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Derby Winter Ale Festival is Back



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Derby Winter Ale Festival 2019

It's 2019 which means it's time to plan your visit to one of the best beer festivals in the country (not that we're biased!). Returning to the historic Roundhouse this February is the 15th Derby CAMRA Winter Ale Festival and this year it will be an unmissable experience. Featuring over 400 cask ales, ciders, perries, bottled world beers and meads, we have among the best selections in the region and something for everyone.

But that's not all - you spoke and we listened, which means there are new additions coming this year:

- Our new craft keg bar features a range of quality craft beers you will love to try!
- Blue Monkey are in town and they're bringing gin!
- Our range of live music is better than ever!

Keep an eye on the Derby CAMRA Festival Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates. There will also be opportunities for you to win free entry to the festival. Want a sneak preview? Tune in to our Facebook Live Preview Event on Tuesday 19th February!

Our Young Members Rep, Heather Knibbs, along with Natalie Bullin from Nottingham CAMRA, are organising a Young Members

social event at the festival. Go to page 7 for details. And don't forget, our festival cannot run without our fantastic team of volunteers and the cellar team especially could do with some extra hands this year. If you could spare a few hours of your time, particularly on Friday or Saturday night, please sign up to volunteer. To learn more about the great benefits of volunteering, check out our piece below.

For more details on how to make the best of your visit, check out our festival guides at www.derbycamra.org.uk/winter-beer-festival

What Makes A Great Beer Festival?

The first and most obvious answer to this is, of course, great beer. Another requirement is a great venue and a lively festival atmosphere. Then you need lots of customers to sample and enjoy the beer, cider, food and entertainment on offer.

Here in Derby we are lucky enough to have the historic Roundhouse building to put on our Winter Ale Festival. Derby CAMRA also has over 40 years experience of putting on beer festivals and the expertise to keep the beer in tip-top condition.

To a large extent it is an 'if you build it they will come' situation. A lot of planning goes into estimating the number of customers who will come through the door, how many pints they will drink and all the other things needed to keep them both happy and safe. A lot is learned from previous festivals and small changes are made each time to make improvements where needed. Then we cross our fingers and hope for good weather and that the trains and buses keep running on time.

You may be surprised to learn that this is all done by unpaid volunteers who willingly give up their time just because they love the beer festival. Planning starts in



September to get together a team who will organise the finances, purchase beer, cider and mead, recruit volunteers to serve it and make sure it is in prime condition, deal with publicity, entertainment, health and safety and much, much more. What you see when the festival is open is only the tip of the iceberg.

Setting up the festival takes place in a very short space of time as it can only be done while the college students are on half term.

There is a meagre five and a half days to build the stillage for the casks, fit the cooling equipment, receive the beer from the suppliers and get it in the right place. And the 101 other jobs that need to be done before the festival can open. Taking it all down has to be done on the day after closing, which is a major achievement and needs a lot of helpers.

Perhaps the single most important aspect of a successful festival is the people who take part. There is a varied mix. From the beer tickers, who arrive early to sample the new and unusual, to the young people filling the music marquee on a Friday evening. And, of course, the volunteers who take your money on the door, serve your beer, wash the glasses and so on.

I may well be biased but I think that we have some very special volunteers in Derby, and the surrounding regions, who give up their time for little more than a free t-shirt and some subsistence refreshments. Although we ask them to work hard at times they seem to enjoy it and most come back year after year.

If you would like to join the team of volunteers in 2019 please check out derbycamra.org.uk/winter-beer-festival for a volunteer form or email wintervolunteers@derbycamra.org.uk

Lin Newton, Derby Winter Ale Festival Volunteer Manager

Young Volunteers

And there are so many benefits for *young volunteers* too! Take it from someone who volunteered for her first festival at 19 years of age. Signing up for Derby CAMRA Winter Ale Festival is a great opportunity.





Derby CAMRA Branch

Experience is gold dust for any CV and our festival is an excellent environment to develop your existing skills as well as gain new ones. If you're looking to work in a customer-facing role then working behind one of our bars or on our membership stall will provide you with thousands of customers and a supportive team to help you. Going into HR? Why not try a shift on our volunteers desk and help coordinate the hundreds of volunteers that keep our festival running? Aspiring to move up to management? We'll be running bar management training at this year's festival, led by our very popular and experienced bar management team. If you're looking to work in the events trade then our set-up and take-down sessions are a chance to experience the manual and logistics side of running a great festival.

Or maybe you're considering entering the brewing industry itself? Perfect! We're looking to recruit new members to our cellar team, where you can gain valuable training and experience in the transportation, storage and maintenance of cask and keg beer. Many of our experienced volunteers are also brewers themselves who can tell you more about the process.

Whichever role you take on at Derby Winter Ale Festival 2019, you will be working with a fantastic team of volunteers. We're all very passionate about what we do and our festival is one of the most popular in the country. If this is your first festival with us you can add valuable new skills to your CV. If you have volunteered with us before and are returning again, why not have a chat your bar manager or one of the festival management team about possibly providing you with a reference? We appreciate the hard work of all our volunteers and love to see that effort pay off in our working lives too.

If you would like to sign up then go to derbycamra.org.uk/winter-beer-festival for a volunteer form or contact Lin at the above address for more info. If you would like to know more about the benefits of volunteering and CAMRA membership for young people, drop me an email at ymg@derbycamra.org.uk.

Heather Knibbs,

Derby CAMRA Young Members Officer

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FROM THE CHAIR

Once again the clock has ticked forward another year and here we are at the beginning of 2019. So much has been accomplished since the Branch AGM back in April 2018 and our successes have been many. It is now hoped that we attract more members to the branch (young and all ages) and that we can get more Branch members volunteering for different events and positions within the Branch.

WINTER ALE FESTIVAL

Our Winter Ale Festival is just around the corner! We are in need of volunteers for all kinds of jobs. There is a very BIG need for cellar team members. You would be most welcome in any role you would like to undertake. If you can help us please contact us at:

wintervolunteers@derbycamra.org.uk as soon as possible. We are hoping to put a team together and provide some training before the festival, as time is at a premium once set-up starts. **The online volunteer form is now available.** Go to the Derby CAMRA website or Volunteering Form.

It should be added that if you are reading this edition of Derby Drinker and you are not a member of Derby CAMRA or even a CAMRA member you are still more than welcome to join us as a volunteer. I guarantee you will be very welcome and you will have an enjoyable experience.

We are a branch with over 3,400 members and I would ask all members to please support the Winter Ale Festival and other Branch activities, because if we don't volunteer and support Branch activities we will lose them over time as the people that are currently doing them can't go on forever. It's always fantastic to get new blood in on something as well and events and activities can develop... So please consider and I hope to see you in action at the Winter Beer Festival on the 20th – 23rd February 2019 at The Roundhouse.

