

# Derby DRINKER



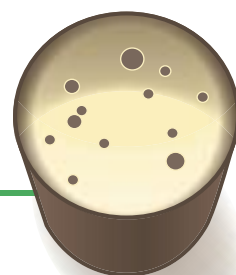
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Details of all Events inside plus loads, loads more ▶▶▶▶



# Derby CAMRA Branch

## FROM THE CHAIR

It is hard to believe we are in the 4th month of the Derby CAMRA year and so many positive steps forward have happened and as a Branch we are evolving. It is through three very important entities that we have been able to do this: YOU the amazing and passionate Branch Member, the fantastic Elected Committee team and equally fantastic Non-Elected Supporting Committee members.

Our aim as a Branch is to be membership driven. That means doing what you suggest at Branch meetings. It is then our job as an Elected Committee to enact those suggestions and make them reality. I can't thank you enough for your support at coming to Branch meetings and participating and I am hoping in future that Branch meetings will have an element of some sort of entertainment to make it more a social evening as well as a meeting.

Your Elected Committee (you voted for us at the AGM) is second to none! They are all incredibly talented and passionate in what they do and have been very receptive to the challenges of change. I may add that many things that are changing are due to their ideas. They are indeed a creative team and it is an absolute honour to work with them.

Whilst I've been the newbie on the block I am very grateful for the support of the Branch members and the Elected Committee. There have been some interesting waters to navigate in these four months and without the guidance of both the Elected Committee and Branch members it would not have been possible.

## On The Horizon

We have two very important events coming up and both were membership driven so I hope you can fully support them.

**DERBY PRIDE DAY** – Saturday 8th September 12pm-6pm CURZON STREET

As we all know real ale and cider lovers come in all shapes, sizes and colour. I believe that CAMRA nationally has done



very little if anything to reach out to the LGBT community and it's about time we did. So, we are setting up a bar and serving some great real ale and cider at Derby Pride. The Brunswick is providing the bar (for which we are very thankful) and Heather Knibbs our Young Drinkers Committee Chair is organising Derby CAMRA's participation with the help of Alan Pickergill of The Brunswick. So another Derby CAMRA first that we all can take pride in and my wife Gail and I hope to see you there helping out on the bar or just enjoying the day. Our participation is vital in that we need to send a clear message that ALL people are welcome at the CAMRA table.

### CIDER & PERRY MONTH, OCTOBER 2018 –

Once again this was a suggestion from the Membership and the Elected Committee took on the ideas from our Branch meeting and are in the process of arranging a lot of events such as a Cider Tasting Seminar and trip to Three Cats Cider Farm, a Cider and Perry Trail and much more. Much thanks to Heather Knibbs and Gillian Hough for actioning the Branch Members ideas into reality. More detail can be found in this addition of DD and on FB and Twitter.

## Social Side of Things

To me this is the most important thing of all – social events. I must say we have the best Social Secretary around in Anne Crawford. She has many things in the pipeline and they are or will be listed on our website and on FB and Twitter. So always look at these outlets to stay informed.

One of the recent outings was a mini bus survey trip (of which there have been quite a few) and they went all around the East Midlands region to score all the POTY's for the Regional POTY. Much fun was had by all.

So keep your eyes out on our FB, Twitter and Website for up coming social events. Also, Anne needs your suggestions as well. After all we are Membership driven now! (Train and Pub Day??? Just a suggestion. Lol)

## Important Branch Meeting

**SGM THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 @ THE BRUNSWICK 8PM** – Please put this in your diary. We have now got on top of all the Beer Festival accounts and they are ready for presentation and approval. Moving forward we have a new system in place that will ensure the accounts are ready in a much more timely fashion. However, it is a mammoth task and I thank all Festival Treasurers and Branch Treasurer for getting the job done.

At this meeting there will be entertainment by a pop duo (acoustic guitar and vocals) called Vanity Now. They are two smashing young lads who do a variety of covers. They will be playing whilst you arrive and at the interval.

That's about it for now. Look forward to seeing you at the Branch meetings. It is vital you attend as we are Membership driven! Once again thank you to the Elected Committee for your incredible help, support and talent you bring to the table.

**Yours in Derby CAMRA**

*Greg Maskalick / Chair*





# Derby CAMRA Branch



## Derby 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.

A number of pubs throughout our Branch area currently offer discounts off the price of a half or a pint on production of a current, valid Membership Card. See Derby City list on this page or check out the latest Branch list on the website <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/discount-scheme/> and while there you will also be able to look at the latest list of pubs serving a Local Ale <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/locALE/>.

If you are a licensee and your details don't appear on either of these lists and you would like them to appear then please e-mail us at either [discounts@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:discounts@derbycamra.org.uk) or [locale@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:locale@derbycamra.org.uk). Or if your details do appear and are wrong please contact us with the correct details.

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Vernon Arms, Spondon	20p off a pint
White Swan, Spondon	15p off a pint

## Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

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

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 8th - Derby Pride Festival - Derby CAMRA Bar.

Thu 13th - SGM - Brunswick, Derby - 8pm  
(Accounts followed by Entertainment).

### OCTOBER

Thu 11th - Branch Meeting - Old Bell Tudor Room, Derby - 8pm.

### NOVEMBER

Thu 8th - Branch Meeting - Steaming Billy Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden, Derby - 8pm.

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## Derby CAMRA



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## Local CAMRA News

**Good Beer Guide** - The 2019 edition was launched at the start of September and copies are available to buy from local pubs and bookshops. More details of the new Derby Branch entries will appear in the next Issue of Derby Drinker.

**Beer Festivals** - Amber Valley, Ashbourne and Nottingham Branches have all got Beer Festivals coming up - see Adverts in this Issue of Derby Drinker for more information.


**Cider Trail** - Will run the whole of October - see centre page pull-out in this Issue.

**Beer Week** - Leicester Branch have a Beer-Week coming up from 20th to 30th September with different events running throughout the period (tastings, tap takeovers, meet the brewer, brewery tours, beer festivals, etc) - check out the dedicated website [www.leicesterbeerweek.co.uk](http://www.leicesterbeerweek.co.uk) to find out what's going on.


**Winter Ale Trail** - This will be running again starting in January - More details next issue - If your pub would like to take part e-mail us at [3brancheswinteraletrail@mail.com](mailto:3brancheswinteraletrail@mail.com)








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# No. 189 - A new destination for Real Ale in Allestree

**A**t the beginning of August Matt Willers received the keys for a beauty salon sandwiched between the Co-op and Woodlands Church on Blenheim Drive, Allestree, and set about transforming it into a fresh-faced, lively location aimed for people with a love of great beer.

