will be having a couple of Christmas Beers and it is also starting a 'Village Beer' range, the



first being Neddytown Mild. It is rumoured that somebody may be taking over the Songbird Brewery, Long Eaton. Nutbrook Brewery won gold and bronze awards for their cider at the Regional Cider Awards. The Canalside at Ilkeston is being turned into housing/apartments. The Needlemakers, Ilkeston has once again reopened, more info later. The Old Sawley meet the brewer night was a success. Change of landlord and landlady at the Bridge Inn, Sandiacre, report in the next drinker. The Harrington Arms, Derby Road, Long Eaton is closed for refurbishment and is to be reopened as The Old Mill and Brook, more info next time.

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 8.00pm

Monday 8th January 2018 – Dewdrop, Ilkeston.

Monday 5th February - The Plough, Town Street, Sandiacre.

Monday 5th March - AGM - The Spanish Bar, Ilkeston.



Locale Outlets:-

Angry Bee, 2 Godfrey St, Heanor.
Bridge Inn, Bridge St, Cotmanhay.
Bulls Head, 1 Wilsthorpe Rd, Breaston.
Burnt Pig, 53 Market St, Ilkeston.
Carpenters Arms, Dale Rd, Dale Abbey.
Chequers Inn, 10 Main St, Breaston.
Coach & Horses, Draycott.
Crown Inn, 6 Church St, Heanor.
Dew Drop Inn, Ilkeston.
General Havelock, Ilkeston.
Great Northern, Langley Mill.
Draycott Tap House, 29 Victoria St, Draycott.
Hole in The Wall, Regent St, Long Eaton.
Ilson Tap, Bottom of Bath St, Ilkeston.
Inn in The Middle, Langley Mill.
Little Acorn, Ilkeston.
Lockkeepers Rest, Sawley.
Marlpool Ale House, Marlpool.
Prince of Wales, 69 South St, Ilkeston.
Punchbowl, 43 The Village, West Hallam.
Queens Head, Marpool.
Redemption Ale House, Ray St, Heanor.
Red Lion, 2 Derby Rd, Heanor.
Spanish Bar, 76, South St, Ilkeston.
Stanhope Arms, Stanton by Dale.
Steamboat, Trent Lock.
Stumble Inn, Long Eaton.
Three Horseshoes, Ilkeston.
White Lion, Sawley.
York Chambers, 40 Market Place, Long Eaton.

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Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs: Pub Interiors of Historic Interest

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Paul Ainsworth, Chair of the CAMRA National Pub Heritage Group: "Over the past 25 years, CAMRA has developed its national and regional inventories of historic pub interiors. These highlight the crème de la crème of interiors which have either escaped much alteration for many years or contain features of exceptional interest. We have, though, been aware that below these top tiers can be found a host of interiors which, whilst much changed, still offer a great deal worth seeing. The pioneering work carried out in Sheffield to locate and record these has been an inspiring exercise. It enables compilation of this publication portraying the rich tapestry of Sheffield's pubs from the important to those where what remains, may be fragments, is nevertheless to be cherished. A bonus, of course, is that many of these pubs sell great real ale. We hope this guide is the first of many."

Included in the 81 pages are over 30,000 words, over 300 images and detailed comment on all the 22 Sheffield pubs listed on the CAMRA Pub Heritage website. Also documented are both local pubs with some historical interest and many fragments of our historical brewery and pub heritage.

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Grateful thanks are given to numerous individuals, the National CAMRA Pub Heritage Group and Sheffield Archives: the latter for providing access to unique historic documentation.



THE ROWDITCH - A CELEBRATION



I have a beer mug in my collection that is inscribed 'A Decade In The Ditch' Now it has another next to it displaying the words 'Cheers for 20 Years' On the last weekend in October Steve and Jan celebrated running The Rowditch for twenty years. How time flies, a great achievement, surely one of the longest serving pub partnerships in the city. They organised a number of special events beginning with a lively rock and roll style evening on Friday, which was packed with drinkers of all ages swaying to the sounds. There was also a sing-along piano evening, a magic night, and a mushy pea and black pudding event! A wonderful weekend and we should all celebrate the years of joy that this unpretentious, traditional local and it's brewery has brought to the city.

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KIMBERLEY BREWERY: Gone But Not Forgotten

Greene King's take-over of Hardy's and Hanson's (Kimberley) brewery in 2006 was bitterly opposed by CAMRA who rightly feared the loss of local beers and many redundancies.

Hanson's and Hardy's were two independent breweries founded in the Nottinghamshire town of Kimberley, on the same street in the mid 19thC. They merged in 1930 and, from 1932, all brewing was concentrated at Hardy's but it wasn't until 1972 that the Hardy's and Hanson's title was adopted. Their tied estate of 230 pubs stretched from the East Midlands to the Lincolnshire coast and the first CAMRA Good Beer Guide in 1974 listed 3 Kimberley houses in Crich alone.