NOT JUST A BEER FESTIVAL BUT AN EXPERIENCE!

This year's Beer Festival is going to be an experience with all sorts of great entertainment and activities. Just a small snapshot of the Entertainment:

Thursday 21st – ELVIS FANCY DRESS NIGHT – Yes, a world-class Elvis entertainer (Rik Gaynor) will entertain us on this evening

Saturday 23rd – WWII, 50's and 60's Pop Music Afternoon

There will be loads of tribute bands, jugglers, magicians, roving musicians and I will be contributing some jazz piano in the afternoons. So watch for further exact details of acts, times... and get your Elvis costume ready!

SOCIAL SIDE OF THINGS

The social calendar is developing fast and there will be much detail on our website for future events and pub crawls. All social events will be listed on our social media pages and we will get information out via Comms. Congratulations to Richard Gorham (our new Social Secretary) for hitting the ground running.

THE FUTURE

Before we know it the AGM in April will be here. Please consider any and all the roles for the Elected Committee. We want to build continuity and having an "understudy" for each role would be great as this would enable you to learn the role over a period of time. The future depends on all of us getting involved.

BRANCH MEETINGS

The Branch meetings have taken on an excellent atmosphere with entertainment, engaging speakers and, of course, friendship and fellowship. Loads of great ideas coming from the membership as we continue to be a branch that is "membership driven." I can't thank everyone enough for your input at meetings and the great ideas we acted upon, such as the Cider Saunter, and ideas for the Winter Ale Festival, to name a few.

The next Branch meeting is very important as we are going to be discussing various ideas from the membership on what to do about the Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival. As was said by Heather Knibbs (our incredible Young Members Officer) we are now starting with a clean slate, so all ideas welcome. Please let a member of the Elected Committee know any ideas you may have and we will discuss these ideas at our next Committee meeting and bring them forward to the next **Branch Meeting, 10th January 2019 at The Village Club Spondon, 8pm** with recommendations.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - JOK

On behalf of the Branch I would like to thank John (Jok) Arguile for his amazing contribution over many, many years to Derby CAMRA. Recently Jok has done incredible work as our Branch Treasurer. He has fulfilled this role with a standard that is beyond reproach. Jok has also been in charge of advertising for DD and has realised the Branch an excellent income in this role that has enabled us to keep going and do the things we do.

Personally, Jok has been a very good adviser and has always encouraged me to develop things within the Branch. He speaks from much experience having held a number of positions within the Branch and also has been a past Chairman. Jok has been and is a friend to a great number of Branch members and his dedication to the cause of CAMRA and the Branch is unquestionable. Putting it simply – Jok sets the standard all of us should aspire to.

Once again, thank you Jok for all you have done and we hope you find some relaxation now that you have "retired" from being Treasurer of the Branch.

OKAY, THIS IS LAST BUT NOT LEAST

As Chair and on behalf of the Elected Committee I wish everyone a very prosperous 2019.

Yours in Derby CAMRA

Greg Maskalick / CHAIR

Derby Drinker Armistice Edition - Have you Got Yours Yet?

The Armistice Commemoration Derby Drinker Supplement was launched at a reception at the Brunswick Inn on December 6th. The first copy was presented to the Mayor of the City of Derby, Cllr Mike Carr, by project chair, Jane Elliot.

Invited guests were able to try two WWI commemorative beers, brewed by Brunswick and Draycott breweries, using replica silver threepenny bits, as issued to demobilised servicemen. Guests were warned that due to wartime tax rises we had had to increase the price of beer to 6d a pint. Guests were also reminded that under wartime regulations it was illegal to buy drinks for anyone else.

The supplement, which has been praised as "One of the best publications Derby CAMRA has produced", features articles about many aspects of the licensed trade, breweries, pubs, the temperance movement, prosecutions and more, in and around Derby during the First World War. Copies, which have been distributed to regular Derby Drinker points as well as libraries, Tourist Information Centres and museums, have been going fast.

The project group will be holding a free public talk at the Brunswick on January 24th 2019 to talk about the project, expand on some of the stories featured in the Armistice Edition and some of those that didn't make it into the final publication, and a further presentation will take place at the Derby Winter Ale Festival, February 20th – 23rd at the Roundhouse. Details of times will be published on the Festival website when arrangements have been finalised.

It is hoped to publish additional articles on an occasional basis in future editions of Derby Drinker.



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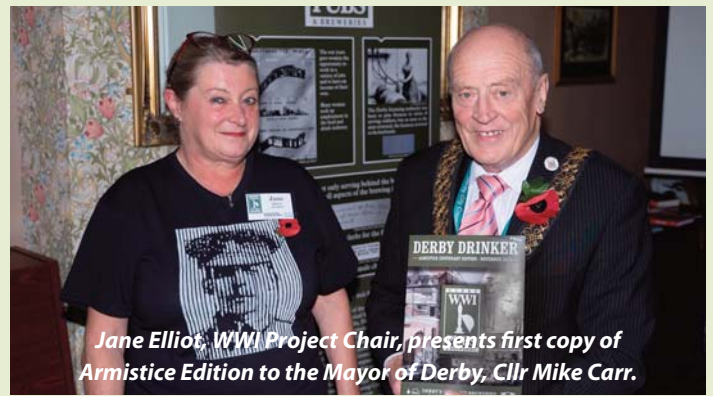
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Jane Elliot, WWI Project Chair, presents first copy of Armistice Edition to the Mayor of Derby, Cllr Mike Carr.

Crich Comrades Club Celebrates Centenary with WW1 Exhibition

The Comrades Club was buzzing on Armistice Day when I arrived with the usual DD delivery (writes Tony Cooper). The excellent WW1 supplement was well received – quite fitting, given that the Club had dedicated a whole room to a WW1 exhibition. Over a drink from one of the three handpumps, bar manager Stewart Harrison and Comrades' chair Kevin Oliver outlined the history of the Club. Formed in 1921 by and for the benefit of returning soldiers, the Club moved into premises paid for by local fundraising effort. The local British Legion (also founded in 1921) made it their home until the 30's when (for reasons lost in the mists of time) they moved (not sure where to). However for the last few years they have been in the Cliff Inn where they stayed until this centenary year.

This wasn't the only reason for the upbeat mood – the bar has a new lease of life with the very successful introduction of more cask ale, thanks to the cellarman's Bob Stonehouse (Ex-Nelson Inn, Bullbridge, now lost forever), who with Stewart has been making a dent in the keg sales.