Whether that be the Craft variety, Belgium or Scottish Lagers, or a time-stood favourite pint of Real Ale, then he hopes to have something for everyone. They'll have five fresh ales each week and three lagers plus a huge selection of bottles and a great selection of Wines and Gins. For those not drinking, you won't find a J2O or Britvic55 but a fine selection of healthy and great tasting alternatives, having spent the last year trying to find non-alcoholic drinks for his pregnant wife. It is hoped to be open towards the end of September but you can follow progress in the meantime on Facebook and Instagram @189allestree



## Blue Monkey is 10



**T**he brewing trade in the UK has seen some changes over the years, but it's certainly a growth industry nowadays. It seems that there is a new Brewery starting somewhere in the country almost every week and, while some don't last too long, there are many that survive and thrive. One of these is the Blue Monkey Brewery, now based in Giltbrook having started life in Ilkeston.

It all began for Blue Monkey when John Hickling and his nephew Trevor Vickers began brewing in 2008, and the beers produced were so good that just about everyone who tasted them went back for more. It wasn't long before demand dictated a move, and in 2010 they moved to a purpose-built facility in Giltbrook, where they still are and now produce up to 20,000 pints of beer per week – so demand is certainly satisfied now! John moved on in 2013, leaving Trevor in charge, but progress has continued. As well as continuing to produce quality ales, including the very popular Infinity, BG Sips, Guerrilla and several more, they now own four pubs. These are situated in Nottingham, Arnold, Loughborough and Newark, and all are called the Organ Grinder. There is also a Blue Monkey Mobile Bar for hire.

This year Blue Monkey, now a well-established Brewery, celebrates its 10th Birthday, and I know that drinkers throughout the UK will wish them many happy returns. To celebrate, Beer Festivals were held at some or all of the pubs over the August Bank Holiday Weekend with a special beer, I'm 10, being brewed for the occasion. There was also a coach around all four pubs with guests receiving a free bottle of 10th Birthday Beer, a T-shirt and a Birthday Cake.

Blue Monkey's 10th Birthday celebrations were definitely worth joining in with, so happy birthday to the Brewery, and we all look forward to the next milestone in 2028!

**Trevor Spencer**



**I**t seemed strange not having a Derby Summer Festival this year; that week in early July is always pencilled in early and people have certainly missed it. Still, there is every chance that it will be back next year, raring to go after a year off. Of course, before that comes the Derby Winter Festival at the Roundhouse, a welcome break from the winter with 40 to 50 ciders. But before that is Amber Valley Festival at Strutts Community Centre from 27th to 30th September with a cider bar which we hope will have something to suit all cider drinkers.

Expect local ciders from Sisson & Smith (current East Midlands champion cider), Three Cats, and from North Derbyshire Woodthorpe Hall Ruby Suzie, a bit strong for some at 10.2% but always popular. Our travels into Somerset will take in Hecks (Browns Apple), Sheppys and Westcroft Janet's Jungle Juice. I know how much some of you enjoy the speciality ciders these days so we will have Rhubarb and Gin & Tonic from Snailsbank. Also from Herefordshire we will have specific apple variety cider from two classic cider makers, Gwatkins (Stoke Red) and Ross Cider & Perry Co. (Major and Ellis). Perry is struggling these

days and is hardly ever seen in pubs; we will have two Herefordshire perries from Newton Court and Ross. That will do for tasters. Entry to the festival is free for CAMRA members on Thursday, Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

Looking a bit further ahead, Amber Valley will again be running a cider pub of the year competition, with nominations in October and judging in November (any CAMRA member is welcome to judge). Last year's competition resulted in a win for the Talbot at Ripley with Angel's Bar, Belper, being the runner up. The winner progresses to the East Midlands round to Cider Pub of the Year. I'm sure we will have a keenly fought competition this year.

I don't know if you visited any of the pubs on Nottingham Branch's recently completed cider saunter. I'm not a regular visitor to central Nottingham, but this certainly made it worthwhile. Top marks for me went to BeerHeadZ by the station for their Charnwood Dabinett: just a touch of sweetness and the temperature spot on (and it was a very hot day). Also excellent was the Organ Grinder at Canning Circus with Bad Apple Scrumpy Wasp, a proper cider with some

bite and a long aftertaste. Very good too was the King Billy at Sneinton with Blue Barrel Perry, smooth and refreshing. It's always good to see a pub serving perry. For a top-up on the way back I called at the Draycott Tap House. This is a regular cider outlet. I tried the Thirsty Farmer medium; a cider with a slight sparkle and plenty of flavour, a good end to the day.

It looks as though Derby Branch will be running a cider saunter in October and there are certainly plenty of good cider outlets in Derby these days. At the Furnace, as well as the ubiquitous fruit ciders you can find regular classic ciders. Last time it was Janet's Jungle Juice from Westcroft in Somerset. The Smithfield also has a decent range: Black Dragon from Gwynt y Ddraig in Glamorgan was on recently. Probably the biggest selection of ciders is at the Brunswick with a list of sixteen, almost a permanent mini cider festival. Last time in there I sampled the Farmer's Fear, medium dry. Carry on enjoying the summer, more hot weather please, and continue to support Real Cider in our pubs.

**Wassail**



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# Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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## Branch Beer Festival

By the time you read this, our 6th Beer Festival will either just be starting or just be over. If it's just starting, we hope to see you there and if it's finished, we hope you enjoyed it! A full report will be in the next edition (see advert on this page).

## Pub of the Season

Our Summer Pub of the Season has been voted as **The Ostrich** at Longford - a certificate was presented at our August meeting held there.

## Pub News

**The Blue Bell at Tissington** went on the market in late July, as Greene King put it up for sale at offers in excess of £395,000. At the time of going to press, no public information on potential buyers was available.

**The Cock at Clifton** is now being marketed for lease as a going concern after its closure in May.

**The Green Man** is scheduled to open in late September and Branch members will be very keen to support the re-opening of this iconic pub. We intend holding a Branch Meeting there as soon as is practical.

The latest addition to the beer-drinking scene in Ashbourne, **Maison du Biere**, opened its doors on July 20th. It comprises of a bottle shop with over 400 beers and ciders at the front, and a bar and seating at the rear with 10 craft keg lines. No draught real ale is available, but the vast bottle range includes many examples of RAIB and they also offer 9-pint minipins from many local breweries. You can select any bottle off the shelves and drink it on the spot, for a 20p corkage charge which they will donate to local charities. We as a Branch wholeheartedly support Matt & Jo in their venture and will be holding a Branch Meeting there in the very near future - see diary.



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## Diary Dates

Please note these are subject to confirmation - please keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for these and other events.