Kimberley beer was popular in Derby, and it had a strong presence in the railway station area with, at various times in the



Vera May Brown – Landlady of the Globe,

20thC, the Brunswick, the George, and the Rutland Arms, Carrington Street, (pictured before demolition) all tied houses. In the late 1970s you could buy a 4p platform ticket on the railway station and sample a pint of hand-pulled Kimberley in the buffet bar. Further Kimberley houses that latterly succumbed to the wrecking ball included the Anglers Arms, Nottingham Road, Spondon, (pictured) and the Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Street, which boasted a superb tiled frontage. Another Kimberley pub of note was the Furnace on Duke Street, which, between 1967 and 2007, had just two licensees, Ray Watson and John Barnes. One of Derby's most characterful Kimberley houses was the Globe, Sacheveral Street, a cosy 3 roomer with two

Shrovetide footballs suspended from the ceiling, and its last licensee was Vera May Brown whose photograph we've reproduced courtesy of Martin Pickard. Sadly, the Globe was demolished in 1979, much to the chagrin of Kimberley devotees, and a mosque now stands on the site. Mind you, the last night was memorable with Derby CAMRA's Pub Preservation Officer, the late Ivor Clissold, reportedly leaving as the sun was rising!

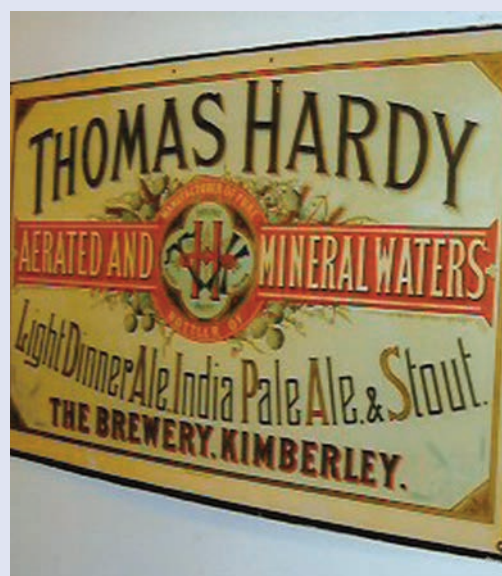
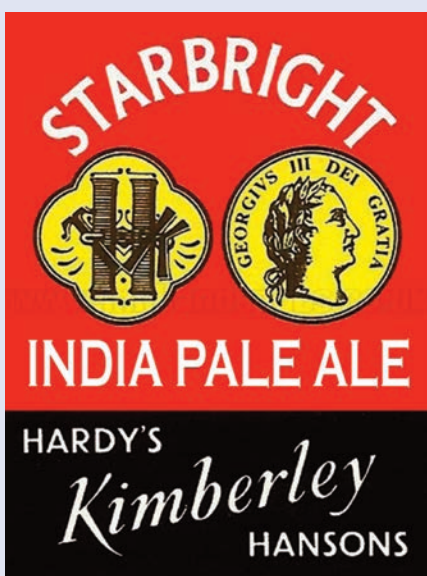
In 1981, Prince Charles opened a big extension at the brewery but, as frequently happens when breweries increase production, quality took a hit. It may have been Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale winning the CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain award in 1990 that inspired

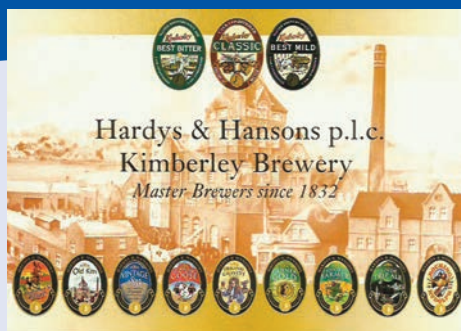


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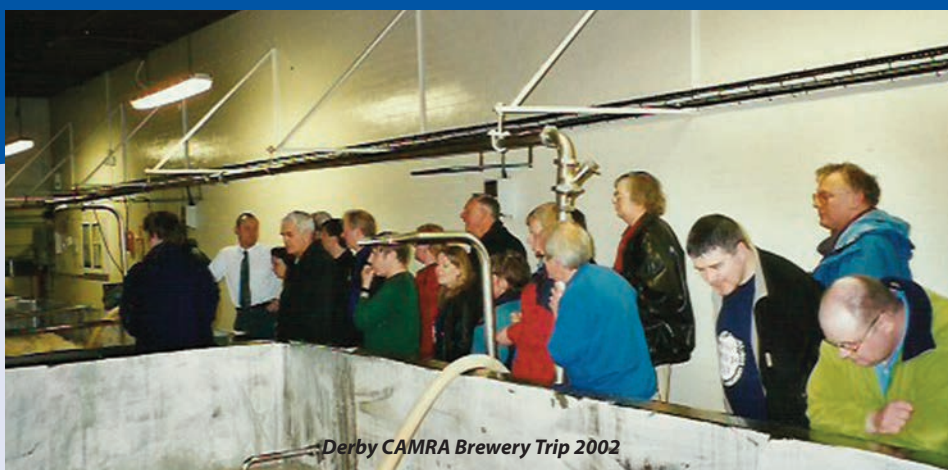
Anglers Arms – Spondon