The exhibition was a real community effort. In the bar was a Remembrance Tree, dressed by the Infants & Junior School children, with a the name of every Crich soldier who didn't make it back inscribed on the paper flowers.

Did you know that animals (horses, carrier pigeons, etc) are also remembered with purple poppies? The pigeon fancier told me!

The Comrades Club will be celebrating their own centenary in 2021. Plans are already being made. Don't wait that long before calling in!



Stewart Harrison (L) and Kevin Oliver in the exhibition room, flanked by a WW1 Tommy and a 1920's pigeon fancier (!)



Remembrance Tree (detail)

Cider

with Suzie



Cider makers have been busy recently (and some still are busy) pressing this year's harvest. Back in August with the hot, bone dry summer it looked as though this year's crop of apples could be a disaster, but then we had some rain. Nature has remarkable powers of recovery and we finished up with some excellent fruit, high in sugar because of the sunshine. It should produce some good cider, but as the process involves fermenting and maturing over the winter months we won't really know how good it is until Easter next year. Cider is closer to wine than to beer in the importance of the weather conditions during the growing season.

You may have missed the Derby Summer Festival 2018. I certainly did. The early part of July felt strangely empty without it and I hope it will be back next year. **No such problems with the Winter Festival, back at the Roundhouse from February 20th to 23rd.** Beer Festivals generally suffered a drop in attendance last year. I think this is, in part, because the pub scene is in good shape, with many pubs running mini beer festivals. All good news for beers and cider drinkers. Still, no pub can compete with the range of drinks on offer or the atmosphere

generated at an iconic venue such as the Roundhouse, so I urge you all to put the dates in your diary and head down there.

The comments on choice available apply particularly to cider and perry, and we will have a choice of at least 45 on offer from all parts of the country. Derbyshire will be represented by Three Cats (Dry and Sweet varieties) and Oakfield Farm (Taste the Orchard), second and third respectively in the East Midlands heat of CAMRA's Champion Cider Competition, held recently at Nottingham Festival. Also featured will be a very new cider maker, Monkey Bridge from Ironville and from Ashover Cider, now expanding rapidly, we will have Poets Pippin.

There will be a strong contingent from the traditional cider making counties of Somerset and Devon. We will have Harry's Scrummage from Long Sutton, Somerset, a medium, full bodied cider and CAMRA's Champion Cider 2018. Other regulars from Somerset will include Rich's Legbender and Heck's Glastonbury Gold plus, from Devon, Winkleigh Autumn Scrumpy and Green Valley Vintage.

Perry is made from pears by exactly the same process as cider is made from apples. It can be difficult to find in pubs although during recent

sampling in Amber Valley I was very pleased to find perry available in four: they were Angels Bar in Belper, the Beehive at Peashill, the Marquis of Ormonde at Waingroves and the Talbot at Ripley. I hope they continue to stock perry. The Roundhouse will feature seven perries including Impaired Vision from Double Vision, Kent, and Panting Partridge from Newton Court, Herefordshire. Traditional perry is very definitely a drink under threat, so even if it is not your normal tipples give it a try. You may be pleasantly surprised.

I'd better mention fruit ciders, because even though I am not a fan of them myself I do realize how popular they are, so there will be a wide range of fruit flavours, 16 at the last count. I can't see why you want a cider which tastes of, say, rhubarb and custard or rum and raisin rather than, well, apples, but perhaps I've just failed to move with the times. One which I do quite like is Double Vision Cherry from Kent. We will feature one unusual maker of fruit cider, Hubz from Peterborough, with Cranberry & Raspberry at 7.5% and Pineapple at 8.7%. I will be leaving both of those strictly for the customers.

Wassail

If you still haven't finished writing up your 2019 to-do list we've got an item for it — join CAMRA!

Yes, that's probably not what you were considering but it should definitely be on the agenda and here is why: this is a really exciting time to join CAMRA in the East Midlands. Our brewing industry is becoming a powerhouse with 176 breweries included in the latest Good Beer Guide, 66 of them in Derbyshire. The choice of cask and craft beer has never been better and there are more cider & perry producers in the East Midlands now than ever before.

But it's not just an exciting time, it's also a crucial time. Pubs are closing down at an alarming rate and we all know it. As you're reading this I bet you can picture a pub you've seen recently with its windows boarded up. If you want locals kept safe for our generation and the next then don't wait on the side-lines. Join CAMRA and add your voice to the campaign to save our pubs.

CAMRA membership is one of the best deals you will make. If you're under 26 it starts at just £17 for the year and you can

easily get your money back with beer and cider vouchers, discounted entry to over 180 beer festivals (including free entry to the upcoming Derby Winter Ale Festival) and discounts with many national retailers. It's a win-win.

Joining CAMRA also gives you an exclusive invitation to some great socials. Natalie Bullin, from Nottingham CAMRA, and I are planning joint Young Members socials this year including the biggest one yet – a night out for all Young CAMRA members in the East Midlands at Derby Winter Ale Festival with a free pint on us. This meet-up is happening on Saturday 23rd February. Join CAMRA today and add your name to the guest list! For more info drop me an email at yvmg@derbycamra.org.uk.

So basically... great beer and cider, festivals, socials and a free pint. What's not to love?

See you soon!

Heather Knibbs,
Derby CAMRA Young Members Officer



Derby CAMRA at Pride



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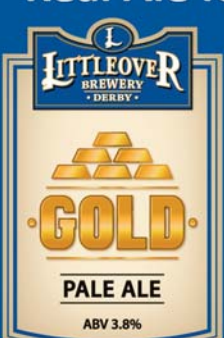
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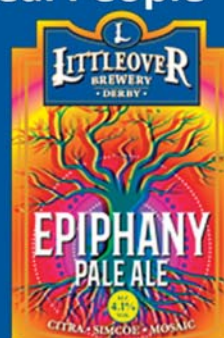


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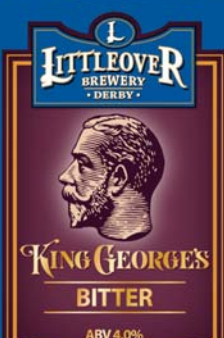


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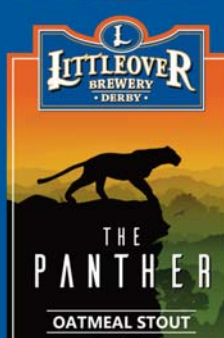


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AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Pub of the Year

Branch POTY nominations closed on 30th November ending in a total of 196 nominations from 57 members for 28 different pubs. The **top eight** which go through to judging are listed below (in no particular order). Competition is bound to be tough during judging which takes place throughout December & January with the results to be announced at AGM - see details in note 2 below - and good luck to all involved.