### Tuesday 25th September

- Branch Meeting - Maison Du Biere, Ashbourne - please note earlier start time - 7pm.

### Tuesday 30th October

- Branch Meeting - Green Man, Ashbourne - 8pm.

### Tuesday 27th November

- Branch Meeting - Duncombe Arms, Ellastone - 8pm.



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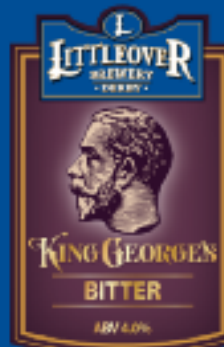
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# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Branch Beer Festival

You'll forgive us for mentioning - again - Amber Valley's Beer Festival which runs from Thursday evening Sept 27th to Sunday 30th at The Strutt Community Centre, Belper - advance tickets are available, see [www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk](http://www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk) (see advert on this page).

### Derbyshire South Pub of the Year

The Presentation took place on 23rd July to The White Hart, Bargate - congratulations to Sean and his team - Gareth Stead as CAMRA Area Organiser did the honours. This win means the White Hart now goes through to the next stage, the regional East Midlands round, followed

(fingers crossed) by the Super-Regional round before the selected four finalists battle for National POTY champion.

### Amber Valley's Social in Derby 28-7-18

This photo (to the right) was taken on our grand-day-out social to Derby on 28th July where, after meeting in Chester Green Alehouse, we moved on to The Furnace, Peacock, Smithfield (for the Beer Festival), Brunswick and finally the Alexandra where this group shot was snapped. Thanks to every pub visited who made us welcome and to each member who came along to enjoy the outing.



*Derby Social Trip*



*Derbyshire South Pub of the Year Presentation*

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## Branch Diary

All meetings commence 8pm.

### 3rd September

Beer Festival Meeting - The Hunters, Kilburn.

### 4th October

Branch Meeting (in lieu of September) - The Thorn Tree, Waingroves.

### 22nd October

Festival Wash-Up Meeting - Strutt Club, Belper (above Arkwrights Bar).

### 25th October

Branch Meeting - The Handle Bar, Alfreton.





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# The TopBeer Bottle and Can Review



This is the right time for us to come out and tell everyone "We love canned beer as much as bottled!" It is best to be open about these things as there is still some prejudice about. We say "Don't knock it until you have tried it" and we think that the canned beer in this review is the one to turn the hardest of hearts.

Since the last edition went public I have been asked if the backdrop to the pictures is a strip off my bedroom wall. I wish it were but, alas, no. However I can confirm that every bottle top belongs to a beer that has been tenderly despatched into a beer glass for the delectation of the TopBeer reviewers. I suppose that bottled beers do have one advantage over canned.

**John Griffin & Nigel Rawlings**



## **Albion Classic EPA 3.9%, Burton Town Brewery from Burton Town Brewery Tap for £3.50 per 500ml**

Though labelled as a classic EPA, when poured in the glass, the aroma is more like a traditional Best Bitter bolstered by the faint wisp of rum that belies its low alcohol strength. There is a slight haze to this unfiltered and unfiltered beer which lightens the colour, however the tones are still darker than expected. The flavours are well-balanced with the sweet honied Goldings matching the earthier Fuggles and the subtle aftertaste of

malt that lingers on. A refreshing and easy drinking beer which is not gassy, suiting the hot dry summer days we have been enjoying.

*Please note that when I bought this bottle, after a session tasting the range available at the Tap, BTB apologised for the problems they were having in procuring labels. Their "glass in hand" logo and the Albion label can be seen on their website at [burton.town/](http://burton.town/)*



## **AEGir IPA 6.5%, AEGir Bryggeri (Flam, Norway) from Co-op at £1.99 per 330ml**

This deep amber-coloured beer gives off the fragrance of peach and melon with just a hint of rose on the nose. The flavours of luxuriant Persian spices are what come to mind when the beer first coats the tongue before the alcohol heat begins to burn through. There were hints of many fruits and spices on the tongue too ephemeral to capture here. This beer demands time. Your taste buds will tell you so at every sip. Finally, a pause before the

next mouthful will allow the lingering aftertaste of boozy grapefruits to filter through. Perhaps AEGir is the Norwegian word for "serious drinking."



## **Samphire Stout 4.5%, Fox Brewery (Heacham) from The Real Ale Shop ([therealaleshop.co.uk](http://therealaleshop.co.uk)) at £3.00 per 500ml**

When poured, this samphire-infused bottle-conditioned beer is as dark as the black marshland soil that the samphire is cultivated in. The salty aroma of samphire that meets the nose is reminiscent of a seaside holiday harbour. Balancing this savoury smell is the sweet tang of liquorice, rather like the little "Black Jack" sweets. The explosion of bubbles that initially overpowers the taste buds quickly fades to bring forth the true strength of the slightly salty samphire favours with the sweetness of treacle - a combination which works counter-intuitively in the way that

salted caramel does. As all the other favours fade, samphire hangs on the tongue to take the final bow at the curtain call. Despite this unusual ingredient it is still overwhelmingly a classic stout in character. If you have never tasted samphire we would recommend buying a pack which is now available in most supermarkets.



## **Spill the Beans Coffee Porter 4.4%, Brains (Cardiff) from Aldi Stores at £0.99 per 330ml**

This is a very dark brown coffee-coloured porter. It has a predominantly sweet aroma that initially overpowers the olfactory senses, rather like the moment you open a packet of icing sugar and inhale the fine powder. A smell of coffee-flavoured fudge and burnt crème brûlée rises off the light brown head. In the mouth the taste is again overwhelmingly sweet with the same flavours as the aroma. It is like a visit to an old-fashioned sweet shop. The aftertaste is fleeting, shorter than the half-life of Beryllium-8, so no lingering enjoyment here but none

the less a drinkable beer if you are not expecting the sinister darkness and potent alcohol of a porter.

## Happy 1st Birthday

**The Dog & Moon Free House on Sadler Gate celebrated its first birthday party on August Bank Holiday playing a three day music, beer & cider festival.**

It seems like only yesterday that the Shakespeare was gutted, the cellar transformed and the atmosphere renewed and invigorated. Under new ownership, the days of underage drinking, dodgy DJs and drugs are gone and in are quality local live musicians, independent breweries, distilleries and pretty good artisan coffee too.

Real Ale is served here from four rotational hand pumps but not beers you're likely to see anywhere else. Independent, small-scale craft breweries dominate the cask ale scene here with a range of interesting flavours and styles represented throughout the week. A selection of Real Ciders is also available,

some of which are locally produced.