Kimberley to launch Classic, a similarly strong, pale beer in October of the same year. The early 1990s saw the brewery in acquisitive mode, buying around 50 pubs including the famous Trip to Jerusalem, hewn out of Nottingham castle rock, which had been in the hands of the Ward family for a century. Later, the Bass brewery tap, the classic Cooper's Tavern, Burton on Trent, became their property too, as the Big Six breweries shed thousands of tied houses in the wake of the 1989 Beer Orders Act which has profoundly changed the nation's pub and brewing landscape.

The early years of the new millennium witnessed a nod to CAMRA's influence, when a new beer was brewed each month under the Cellarman's Cask banner, an innovation aimed at discerning drinkers searching for more choice. These special one-off brews augmented the existing Mild



Derby CAMRA Brewery Trip 2002

and Bitter which was always sweeter than its Nottingham counterparts, Home and Shipstone.

Derby CAMRA had a mutually beneficial relationship with Kimberley aided by the brewery's Public Relations' man, the affable Alan Shepherd, who would later found Bespoke Inns. Kimberley was one of the main sponsors of Derby's first winter beer festival in the Darwin Suite of the Assembly Rooms (pictured) in 2002, and one of our brewery tours is captured here in the same year.

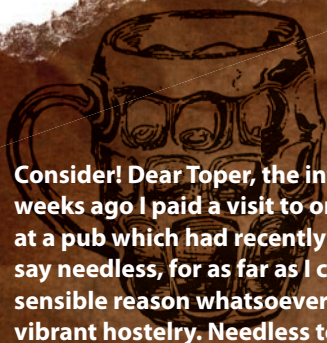
At the end of 2006, Greene King wielded the axe with alarming alacrity, stripping Kimberley of its brewing heritage, and now, more than a decade on, the town's most imposing structure still awaits conversion. Sadly, the only real positive that emerged from the Greene King

takeover was the creation of LocAle by Nottingham CAMRA, a scheme promoting locally brewed beer, which has been rolled out nationally.

Paul Gibson



Derby CAMRA 1st Winter Beer Festival 2002



Dear Toper...

Consider! Dear Toper, the intrusive nature of television. Some weeks ago I paid a visit to one of our major cities, and called at a pub which had recently undergone a needless refurb – I say needless, for as far as I could see there seemed no sensible reason whatsoever to change what had been a busy, vibrant hostelry. Needless to relate, the place appeared to be less busy than it had been before its date with the builders, which is sadly all too often the case after needless refurbis.

As part of the refurb two large television screens had been placed in positions where they could be watched from behind the bar, and this prompted me to recall something an old friend (who had been in the pub trade for years, and successfully so, too) once told me, that being: "If you've got to have a telly in a pub, don't put the bloody thing where the barstaff can see it!" He then went on to complain about barstaff watching T.V. whilst they could be doing something useful like washing glasses, mopping the bar top, or better still, serving customers. He also pointed out that "punters" watching T.V. drink less.

One of the obvious drawbacks of having a T.V. within sight of the bar is that barstaff tend to select those programmes that they want to watch, and, more often than not, the customers don't. Student staff select unspeakable so-called "music channels"; older male staff watch obscure tenth division football nonentities droning on about a match that ended five hours before; and certain female staff are drawn moth-like to the mind-rotting flame that is the latest episode of their favourite soap. Woe betide the thirsty customer who attempts to gain a soap-entranced barmaid's attention by tapping a coin on the bar whilst she is engrossed in the closing seconds of the latest instalment of some tawdry drivel, wherein one of the lead characters has just revealed to a her mother that she is pregnant, and although she loves her husband dearly, she is nevertheless having a torrid affair

Needless to Relate

with a man half her age who is terminally ill with an incurable tropical disease, and whom has been arrested for a murder she believes he did not commit. Her mother then confesses that she is not her real mother, the music plays, the end credits begin to roll, and the barmaid fixes her steely glare upon the thirsty, coin-tapping customer before departing for a much-needed fag break. "Some people have no manners!" she mumbles to herself as the door swings to behind her.