Ripley's Little Alehouse
Thorn Tree, Belper
Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse
Steampacket, Swanwick
Holly Bush, Makeney
Angels, Belper
White Hart, Bargate
The Talbot, Ripley.

Cider Pub of the Year

Cider POTY - judging of the six branch finalists happened last November and presentation to the winner will occur during January.

Branch Vacancies

Opportunity Knocks: there are **two vacancies** within the branch for the positions of (a) **beer festival chair** to succeed Phil Marshall and (b) **social secretary** to succeed Jane Wallis, to both of whom we extend our grateful thanks and appreciation. If you are keen to enquire after or explore either post, give Chris Rogers a call on 01332 880041. We want to fill both posts in time for our **AGM** which is returning to The **Old Oak** at Horsley Woodhouse on Thursday **28th February** - do come along and support your branch.

Good Beer Guide

Ahead of our **GBG 2020 selection meeting** in mid-February (see diary dates), the members' deadline to enter their beer scores on WhatPub to count in the selection is 31st January. This time, Mick Wallis and Phil Marshall will be crunching the data for the meeting.

The Crossings Club

The branch held their late November meeting for the first time at **The Crossings Club, Ironville NG16 5PJ** - and

received a most generous welcome - a quiet side room was allocated and two real ales were available including Dancing Duck's Nice Weather. Beer is £2.80 /pint to members and CAMRA members can receive the same benefit by booking in as guests. Pop in if you're in the area, open Mon-Fri 5-11pm (Fri 4pm), Sat from 9am (for popular cooked breakfast) and Sun noon-10pm. Nearby public transport routes include Trent Barton's R1 Alfreton-Nottingham via Jacksdale and also the Ninety.

Happy, healthy 2019 to one and all.

DIARY DATES

all branch meetings 8pm

Thu 31st Jan
Committee & Branch Meeting,
Dead Poets, Holbrook.

Mon 11th Feb
GBG'2020 selection meeting,
Milford Social Club.

Thu 28th Feb
AGM, Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse.



Crossings Club

Morris Dancers – New Members Wanted

Ripley Morris are busy practicing new dances and brushing up old ones during their weekly sessions at the Village Hall in Sawmills on Thursday evenings from 8.00pm. They are always looking for new members, men and women, to join and learn to dance the Morris.

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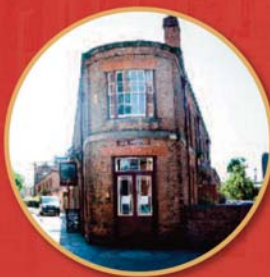
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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

PUB NEWS

Sawley Junction.

Thursday 29th November saw the opening of **Sawley Junction**, a new micropub situated on Tamworth Road, Long Eaton, opposite the Railway Station. The pub serves four real ales on gravity and six to eight ciders, it is owned by Marie Redfern who also owns the Birch Cottage brewery and one of her beers will normally be available.

Navigation Inn, Risley Lane, Breaston.

The pub has re-opened after a six week refurbishment and under new tenants, Dave & Gaynor, still serving Bass and Pedigree, plus one rotating guest beers, also offering 20p CAMRA discount.

Three Horseshoes, Ilkeston.

They are now serving tea and coffee from 10.00am till 3.00pm in the Lounge during the winter months and the entrance is on Regent Street.

General Havelock, Ilkeston.

This pub has been having Grasshopper beers and one other

guest beer. They now have a pool table and trade seems to have picked up and the pub is a lot more welcoming.

Bunny Hop, Langley Mill.

Many thanks to the pub for hosting our November meeting, a good selection of real ales.

Crooked Cask, Ray Street, Heanor.

The opening of this micropub took place on December 1st serving four ales by handpump and two on gravity plus seven ciders. This new micropub is close to the Angry Bee and Redemption Alehouse, all micropubs. Thanks to Gary for the Crooked Cask and Sawley Junction write up and photo.

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 8.00pm.

Monday 7th January - Burnt Pig, Ilkeston.

Monday 4th February - Coach & Horses, Draycott.

Monday 4th March - **AGM** - Three Horseshoes, 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.

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

Great Northern, Langley Mill
– 15p off a pint

Hogarth's, Ilkeston – 20p off a pint

Navigation, Breaston – 20p off a pint

Plough, Sandiacre – 10p off a pint

Prince of Wales, Ilkeston – 15p 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

Trent Lock Inn, Trent Lock
– 20p off a pint

Twitchell, Long Eaton - 20p off a pint

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

White Lion, Sawley - 10p off a pint,
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York Chambers, Long Eaton – 10p off a pint,
5p off a half, including real cider



Sawley Junction



The Winter Ale Trail 2019

After two successful years, the Winter Ale Trail returns, beginning on **January 4th** and ending on **February 17th**, a few days before Derby CAMRA Winter Ale Festival. This year we welcome our friends from Erewash Valley CAMRA who, having expressed an interest in joining in the fun, suggested several of their pubs, most of which are involved.

As in previous years there will be beer prizes for those who visit a number of pubs and collect stickers from each one – at least 20 from any Branch or from every pub on the Erewash Valley CAMRA section of the trail. So, four pints can be had at the Festival, and if anyone covers all the pubs we will honour them in the Trail report!

As previously, we are asking everyone who follows the Trail to vote for their top three pubs, which will help us decide the winning pubs in each CAMRA area. You don't have to be a CAMRA member to take part in this, or cover every pub in each area – just nominate your top three pubs from Amber Valley, Derby, Mansfield & Ashfield and Erewash Valley if you get to all four areas, or if you don't then let us know your top three from wherever you've been.

To vote, you can contact us via email on 3brancheswinteraletail@mail.com, by text on 07982 943944 or on our Facebook page, The Three Branches Winter Ale Trail. All votes need to be in by 18th February, the day after the Trail ends, and we very much look forward to hearing from you all.

Finally, we hope that you all enjoy this year's Trail, sink plenty of great ale (but not too much – drink sensibly) and help us to decide the winners and runners-up from each Branch area. If you do happen to qualify for some beer at the Derby Winter Festival, we look forward to seeing you there.

CAMRA Members – we need your help

While, as previously stated, anyone wishing to vote for pubs on the Trail doesn't necessarily have to be a member of CAMRA, we would like to ask members following any of the four routes to help us and the pubs they visit by marking the quality of the beer. This can be done via the pub's page on WhatPub. Just log in and give the beer you sample a mark out of five. This is how we decide which pubs get into the Good Beer Guide, so it is very important for the pub involved, as well as being useful for the CAMRA Branch concerned as they look to compile their list of candidates.

Thank you in advance for your help in both assisting us to decide on the winning pubs on the four Trails and to see which pubs qualify in the 2020 Good Beer Guide.