Live music events are held throughout the week. This includes Musical Bingo (where a musician plays songs instead of reading numbers, and there are free cheeseboards for all participants!), Musician Showcases, Open Mics and Sunday Night Jam Sessions. All of these exciting community events are well attended and bring an incredible atmosphere and dynamic to Sadler Gate.

The Dog & Moon has certainly put the old watering hole firmly back in Derby's drinking and Real Ale scene once more and licensees Katie & Mark must be given great credit for this. So why not pop in and check it out for yourself? The opening hours are: Closed Mon, 12-12 Tue-Thu, 12-1.30am Fri-Sat, 12-12 Sun. And you can catch up with their latest events on both Facebook and Instagram.





# A Bar with a View

The 'Temple Bar' has recently opened below the Temple Hotel in Matlock Bath as an independent Free House. It can be found within the beautiful Georgian Hotel building which originates from the 1780's and has amazing views across the Derwent Valley. The bar has been refurbished offering a fine selection of four Real Ales, Derbyshire ciders, wines and gins with live music each Saturday evening from local bands. Husband & Wife team, Darren and Lisa, will be offering a warm and friendly welcome to all customers including walkers and dogs on leads.

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Welcome to Derby Drinker's first ever Salute the Cider Trail. After being so impressed by Nottingham CAMRA's hugely popular Cider Saunter in July, we decided we wanted to try an event of our own. This trail is running for the whole month of October and is promoting East Midlands cider (as well as West Midlands cider in Burton & SD). While the West Country is most famous for its cider, our region is fast becoming a hot ticket on the cider circuit and our producers are featuring more and more in some of the biggest festivals in the country. We have a great line-up of pubs taking part, including several Pub of the Year (POTY), Cider & Country Pub of the Year winners.

All you need to do is visit as many of the pubs on the trail as you fancy, order a pint or half of East (or West) Midlands cider and collect your Salute the Cider sticker. Collect your stickers in the chart provided overleaf and, if you collect **five or more**, send it to the address below by Friday 30th November. Everyone who sends in their chart will receive a free pint of cider or perry at the next Derby Winter Ales Festival (20th-23rd February 2019 at Derby Roundhouse) Some of the pubs taking part may also offer CAMRA and student discounts. Entrants who collect ten stickers or more will be entered into a special prize draw.

The pubs are spread out across Derby, Burton & SD, Ashbourne & Amber Valley CAMRA branch areas. We also have one satellite pub taking part, the Draycott Tap House. All of these pubs are accessible by public transport, they are either on a route or a reasonable walk from the nearest bus stop/train station. If you are making a special journey, please check pub opening times and public transport timetables before you travel. Please also note that the ongoing signal works at Derby Train Station might affect some routes. For more information on bus routes go to [www.trentbarton.co.uk](http://www.trentbarton.co.uk), [www.arriva.co.uk](http://www.arriva.co.uk) and [www.midlandclassic.com](http://www.midlandclassic.com).

If you're on Twitter share your time on the trail with us using these #hashtags: #salutethecider #derbycamra #cider #perry #nowdrinking. You can also tag us: @DerbyCAMRA @YoungDerbyCAMRA (also on Instagram, tag us in your pics!) @BurtonCAMRA @AshbourneCAMRA & @AmberValleyCamr. If you are tweeting give the pubs a shout out too!

Charts with **five stickers or more** can be sent to: Salute the Cider Trail, Derby CAMRA, 10 Severn Drive, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5LE. If you would like to receive your free cider/perry voucher and be entered into our prize draw, please remember to fill out your details overleaf.

Found a pub serving East or West Midlands cider that isn't on the trail? Add their details to our lucky dip boxes and they count as an extra sticker!

You can also help us judge our Cider Pub of the Year 2019 winners. Add your rating out of 5 to the box next to each pub you visit. All scores will be taken into account by our branch panels.

For more info contact your local branch cider rep or email Heather Knibbs at [ymg@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:ymg@derbycamra.org.uk)



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2. Please be patient if the pub is busy or there is no cider available, it may have run out or not arrived yet.
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Don't forget we'll be judging our Cider  
Pub of the Year winners for 2019. If you  
would like to help us, just put your score  
from 1-5 in the box next to each pub  
that you visit.



# SALUTE THE CIDER TRAIL - PUB DETAILS



DERBY			
Pub	Address	Telephone No.	Twitter
The Brunswick Inn - Cider POTY	1 Railway Terrace, Derby, DE1 2RU	01332 410055	@brunswick_inn
The Smithfield - POTY	Meadow Road, Derby, DE1 2BH	01332 986601	@smithfieldderby
The Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Rd, Derby, DE1 2QE	01332 293993	n/a
The Exeter Arms	Exeter Place, Derby, DE1 2EU	01332 605323	@exeterarms
The Brewery Tap	1 Derwent Street, Derby, DE1 2ED	01332 366283	n/a
The Last Post	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby, DE1 1GA	01332 296737	@lastpostderby
The Greyhound	75-76 Friar Gate, Derby, DE1 1FN	01332 344155	@Greyhound_Derby
Mr Grundy's Tavern	Ashbourne Road, Derby, DE22 3AD	01332 340279	@MrGrundysBrewer
The Furnace Inn	9 Duke St, Derby, DE1 3BX	01332 385981	@TheFurnaceInn
The Old Bell	51 Sadler Gate, Derby, DE1 3NQ	01332 723090	@bellhotelderby
The Town Street Tap - Country POTY	17 Town Street, Duffield, Derby, DE56 4EH	01283 229194	@townstreettap
The Chip & Pin	8 High Street, Melbourne, Derbyshire, DE73 8GN	07957 806454	@chipandpinpub
The Royal Oak*	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook, Derby, DE72 3SE	01332 662378	@_royaloak
BURTON & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE			
Pub	Address	Telephone No.	Twitter
The Alfred Ale House	51 Derby Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 2LD	01283 562178	@AlfredAleHouse
Weighbridge Inn	Grain Warehouse Yard, Derby Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 2JJ	07900 475755	@WeighbridgeInn
The Dog Inn - POTY	5 Lichfield Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 3QZ	01283 517060	@TheDogBurton
The Last Heretic - Cider POTY	95 Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1BT	07715 097797	@Micropubheretic
Derby Inn	17 Derby Road, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1RU	07736 953206	@DerbyInn
The Black Horse - Country POTY	17 Burton Rd, Coton in the Elms, Derbyshire, DE12 8HJ	01283 762947	n/a
ASHBOURNE			
Pub	Address	Telephone No.	Twitter
The Red Lion - Spring POTY	Kniveton, Nr Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1JH	01335 345554	n/a
The Greenman	10 St. John Street, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1GH	-	@PubGreenman
Okeover Arms	Mapleton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 2AB	01335 350305	n/a
Maison Du Biere	28B Church St, Ashbourne, DE6 1AE	01335 343669	n/a
AMBER VALLEY			
Pub	Address	Telephone No.	Twitter
Angels Micropub	29 Market Place, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1FZ	07896 832141	@Angelsmicropub
The Beehive Inn/Honeypot Microbar	Ripley, Nottinghamshire, DE5 3JN	01773 749593	n/a
The Holly Bush Inn	Holly Bush Lane, Makeney, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 0RX	01332 841729	@HollyBushBEER
The Talbot Taphouse - Cider POTY	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley, Nottinghamshire, DE5 3LT	01773 742382	@TalbotTaphouse
The White Hart - POTY	Sandbed Lane, Belper, DE56 0JA	01773 827397	@WhiteHartBelper
Marquis of Ormonde	35 Codnor Denby Lane, Codnor, DE5 9SP	01773 745222	n/a
SATELITE ENTRIES			
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Draycott Tap House**	29 Victoria Rd, Draycott, Derby, DE72 3PS	07834 728540	@draycotttap