Then, of course, there is the problem of customers leaning on the bar whilst watching T.V. I've nothing against people propping the bar up, indeed it is my own preferred position when imbibing, but I am always alert to the possibility that someone might be trying to get served, and so step aside accordingly, unlike those in a trancelike state who are oblivious to everything around them apart from

the T.V. set and the mindless drivel it is purveying. I recently had to nudge aside a man whom I knew to be living in a bedsit bereft of even a window box, who was completely engrossed in an advert for sit-on lawnmowers! Still, at least it wasn't yet another advert for a supermarket chain, featuring a pretend family, who all look so sickeningly fit and healthy despite the fact that their overloaded shopping trolley is creaking under the weight of a ton of microwavable junk food. And don't get me started on that odious puppy that drags toilet paper all through the house, leaving its owner sitting there bereft of a wipe.

Personally, it wouldn't bother me if there were no T.V.s in pubs, but if there has to be one, surely it is there for the customer's benefit and not the barstaff's. Consider that, Dear Toper!

D.T.



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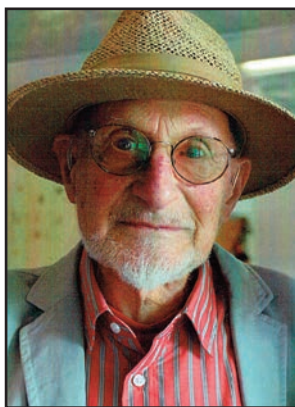
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Across

1. 'Gotta Run' initially round cereal grain reveals railway fanatic (6)
5. A clean one of these makes a full confession (6)
8. A Chesterfield craft brewery (6.7)
9. To open or unbutton (4)
10. Worksop brewery associated with aristocrats (8)
11. Apostle of London's cathedral (2.4)
15. South coast resort where a pub is "anchored" (8)
17. Vectian town where the Wetherspoon's pub is a former draper's (4)
19. A cash dispenser perhaps? (4.2.3.4)
21. Water heater or type of drum (6)
22. Children's stories author or a Lincolnshire village (6)

Down

2. Royal time period which sounds like wet weather (5)
3. An Italian city famous for its fiddling (7)
4. Unit of cricket scoring (3)
5. Norfolk village with the Buckingham Arms pub (9) *
6. Surrey village with the Wheatsheaf pub by its green (5)
7. US negro could become an operational doctor (7)
10. I dance all in a trifling fashion (9)
12. Shortt's Brewery's dark mild (3.4)
14. "All I want is a room somewhere *** **** from the cold night air" (3.4)
16. An online social network message, possibly by birds? (5)
18. A sex toy or an effeminate man (5)
20. Belvoir Brewery's ABV 4% bitter (3)

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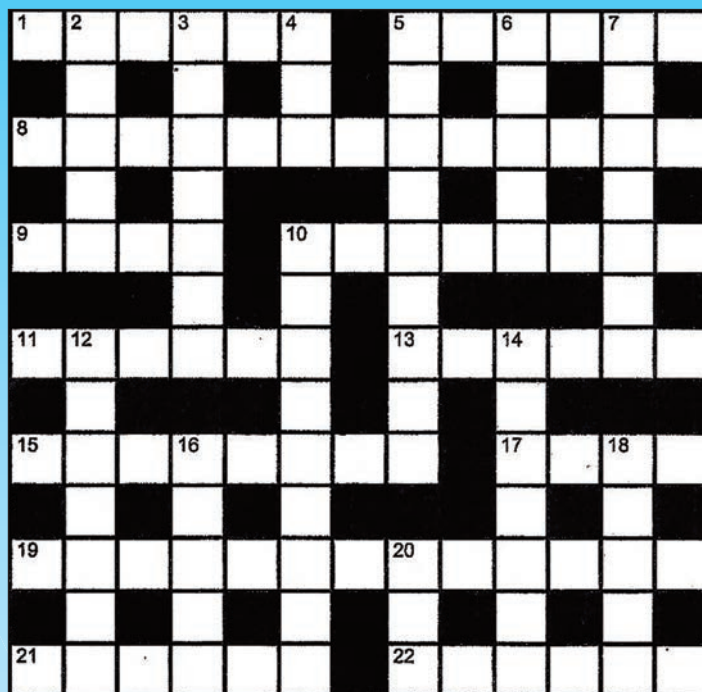
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Across

1. OBJECT
5. PACERS
8. UNDERWOOD MILD
9. FETE
10. BARNSLEY
11. INSTIL
13. DODGEM
15. GREMLINS
17. OTTO
19. VILLAGE COPPER
21. SHARER
22. PARISH

Down

2. BINGE
3. ELEMENT
4. TEW
5. PROTRUDE
6. CAMUS
7. RELIEVE
10. BELLINGER
12. NORWICH
14. DROPPER
16. MOLAR
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