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Winter Ale Trail

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Amber
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CAMRA
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34 Pubs
in the
Derby
CAMRA
Area

18 Pubs
in the
Erewash
Valley
CAMRA
Area

21 Pubs
in the
Mansfield &
Ashfield
CAMRA
Area

4TH JANUARY – 17TH FEBRUARY

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AMBER VALLEY, DERBY, EREWASH, MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA

THE FOUR BRANCHES WINTER ALE TRAIL 2019 TRAIL CARD

Handle Bar, Alfreton	Miners Arms, Alfreton	Prospect Street Micro Pub, Alfreton	Victoria Inn, Alfreton	Waggon and Horses, Alfreton	What's Your Poison, Alfreton	White Hart, Bargate
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Angels, Belper	Arkwright's Real Ale Bar, Belper	George & Dragon, Belper	Greyhound Inn, Belper	Nags Head, Belper	Old Kings Head, Belper	Pump It Up, Belper
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Thorn Tree Inn, Belper	Codnor Inn, Codnor	Poet and Castle, Codnor	Black Boy, Heage	Dead Poets Inn, Holbrook	Spotted Cow, Holbrook	Wheel Inn, Holbrook
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse	Hunters Arms, Kilburn	Holly Bush Inn, Makeney	Holly Bush, Marehay	Village Inn, Marehay	King William, Milford	Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Moulders Arms, Riddings	Queens Head, Riddings	Seven Stars, Riddings	Angel, Ripley	Beehive Inn, Ripley	Crompton Arms, Ripley	George Inn, Lowes Hill, Ripley
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Old Cock, Ripley	Pear Tree, Ripley	Red Lion, Ripley	Ripley's Little Ale House, Ripley	Talbot, Ripley	Thorn Tree, Ripley	Three Horse Shoes, Ripley
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Boot and Slipper, Swanwick	Gate Inn, Swanwick	Steampacket, Swanwick	Pot Hole, Allestree	Alexandra Hotel, Derby	Babington Arms, Derby	Bell and Castle, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Brunswick Inn, Derby	Dog and Moon, Derby	Exeter Arms, Derby	Falstaff, Derby	Five Lamps, Derby	Flowerpot, Derby	Furnace, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Golden Eagle, Derby	Greyhound, Friar Gate, Derby	Hairy Dog, Derby	Half Moon, Derby	Last Post, Derby	Little Chester Ale House, Derby	Lord Nelson, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Mr Grundy's Tavern, Derby	Old Bell Hotel, Derby	Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby	Peacock, Derby	Rowditch Inn, Derby	Seven Stars, Derby	Silk Mill Ale & Cider House, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Smithfield, Derby	Standing Order, Derby	Tap, Derby	White Horse, Derby	Town Street Tap, Duffield	Coach and Horses, Horsley	Queens Head, Little Eaton
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score

Royal Oak, Ockbrook	Bell, Smalley	Squire Musters, Annesley Woodhouse	Pit, Annesley Woodhouse	Lion at Brinsley	Dandy Cock, Kirkby in Ashfield	Dog House, Kirkby in Ashfield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Regent, Kirkby in Ashfield	Bold Forester, Mansfield	Brown Cow, Mansfield	Garrison, Mansfield	Railway Inn, Mansfield	Stag & Pheasant, Mansfield	Widow Frost, Mansfield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Horse and Jockey, Selston	Devonshire Arms, South Normanton	Duke of Sussex, Sutton in Ashfield	Miners Arms, Sutton in Ashfield	Picture House, Sussex, Sutton in Ashfield	Scruffy Dog, Sutton in Ashfield	Speed The Plough, Sutton in Ashfield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Wrinkly Dog, Sutton in Ashfield	Ginger Giraffe, Underwood	Draycott Tap House, Draycott	Angry Bee, Heanor	Crooked Cask, Heanor	Crown Inn, Heanor	Redemption Alehouse, Heanor
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Burnt Pig, Ilkeston	Crafty One, Ilkeston	Dewdrop, Ilkeston	Ilson Tap, Ilkeston	Observatory, Ilkeston	Prince Of Wales, Ilkeston	Spanish Bar, Ilkeston
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Three Horse Shoes, Ilkeston	Bunny Hop, Langley Mill	Great Northern, Langley Mill	Inn The Middle, Langley Mill	Tip Inn, Loscoe	Marlpool Ale House, Marlpool	
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	

Collect one sticker for a half or pint bought at any of the participating pubs and attach it to your Trail Card. Completed Trail Cards, or those with at least 20 stickers for the Amber Valley, Derby and Mansfield/Ashfield Trails or all 18 Erewash Valley pubs can be exchanged for beer tokens at **Derby Winter Ale Festival, 20th – 23rd February 2019.**



FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

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

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

A full list of pubs will be on our Facebook page, **The Three Branches Winter Ale Trail, @2018wintrail**. You can also use this to vote for your top three pubs in each Branch area. For directions to the pubs please consult **WhatPub** on <https://whatpub.com/>

The Trail begins on Friday, January 4th and ends on Sunday February 17th. The winners and runners up will be notified by February 22nd.

PUB	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
AMBER VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Handle Bar	54A King Street, Alferton	Th 6-11, F 5-11, Sa 12-11, Su 2-11	
Miners Arms	Park Street, Alferton	12 – 12, Mon – Sun	
Prospect Street Micropub	Prospect Street, Alferton	6-10 Fr, 12-10 Sa, 1-6 Su	
Victoria Inn	80 Nottingham Road, Alferton	2-11M, 11-11T-F, 12-11 Sa, Su	
Waggon and Horses	9 King Street, Alferton	8am-12 M-Th, 8am-1am F, Sa, 8am-12 Su	
What's Your Poison Ale House	33 High Street, Alferton	12-10 W,Th 12-11 F, Sa 12-8 Su	
White Hart	Sandbed Lane, Bargate	5 – 11 M – Thu, 3 – 11 F, 12 – 11 Sa, Su	
Angels	Market Place, Belper	12-10 Thu – Sun	
Arkwright's Real Ale Bar	5 Campbell Street, Belper	4-11 M-F, 12-11 Sa, Su 12-11	
George & Dragon	117 Bridge Street, Belper	11-11:30 Mon – Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Greyhound Inn	17 Whitemoor Lane, Belper	11-11 Mon – Sun	
Nags Head	5 High Pavement, Belper	12 – 2am Mon-Sun	
Old Kings Head	Days Lane, Belper	2-11 M-F, 12-11 Sa, Su	
Pump It Up	39 Bridge Street, Belper	3-10 Tu-Th, 2-10:30 F, 12-10 Sa, 30 Sa 1305 Su	
Thorn Tree Inn	21 Chesterfield Road, Belper	4-11 M-f, 12-11:30 Sa, 12-10 Su	
Codnor Inn	1 Jessop Street, Codnor	2-12 Mon, 12-12 Tu – Sun	
Poet & Castle	2 Alferton Road, Codnor	12- 11 M-Th, 12 – 12 F, Sa 12 – 10:30 Su	
Black Boy	Old Road, Heage	11: 30 – 11, Mon – Sun	
Dead Poets Inn	38 Chapel St, Holbrook	12-2:30, 5-11 Mon – Thu, 12-11 Fri – Sun	
Spotted Cow	12 Town Street, Holbrook	12-11 Sun – Thu, 12 – 12 Fri, Sat	
Wheel Inn	Chapel Street, Holbrook	2-11 M-Th, 12-11 F-Su	
Old Oak	176 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse	4-11 M – W, 5 – 11 Thu, F, 12-11 Sa, 12-10:30 Su	
Hunters Arms	Church Street, Kilburn	2-11 Mon – Thu, 12-12 Fri – Sun	
Holly Bush Inn	Holly Bush Lane, Makeney	12-11 Mon – Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Holly Bush	51 Brook Lane Marehay	12-11 Mon – Sun	
Village Inn	51 Upper Marehay, Marehay	6-11 M, 12-2, 6-11Tu- 5-11F, Sa, 12-11 Su	
King William	The Bridge, Milford	5-11:30 Mon -Fri 12:30 – 11:30 Sat. Sun	