\*The Royal Oak at Ockbrook will holding their Dorset-themed Beer & Cider Festival in October so please be aware East Midlands ciders may be limited that weekend. Keep an eye on their Twitter for more info.

\*\*Because our Chairman wanted to join in the fun!



# EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

by Mick & Carole Golds  
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## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

### SOCIAL TRIP

On Saturday 4th August twelve members of our Branch from Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Draycott plus one Nottingham member set off from Ilkeston railway station to meet the Dronfield Branch members at Dronfield station. This was a reciprocal arrangement we made with them after they visited us earlier in the year. We were met at the station by Graham and his wife who took us to our first pub a short walk away, the Dronfield Arms which is the home of HopJacker Brewery with nine handpumps on the bar. The only disappointment was that they were charging 15p extra for a half pint (very naughty). From here on we were picked up by a minibus (many thanks to their Branch) and taken to our second venue not too far from the station, the Coach & Horses which had house beers by Thornbridge on their seven handpumps. It was then onto the Rutland Arms a few miles out of town with three handpumps by which time we had been joined by several members of their Branch which meant the minibus doing two trips each time. We then headed east to Apperknowle, the Travellers Rest, which is in a wonderful setting with views across the dales and a cricket match to watch with six handpumps. It was Michael's favourite pub of the day. Then it was onto the Miners Arms, Hundall, another pleasant setting with five handpumps where the house beer was from Drone Valley Brewery - Dronny Bottom Bitter. The last port of call was the Pioneer Club in Dronfield with four real ales where it was many thanks to Graham for organizing with the landlady a pie & peas supper. It was a great day out then and thanks to everybody who came along.

### PUB NEWS

The York Chambers was recently presented with their Derbyshire South Pub of the Year Runner-Up Certificate by CAMRA Area Organiser, Gareth Stead. A great night at the pub saw a huge turnout to enjoy the £2.50 a pint ales, so many thanks to Manager, Lee Clayton and bar staff Emma & Malc.



York Chambers Presentation



Coach & Horses Dronfield

**The Wilsthorpe Tavern, Sawley** - We have been informed that it has re-opened and has one handpump serving Doombar.

**The Needlemakers, Nottingham Road, Ilkeston** - After being closed for a long period of time we are pleased to say that it has now re-opened and is being run by Lisa Chapman. It is now a Star-Heineken outlet, not Punch Taverns. When I called on Sunday to see Lisa they had three real ales on at £2.90 pint. Opening hours are 12-11.00pm Monday - Thursday, 12-11.30pm Friday - Saturday, 12-10.30pm Sunday. Well-behaved dogs welcome, Tea, coffee, etc served.

**The General Havelock, Stanton Road, Ilkeston** - Has also re-opened and the new landlord is Chris Doran who has run a lot of pubs in the past in the Northwest. On our visit he had on Oakham Citra and Blue Monkey Infinity, both in good condition and he will not be giving CAMRA discount. Opening hours are 4-11.00pm Monday to Thursday, 12-12 Friday - Saturday, 12-10.30pm Sunday.

**The Navigation, Breaston** - Is to let (Punch). Villagers and supporters of the pub are being asked to support an ACV. Sorry we have no more information.

**The Olympic, Draycott** - lease is up for renewal (Star-Heineken).

### PUB LANDLORDS AND MEMBERS

If you have any news or events that need publicizing please contact our webmaster@erewash.camra.org.uk who will forward it on to us to go in the Drinker.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 8.00pm.

Monday 3rd September - Barge, Long Eaton.

Monday 1st October - Ilson Tap, bottom of Bath Street, Ilkeston.

Monday 5th November - Bunny Hop, Cromford Road, Langley Mill.



Dronfield Arms



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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.

### CAMRA Discounts

Please remember to show your CAMRA card

**The Bridge, Sandiacre** - 15p off a pint  
**Bridge, Cotmanhay** - 15p off a pint, 5p off a half

**Coach & Horses, Draycott** - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half also accept 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

**Hogarth's, Ilkeston** - 20p off a pint

**Navigation, Breaston** - 10p off a pint

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

**Prince of Wales, Ilkeston** - 15p off a pint

**Red Lion, Heanor** - 20p off a pint

**Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston** - 15p off a pint

**Stanhope Arms, Stanton by Dale** - 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

**Twitchell, Long Eaton** - 20p off a pint

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

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# BURTON & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CAMRA BRANCH



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## Dani's Pressing News

Hello! My name is Dani and I am the Cider Rep for Burton CAMRA. I joined CAMRA at Derby's 2017 Winter Ales Festival and shortly after joined Burton Branch as their new Cider Rep last April. I began my journey very quickly and



eagerly, getting to know the different types of ciders, apples, and what is CAMRA approved and what is basically pop! Becoming the Cider Rep and volunteering at festivals also gave me the opportunity to complete the free training CAMRA provide whereby I attended GBBF and completed Cider Bar Management and Cider Tasting courses. There are plenty more opportunities that CAMRA can offer and it would be silly not to take advantage of them!

You could say I have had a crash course into CAMRA, because at the time of accepting the role of Cider Rep I also took on the Membership Secretary's role for Burton! This involves running reports on how many members we have and campaigning for new ones to join and be a part of the fun. While I am probably biased, during my last year and a half with CAMRA it has become so obvious the importance of attracting more and more young members to carry on the legacy of CAMRA. There are many dedicated and hardworking members within each branch who have put in the work for many years and it would be a shame for branches to close due to not being able to pass the committee roles on. There is a National Young Members' Forum coming up on Saturday 6th October which is to be hosted by Derby CAMRA at the Brunswick Inn! Please keep eyes peeled for the details on the event and just pop in for a chat, beer...or CIDER!

## Burton CAMRA Cider News

July saw Burton CAMRA host the award ceremony for Cider Pub of the Year, the last Heretic being our Town Cider POTY and The Black Horse, Coton on the Elms, making our Country Cider POTY.



The Last Heretic is a modern micropub based just a few doors from the train station. Pete lets his customers choose the ciders he has on, ensuring there is always something for everyone, whether it be the traditional tasting or the trending flavoured ones, rhubarb being one of my favourites, although you can't beat the golden and crisp taste of a farmhouse cider! The Last Heretic has also opened its new beer garden this year making it a great place to chill, relax and enjoy the gorgeous heat in the day and the slightly cooler evenings of this year's summer! Congrats Pete on a well deserved and easily justified award! (Do not listen to Pete's reasoning)



The Black Horse, Coton in the Elms, is a beautiful, traditional looking pub. It boasts over 30 different ciders on at any one time, making it impossible to not find one or two you like! The staff are welcoming, warm and friendly and there is always a laugh or three to be had, particularly on road directions - "Straight Over". Thanks Ade for being the perfect host at your award ceremony!



## Burton & South Derbyshire Brewery News

### Blythe Brewery

Information has indicated that two new beers are now in production: Golden Rush, a hoppy golden ale at 4.6%, and Dark Horse, a full-bodied stout at 4.7%.

### Burton Old Cottage Brewing Company

Cask ales currently being produced: Oak Ale, Halcyon Daze, Dual Diamond and Just So Stout. Arctic Ale is to be revived in the near future. The brewery has now taken over the Weighbridge

Inn micropub in the Grain Warehouse Yard, off Derby Street, Burton, where they will be selling their own beers plus guest ales, wines and spirits, including a 'gin of the week'. Currently they are liaising with other brewers, locally and further afield, to do swaps.

### Heritage Brewery

Sales of Heritage beers are very encouraging with an increase of 40% over the corresponding period last year. Special brews are being added to the core range. Most of the Bill Tidy pump clip cartoon series are popular, Fireside Ale has now been brewed for over six months, and Sole Survivor has also been re-brewed. Massey's Original Mild, initially brewed for a CAMRA beer festival, is now available all year. A small fermenter has been added to the equipment to facilitate smaller brews and beer for bottling.

### Quartz Brewery

Trade is going well and the contact with Central Co-op has now been extended to the Co-op Group.

### Tollgate Brewery

There have been no changes to the basic range of 12-month and seasonal beers. A special beer, Brew 500 (5.2%; lager-style), was produced in April to mark the 500th gyle since Pat & Quentin Brearley bought the brewery in 2011. With the Citra hop becoming more widely available again, Viking Gold (4.3% Golden Ale) has recently been resurrected after a 2½ year hiatus; the first slightly experimental brew was sold as Angry Viking, and Viking Gold was marketed as To Hop and to Hold in the brewery's pubs over the Royal Wedding weekend. The brewery's Town Street Tap micropub, Duffield, is Derby Branch's Country Pub of the Year 2018.

### Pub News

The Dog in Burton has won the award of Runner-up Staffordshire Pub of the Year 2018. Presentation to be organised on a date TBA.

The Beacon on Tutbury Road, Burton, which closed unexpectedly in April, had been reported to be re-opening by the end of June. The pub owned by Star Pubs and Bars (Heineken) has still not re-opened (by the end of July).

The Lamb Inn on Main Street, Newhall, has had a £50,000+ refurbishment carried out by Marston's and reopened on Saturday 28th July.

The Foresters in Yoxall has undergone a £45,000 refurbishment financed by the private owners and has recently reopened. It is a traditional Country Pub and Restaurant.

The Crown in Yoxall opened on 10th August as an Italian themed restaurant.

### Branch Diary

**August 2018** – No Branch meeting in August.

**September 2018** – Branch meeting at The Barley Mow, Main Street, Stapenhill. Wednesday 5th September. Committee 7.30 p.m. and Branch Meeting at 8 p.m.

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### LOCAL BREWERIES

#### GAOL ALE

Brewing in The Lock Up, North End, Wirksworth.

We are sad to report that this brewery has now closed. We at Matlock & Dales CAMRA wish Mark and colleagues all the best for their future.

#### ASHLEYHAY BREWERY

Relocated to The Royal Oak, North End, Wirksworth has been mothballed until various issues are resolved. We are pleased to say that various experimental brews are often available in the pub. At the moment they are only in keg form but sell very quickly. We look forward to full production.



### 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**

Cash discount available on Birchover Ales only, on presentation of membership card. Discount applies to card holder only.

#### 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**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

#### Matlock Bath

**Fishpond, South Parade, Matlock Bath**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

#### Winstar

**Old Bowling Green, East Bank, Winstar DE4 2DS**

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

## MAD Branch Diary

### Branch Meetings 8 - 10pm

**Tuesday 18th September**

Crich & Lea Area - Check website for details

**Monday 19th November**

TBC - Check website for details

### Last Orders

Derby Drinker is very sad to report the sudden and tragic loss of **Ian Winterton** who was Derby CAMRA Branch Chairman between 2004-2006. Ian was a fair-minded and well-meaning bloke who always had the interests of CAMRA at heart and was willing to promote Real Ale wherever he went. As well as Chairman he enthusiastically threw himself into many roles within the Branch either on the Committee or working at Beer Festivals where as Cellarman helped keep the ales in tip-top condition. He was very active on the social side of things and together with his wife, Sally ran a minibus to transport members around the Pubs of Derbyshire and beyond to sample the delights of Real Ales further afield. And their mobile bar appeared at many local events around the area such as those held at Elvaston Castle bringing Real Ale to places that normally wouldn't have had it. Their house parties too were legendary where the barrels of ale flowed freely and so did the chat but nobody left until the last drop was drunk dry. Ian will be sadly missed by all those that knew him especially his wife Sally and family and we raise a glass to a thoroughly decent chap, cheers mate, good to have known you.





# Amber Valley CAMRA Celebrates its 10th Anniversary



The Tavern



Old King's Head



The Black Swan



Cross Keys



The Angels Micropub

Ten years ago, on 18th September 2008, 42 CAMRA members met at the George, Lowes Hill, Ripley, to form the Amber Valley Branch of CAMRA, initially as a sub-branch of Derby. Later this September, our annual beer festival will be held at Strutt's on Derby Road, Belper, and we thought this would be an opportune moment to take a whistle-stop tour of the pubs in this World Heritage town.