PUB	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
AMBER VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Queens Head	High Street, Riddings	7-12 Mo-Fr, 1-4, 7-12 Sa, Su	
Seven Stars	26 Church Street, Riddings	4-1130 M-Th, 12-12F, 12-1am Sa 11-1130Su	
Angel	Crossley Street, Ripley	11-3,7-11 M-T, 1130 F, 11-1130 SA 11-8SU	
Beehive Inn	151 Peasehill, Ripley	M,T 4-11W3-11 Th6-11fr6-12 sa3-1 Su 4-11	
Crompton Arms	17 High Street, Ripley	10-11 Mon - Thu, 10-1 Fri, Sat11- 12 Sun	
George Inn	Lowes Hill, Ripley	6-12 M-W, 4-12 Th, 3-12 F 12-12 Sa,Su	
Old Cock Inn	30 Church Street, Ripley	12-12, Mon-Sun	
Pear Tree	4 Derby Road, Ripley	11-12 Mon-Sat, 12-12 Sun	
Red Lion	Market Place, Ripley	8am-12 M-Th, 8am - 1am Sa,8am-2Su	
Ripley's Little Ale House	Oxford Street, Ripley	1-11 Thu-Sat, 1-7 Su	
Talbot	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley	2- 10:30 M- Th, 12 11:30 F,Sa, 12 10:30 Su	
Thorn Tree	Market Place, Ripley	10 - 11, Mon - Sun	
Three Horse Shoes	10 Market Place, Ripley	10-1130 M-Th, 10-1am Fr, Sa, 12-1130 Su	
Boot and Slipper	The Green, Swanwick	5-11 M-T, 4-12 F, 12-12 Sa, 12-1130 Su	
Gate Inn	The Delves, Swanwick	4:30-12 M-Th, 4=1F, 12-1 Sa, 12-12 Su	
Steampacket	Derby Road, Swanwick	2 - 11, M - Th, 2 - 12 F,12 12, Sa, 12-11 Su	
DERBY CAMRA PUBS			
Pot Hole	Park Farm Drive, Allestree	2-9 Th, 2-10 F,12-10 Sa, 1-6 Su	
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, Derby	12- 11 M -Tu, 12 - 12 F11 -12 Sa, 12 -11Su	
Babington Arms	11-13 Babington Lane, Derby	8 am-midnight, Mo-Su	
Bell & Castle	92-96 Burton Road, Derby	12 - 12 M - Th, 12 - 1 F, Sa12 - 12 Su	
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway Terrace, Derby	11-11 M-Th,11-11:30 F, Sa,12-10:30 Su	
Dog & Moon	16 Sadler Gate, Derby	12 - 12 M - Th, 12 - 2am F, Sa12 - 12 Su	
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, Derby	12-11 M,Tu,12-11:30 W,Th,12-12 F Sa 12-10:30 Su	
Falstaff	74 Silverhill Rd, Normanton, Derby	12 - 11 M - Th, 12 - 12 F, Sa 12 - 11 Sun	
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, Derby	12 - 11 Su - Thu, 12 - 12 Fri, Sat	
Flowerpot	23 - 25 King St, Derby	12- 11 Su - Tu, 12- 11:30W Th, 12 -12:30F,Sa	
Furnace Inn	Duke Street, Derby	2 - 11 Mon - Thu, 11 - 12 F, Sa,11 - 11 Su	
Golden Eagle	55 Agard Street, Derby	12 -11:30 Mon - Sat, 12 - 11 Sun	
Greyhound	76 Friar Gate, Derby	12-11 M-W, 12-12 Th 11-1am F, Sa, 11-11 Su	
Hairy Dog	1 Becket Street, Derby	5pm-3am M-Sat, 5-12 Su	
Half Moon	534 Burton Road, Littleover, Derby	10:30-11M-W, 1030-12 1030-1am F,Sa 1130-11Su	
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 M-Th,12-11 F, Sa,12-10:30 Su	
Lord Nelson	1 Curzon Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Sun	
Mr Grundy's Tavern	36 Ashbourne Road, Derby	12 -11 M-Th, 12-11:30 F, Sa,12-10:30 Su	
Old Bell Hotel	51 Sadler Gate, Derby	12 - 11 M - Th, Su, 12 - 1 am F, Sa	
Olde Dolphin Inne	5a Queen Street, Derby	10:30 -11 M - Th 10:30 - 12 F, Sa, 12 - 11 Su	
Peacock Inn	87 Nottingham Road, Derby	3-11 M,11-11T-Th,11-12F,Sa,12-10:30Su	
Rowditch Inn	246 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby	7 - 11 Mon - Fri, 12 - 2 , 7 - 11 Sat, Sun	
Seven Stars Inn	97 King Street, Derby	12 - 12, Mon - Sun	
Silk Mill Ale & Cider House	19 Full Street, Derby	12- 11 M-Th,12 -12 F, Sa12-10:30 Su	
Smithfield	Meadow Road, Derby	12 - 10:30, M -Th, 12-12 Fri-Sun	
Standing Order	28-32 Iron Gate, Derby	7am-1230am M-Th, 7am-2am F,Sa, 7am-12 Su	
Tap	1 Derwent Street, Derby	12-11 M-W 12-12 Tu, 12-1 F, 11 - 1 St, 11-11 Su	
White Horse	25 Morledge, Derby	10 -1:30am M-Th, Su 10 -3am F, Sa	
Town Street Tap	17 Town Street, Duffield	4-10, T-Th, 12-10:30 F, Sa, 12-5 Su	
Coach and Horses	47 Church Street, Horsley	12-11, Mon-Sun	
Queens Head	131 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton	12-11 M-Th, 12-12 F, 11-12Sa, 11-11 Su	
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook	11:30-3,5-11M -F,11:30 -11:30 Sa,12-11:30 Su	
Bell	35 Main Road, Smalley	12-230,5-11 M-Th, 1130-11 F-Su	
MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA PUBS			
Pit	Tilford Road	4-10 W,Th 12-10 F, 1130-10 Sa,Su	
Squire Musters	158 Forest Road, Annesley Woodhouse	4-9M,T, 4-10 W,Th, 2-10 f, 12-10 Sa, Su	
Lion at Brinsley	Hall Lane, Brinsley	12-11 Mo-Sa, 12-9 Su	
Dandy Cock Ale House	184a Victoria Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield	5-10T,4-10W,Th, 12-10:30F,Sa, 12 - 9:30 Su	
Dog House	84-86 Station Street, Kirkby-in-Ashfield	12-10:30 Th-Su	
Regent	Kingsway, Kirkby in Ashfield	8am-m/nightM-Th 8am-1amF,Sa,8am-12Su	
Bold Forester	Botany Avenue, Mansfield	11-11:30M- Th,11-12:30a F, Sa,12-11:30 Su	
Brown Cow	31 Ratcliffe Gate, Mansfield	12-11 M - Th, Sun 12 - 12 Fri, Sat	
Garrison	Leeming Street, Mansfield	12-9T,W 12-11 Th-Sa, 12-9Su	
Railway Inn	9 Station Street, Mansfield	11 - 11, Mon - Sun	
Stag & Pheasant	4 Clumber Street, Mansfield	8am-12 Su- W, 8-1am Tu, 8-2am F 8 -3am Sa	
Widow Frost	41 Leeming Street, Mansfield	8-midnight M - Th, Su, 8am - 1am F, Sa	
Horse and Jockey	Church Lane, Selston	12-330,5-midnight M-Sa, 12-6, 7-mSu	
Devonshire Arms	137 Market Street, South Normanton	12 - 12, Mon - Sun	
Duke of Sussex	Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12 - 11. Mon - Sun	
Miners Arms	308 Stoneyford Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4-1TH, 4-12 F, 12-12Sa, 12-11 Su	
Picture House	Forest Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	8am-12, M -F, 8am-12:30amSa, Su	
Scruffy Dog	Station Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4-11 W-F, 12-11 Sa, 12-1030 Su	
Speed the Plough	Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 M- Th, 12-12F, 12-1am Sa, 12-12 Su	
Wrinkly Dog	65 Outram Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4 - 10:30 Thu, 12 - 11 Fri - Sun	
Ginger Giraffe	14 Alfreton Road, Underwod	5-10M-Th,4-11F, 12-11Sa, 12-9Su	
EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Draycott Tap House	29 Victoria Road, Draycott	4-10 T-Th, 4-1030 F 12-1030Sa 3-6Su	
Angry Bee	Godfrey Street, Heanor	4-10 Th, 2-10 F, 12-10 Sa, 12-9 Su	
Crooked Cask	Ray Street, Heanor	12-10, Th, Su, 12-11 F, Sa	
Crown Inn	6 Church Street, Heanor	12-Midnight M-Sun	
Redemption Alehouse	Ray Street, Heanor	12-10 Th, 12-1030 F, Sa 12-10 Su	
Burnt Pig	53 Market Street, Ilkeston	11-11, Thu-Sun	
Crafty One	63 South Street, Ilkeston	3-10 W,Th 1-11 F,12-1130 Sa,1-10Su	
Dewdrop	24 Station Road, Ilkeston	4-11M-Th, 3-11F, 12-11Sa,12-1030Su	
Ilson Tap	Bath Street, Ilkeston	4-1030 Th, F, 12-1030 Sa, Su	
Observatory	14A Market Place, Ilkeston	8am - Midnight, M-Su	
Prince of Wales	69 South Street, Ilkeston	3-11 M-Th, 12-1130 F, Sa, 12-11 Su	
Spanish Bar	South Street, Ilkeston	10-11M-Th,10-Midnight F Sa,1030-11Su	
Three Horse Shoes	11 Derby Road, Ilkeston	12-11 M-W, SU 12-1am Th-Sa	
Bunny Hop	19 Cromford Road, Langley Mill	4-9 M-W, 12-11 Th-Su	
Great Northern	134 Derby Road, Langley Mill	12-11 M-Th, 12-1am F, 12-12 Sa, 12-1030 Su	
Inn the Middle	125 Station Road, Langley Mill	12-Midnight M-F,Su, 12-1am Sa	
Tip Inn	60a High Street, Loscoe	4-10 M-Th, 12-10 F-Su	
Marlpool Ale House	5 Breach Road, Marlpool	2-11 F, 12-11 Sa, 12-10 Su	



Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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Kniveton Cider Company

Following on from our mini-report about our 6th Beer & Cider Festival held in September, we are delighted to celebrate the activity and achievements of two of our members, Kevin Woolley & Hannah Barton, who together run Kniveton Cider Company, based just outside Ashbourne. They debuted a new cider, Four in a Corner, at our festival. It was not only the first cider to sell out, but was also voted Cider of the Festival by the drinkers. Congratulations to them for their success.

Kevin is our nominated cider rep on our committee and Hannah is about to take on a new challenge with the launch of SICA (Small Independent Cider-makers Association) in early December. Hannah has agreed to become one of the directors of this new nationwide body, which will represent and support smaller independent cider and perry makers.

Their stated aims will be:

To campaign for a fair system of duty that recognises the costs and difficulties of producing cider and perry from fresh pressed UK apples and pears.

To keep the duty exemption threshold on cider at 7000 litres.



To establish a Quality Mark to assist producers with qualifying products, to market them and to help the public to make an informed choice.

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We wish Hannah every success in this interesting, but no doubt challenging, new venture.

Pub News

The **Queen's Vaults** micropub opened for business in the town on Friday 23rd November. They have four handpumps serving local real ales and everything looks very promising. We wish Walter & George all success.

The **Cock at Clifton** re-opened on Friday 16th November, after more than six months closure. They have three real ales with Pedigree and Old Peculier as regulars plus one guest ale and one real cider. Paul & Bex have great plans for the near future and we wish them well through into the New Year and beyond.