Closest to Strutt's is **The Tavern**, Derby Road, where a central, timber-faced bar with glazed frieze greets you upon entering and scrub-topped tables make for a traditional feel. When I called, Howard Town Monk's Gold, Marston's EPA and Pedigree were the beers of choice with younger drinkers catered for with a pool table to the rear. This is one of the many pubs in town which has made the most of its generous garden, reached via an attractive garden room. Turn right at "Morrison's" island onto New Road and then right again into Brookside and the stone-built **Old King's Head** soon hoves into view in this quiet residential backwater. Bev Boxall is the landlady and she has strong ties here as three generations of her family have lived at the pub. A cosy front bar and bigger back room serve well-kept Wainwright, Pedigree and Wychwood Hobgoblin Gold. Upstairs, there are huge function rooms where legendary Northern Soul DJ, Hector Heathcote, performed in July, whilst outside there's a skittles alley and colourful floral displays.

Carry on up New Road to the **Black Swan** which is entered via the seating area on the Market Place. An interesting, irregularly shaped interior with a side-snug features a blackboard displaying an enticing culinary menu. A rotating guest beer policy saw Lincoln Green Marion, Falstaff Phoenix and



The Nags Head



The Grapes

Wychwood Hobgoblin Gold vying for attention. Cheek by jowl with the Swan is the two roomed **Cross Keys**, rescued from oblivion by Bateman's brewery and the Sinclair family at the start of the new millennium. The Sinclairs have moved to pastures new but Bateman's beers remain together with Draught Bass and a house beer, Golden Cross Keys. Lincolnshire Cheeky Imp was guesting when I called. Discreetly tucked away in a corner of the Market Place is the Good Beer Guide-listed **Angels** micropub offering many changing real ales and a good choice of traditional cider. Steve Cresswell, who brought the Honey Pot bar to Ripley, has his daughter, Katie, running Angels which originally was the stables to Belper's only thatched pub, the Angel Inn. Above the Market Place on High Pavement is the **Nags Head** where Mr Clayton served home brewed beer until 1971, before Mansfield Brewery acquired the premises. A large knocked-through interior has Brewer's Tudor prominent, whilst outside to the rear, is a garden in which to enjoy a pint from the Marston's stable of breweries.

Up the High Street to the **Grapes**, surrounded on two sides by ballustraded decked areas, but on a blisteringly hot day I took refuge in the cool TV alley requisitioned from the pub's skittle alley during the World Cup. The central servery divides a U-shaped bar with cosy corners. On offer were Courage Directors, Banks Sunbeam, Wainwright and Pedigree. Cross the road and at the far end of Penn Street on Chesterfield Road is the unspoilt **Queen's Head** featured in CAMRA's book Real Heritage Pubs of the Midlands. Three rooms coalesce around the bar which had beers from breweries in locations as diverse as Cornwall and Edinburgh in the shape of St Austell Tribute and Caledonian Deuchars, which were competing with Wadworth 6X and the more familiar Draught Bass. Mention must be made of the terrace with far-reaching views over the town. Next door is the wedge-shaped **Thorn Tree** run by mother and daughter team, April Elliott and Amber-Rose whose tutelage under Paul Carroll (ex-Arkwright's) has stood them in good stead. They had a most impressive range of beers when I called: the cheerfully named Anarchy Brew Co Urban Assault (from Northumberland), Shiny New World, Castle



The Queen's Head





Thorn Tree Inn



The Green House



The Railway



Arkwrights



The Lion



The Devonshire



Riflemans Arms



George & Dragon



Pump It Up

Rock Juniper Mild and Draught Bass straight from the cask. Live music is popular here and the front and back rooms are connected by by a short flight of steps. Down the hill and turn right into King Street where above street level is the **Green House** entered via a sun trap patio overlooking the Memorial Gardens. A spacious split-level interior had many diners taking advantage of food offers whilst those seeking alcoholic sustenance could choose from Golden Boot from the Repton brewery, Abbot, Doom Bar and the almost ubiquitous Pedigree.

Further down King Street is the aptly named **Railway**, formerly a Home Brewery (Nottingham) house and now serving a decent pint of Theakston Best Bitter. The nearest pub to Belper's railway station has a spacious interior with a pool table and there's seating out at the back for fair weather drinking.

Turning into Campbell Street, we find the Good Beer Guide listed **Arkwright's Real Ale Bar**, part of what once was the Conservative Club. Paul Carroll, Arkwright's founder, has moved to the Coach and Horses, Horsley, but the quality beer offering he instigated is unchanged in a stylish room with some

interesting brewery memorabilia. On the A6, Bridge Street, is the white painted, residential **Lion Hotel**, integral to which is "the pub at the Lion" complete with pizzeria. Marston's beers had Thornbridge Jaipur for company, and aside from the salubrious surroundings is a courtyard and a further Astro-turfed area for fair weather drinking. Nearby is a former Home Brewery (Nottingham) house, the Brewer's Tudor fronted **Riflemans Arms**. A smartly refurbished, deep interior, is subdivided into different areas with a pool table to the rear, and Falstaff Bunsen and Pedigree competed for attention. The most has been made of the small patio at the back. The porticoed, Georgian **George and Dragon** across the road has long been a favoured haunt of Belper's discerning drinkers with a beer offering that rarely disappoints. On this occasion, Bristol Beer Factory Kiwi Bitter, Abbeydale Moonshine, accompanied Burton on Trent rivals Draught Bass and East Mill Bitter brewed by Tower. The rear side room is a shrine to the iconic Guinness advertising and well worth a look.

Pat White caused quite a stir in 1982 when he introduced topless barmaids to the grade 2-listed Duke of Devonshire, Bridge Street. Today, the Secret Dining Company run the premises now known as **The Devonshire**, and landlady, Denise Sage, has created décor that fuses traditional with modern with walls and surfaces in slate grey. The Secret Dining Company has revived a clutch of pubs hereabout and although dining is to the fore, beer aficionados will welcome a changing

range of beers that regularly features some of our better local breweries such as Shiny and Dancing Duck. And, outside at the back, there are two large patio areas in which to savour them.

We'll finish with the latest addition to the Belper beer scene, the **Pump It Up** micropub on Bridge Street. An intimate interior has two tiny rooms with photographs from days gone by of the premises' former commercial usage, together with Rams' team shots down the years. There's no shortage of choice here with Muirhouse Wolf, Blue Monkey Affinity, Thornbridge Lord Marples, Dancing Duck Abduction and a collaborative brew from Arbor and Shiny called Any Other Name, all available when I dropped in. Gwynt Black Dragon cider (7.2%abv) was the apple alternative and all of these had a uniform price of just £3 a pint.

I trawled Belper on two hot days in July, and my abiding memory will be of colourful floral displays, not just in the town, but also in so many well-tended pub gardens.

Paul Gibson



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# ACTION TAKEN AGAINST FOUR DERBY LICENCE-HOLDERS AS A BIG DECREASE OF DRUNKENNESS IN DERBY WAS REPORTED IN 1916

**F**our licence-holders were reported to have been dealt with under powers granted to the police by the Defence of the Realm Act (DORA) that overall had reduced instances of drunkenness in Derby. The annual licensing meeting took place in February 1916 and received a report from the Chief Constable, H M Haywood. In it he outlined action that had been taken against four licence holders.

A previous issue of Derby Drinker told the story of the Castle Fields public house on Siddals Road. The licensee, Arthur White was fined £5 plus costs in 1916 for selling intoxicating liquor at 10.25pm. After a second offence, a closing order was made by competent military authority under DORA. The pub never re-opened and was eventually demolished for road widening.

Rowland Henry Allen of the Lyndhurst Refreshment Bar on Normanton Road had been caught selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours. Allen's crime was that he had missed the 9pm curfew for serving alcohol by 10 minutes and for this a 'closing order dated 1 March 1915 (was) made by competent military authority and Allen was also fined £2 plus costs. The bar re-opened in due course and was granted a full licence in 1951. It remains open today and is now known as the Lyndhurst Bar.

The Queen Adelaide beer house stood on Canal Street and its licensee, Arthur Collumbell, was fined £1 including costs in October 1915 for the lesser offence of 'Not keeping his licensed house closed at 4.15pm for the consumption of intoxicating liquor by a member of his Majesty's forces in contravention of an order made on 23 July 1915' by Colonel J A Reekes. Subsequently the Queen Adelaide was granted a full licence in 1950 before eventually closing in the mid-1960s.

Also in October 1915 the Windmill public house was subjected to police attention on the basis that licensee Frank Eyre had permitted drunkenness for which he was fined £5 including costs. It was noted that the licence had since been transferred to another individual. The Windmill itself closed eventually in the late 1920s.

The first two cases in particular demonstrate the strict action that was taken against licensed premises caught breaking the law during the First World War in the name of 'Defence of the Realm'.

Other cases brought before magistrates during the war years include the following cases outside of Derby reported in the Derby Mercury. First up was another licensee who was found guilty of selling beer

after the 9pm curfew. The offender on this occasion was Arthur Hanson of the Mundy Arms, Mackworth, who was prosecuted in October 1918.

Profiteering by selling beer above the fixed price was not allowed during the War and on 30th August 1918 the Mercury reported that Walter Buxton, licensee of



*Lyndhurst Bar*



*Queen Adelaide courtesy of John Arguile*

the Harrow Hotel, Ilkeston, had been found guilty of selling a pint of beer for 6 old pence, 50% above the legal limit of 4 old pence per pint. Buxton was fined £9 4s plus costs. John Kerry, landlord of the Prince of Wales on Bath Street, Ilkeston, appears to have been caught by a police 'sting' operation as he was caught selling a half pint of beer for two and a half old pence to Inspector Radford of Nottingham. As the legal price limit for a half pint was two old pence, Kerry was ordered to pay £6 4s.

Similar convictions were reported against James Fearn of Hodgkinson Hotel, Matlock Bath, and George Leigh, Red Lion, Matlock Green, on 13th September 1918.

Look out for further stories about Derby pubs and breweries during World War One in our Armistice edition due out in November.

*Information re the four Derby pubs was taken from an article that appeared in the Derby Daily Telegraph on 3 February 1916. Source: British Library. Picture of the Lyndhurst Bar courtesy of WhatPub.com. Other information from the Derby Mercury. Thanks go to Jane Whitaker for her assistance with the latter.*

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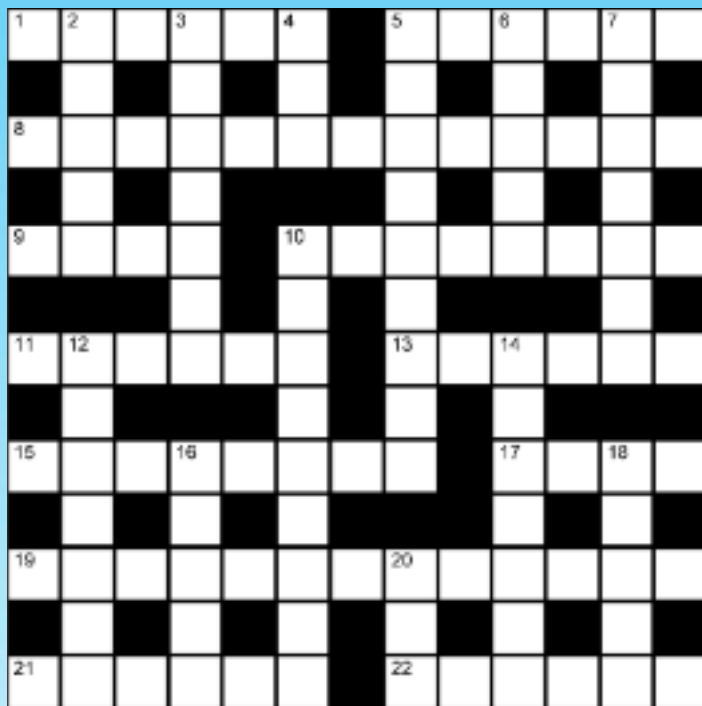
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- 5 Things working together make for some easy system technical studies (6)
- 8 Keep life in jams? (13)
- 9 Filling up on glass of Guinness (4)
- 10 Newly designed Leeds try alternative way (8)
- 11 Fresh Pub in Kernow (3,3)
- 13 After 50, manager decorated with a raise (6)
- 15 A small fairy I feed regularly sends me money (8)
- 17 Tongue-tied characters in a musical is problem (4)
- 19 Cousin notices wasted diligence (13)
- 21/22 Pub in Walsall has lovely architecture (6,6)

### Down

- 2/5 Deers manage pub in Wardlow Mire (5,5,4)
- 3 A few silly sounding Italian spinsters (7)
- 4 Broadcaster Sky drops the ball (3)
- 5 See 2
- 6 Polished like the tibia (5)
- 7 Let light in through holes in my shoes (7)
- 10 City Drain gone sour? (9)
- 12 Alt. teen aim to curry favour with object of desire (7)
- 14 Intoxicating, bubbly, peachy-keen and from Venice! (7)
- 16 A sound collection of property! (5)
- 18 Retreat from insane Monarch's awful smell (5)
- 20 What's the point of pure chocolate? (3)



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