Several branch members gathered at **Maison du Biere** on Friday 9th November to present them with their certificate to mark their award for Autumn Pub of the Season 2018.

Pub of the Year

Shortlisting and then judging for our Pub of the Year 2019 competition will be well underway by the time you read this and the results will be known for the next edition.

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 29th January
Branch Meeting - The Cock, Clifton.

Tuesday 26th February
Branch Meeting - Queen's Vaults, Ashbourne.

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Burton Branch Club of the Year 2018

Rolleston Club is housed in 'the Commemoration Hall' – a gift to the village by Sir Oswald Mosley to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria on 22nd June 1897. In the early days the hall provided a general room where men could meet to play board games, cards and dominoes. There was also a quiet room for reading which held a library once a week. Later these two rooms were turned into snooker rooms as they still are today. It was not until the Second World War that a bar was installed, and membership increased dramatically. The bowling green and pavilion were added in 1950. The lounge bar was opened in 1965 and major extensions to the main hall were carried out in the early 1970's. In the main hall there is a relief plaque of the Mosley Coat of Arms which is unique. Only two were ever made and the only surviving one is to be found in Rolleston Club.

The Club prospered for many years when live entertainment and cabaret shows were introduced into the main room. In 2009 the club hit a low and a plea was made to the villagers for a three-year interest free loan to support it. This, with prudent management and a new committee, helped the club to prosper and put it onto the sound footing it is on today. There is no village hall in Rolleston and Rolleston Club has filled this void by offering fitness groups, pre-school, U3A groups, WI, etc, the opportunity to hire the main room for their activities. In addition, the room can be hired by members for weddings, parties, private functions and wakes. A new coffee lounge was introduced in 2011 which has helped to bring new members into the club. Five days a week, members are able to purchase tea, coffee, full breakfasts, panini, light lunches, etc.

Rolleston Club offers a wide range of beers which includes Bass, Pedigree, HSB, and guest beers, lagers, wines and spirits and other drinks in both rooms. The club is very proud of the quality of its beers. It has been recognised by CAMRA as 'Club of the Year' for Burton and South Derbyshire 2018. The presentation took place on Wednesday 31st October when the award was presented by Mike Gibson, Chairman of Burton CAMRA, to Len Torr, President, John Brandon, Secretary and Fran Dawes, Bar Manageress (pictured). John Brandon said the Club was extremely proud to receive this award which was vindication for the care and attention the Staff put into serving an excellent pint.



Mass Lobby Day - 30th October 2018

Les Stretton, Clubs Officer, attended the event, representing the Burton & South Derbyshire Branch, reports:

After a 90-minute journey from home to cover about three miles, I arrived at Burton Station in good time for my train. On arrival in London, what a transformation the transport system is in our capital. Within no time at all and with a little help from the recently downloaded app I was in Westminster. Along with the app and a useful map issued by HQ, I arrived at the Emmanuel Centre in Marsham Street, an historic Grade 2 listed building built in 1928 by renowned architect Sir Herbert Baker. On entering the elegant marble foyer with its high vaulted ceilings inscribed with bible inscriptions and supported by magnificent, huge columns, it's certainly got the wow factor!

The mass lobby was initially expected to be prior to the autumn budget but the government held it the previous day so we CAMRA members were aware of any announcements relating to our cause.

These were a freeze on beer duty and a new package on business rates relief, the details of which can all be found on the CAMRA website.

Following a briefing I was given a stick-on badge with my name and constituency on it. Even after a few drinks I can usually remember my name! On arrival at parliament, I was asked if I was carrying any of the following: knives, cutlery, screwdrivers, paint spray, padlocks, chains, climbing gear or anything that makes a loud noise, whistles etc. and banners, placards, flags or any dubious liquids. My MP, Andrew Griffiths, has a bit of questionable recent past, but I had no wish to harm the chap!

Into the Central Lobby I went. Andrew soon arrived and we set off to the café along with his PA, Sarah Bridgman. With Andrew's history of supporting beer and pubs etc. I probably had the easiest task of day.

The three campaigns that CAMRA were seeking support on were:

- 1) A review of the pubs code;
- 2) Preferential rates of duty on draught beer;
- 3) Reshaping the business rates system to address the unfair burden on pubs.

Briefly here are the responses:

On point 1, Andrew pointed out that a retired judge named Fiona Dickie had been appointed who with her knowledge of the law will speed matters along.

On point 2, I was informed that to make draught beer separate regarding duty can only happen after Brexit (I bet you were wondering when that word was going to be mentioned!) as there cannot be separate rates for different beers under present EU rules.

On point 3, it would be seen as unfair to give priority to pubs and not include all businesses in the High Street.

When the meeting was over, I went back to the Emmanuel Centre where the bar was open. On arrival I was greeted by probably about a dozen boxes of ale. I sampled a few which were quite acceptable and met up with the only person I recognised all day, Ash Corbet-Collins, from Burton CAMRA, now National Executive Director for Marketing and Young Members.

A Rally was then held in the magnificent auditorium. This consisted of various speakers

from the NEC and a number of MPs. Again, all speeches etc can be found on the CAMRA website. Oddly though, I felt a slight unease, being surrounded by all those godly inscriptions promoting our beloved real ale and pubs. After this I met up with Ashley again to have a few before our journey home as CAMRA had very thoughtfully given us a list of Real Ale Pubs nearby. I would add that the event was very well-organised throughout the day.



Burton & South Derbyshire Pub News

A new Blythe Brewery micropub named The Junction opened in Stretton on Wednesday 7th November. There was a brief presentation in front of packed customers by the Lichfield, Sutton & Tamworth Branch for the Best Local Beer at the recent Tamworth Beer Festival. The recipients were the Dudley Boys, Alex, a brewer (pictured below), Kevin, also a brewer and Terry who helped with the fit-out. They all ran the bar and the opening event.



The Albion on Shobnall Road, Burton, which was closed for a refurbishment for most of November, reopened at the end of the month. Remarkably it has gone against the trend of converting pubs to Eateries. In fact, it's done the opposite and created brewery tap bar where meals will not served. Being just a few hundred yards from Marston's Brewery has probably been the inspiration to turn it into the Marston's Brewery Tap with up to eleven cask ales available. Meals are still available in other area's of the pub, but the transformation from a restaurant style to an appearance more akin to a brewery is amazing and worth a visit.

Branch Diary

Wednesday 9th January: Branch meetings at the Oak & Ivy, Burton; Committee meeting 7.30 p.m., main Branch meeting 8 p.m. (The final short-list for the 2020 Good Beer Guide will be decided at this meeting).

Burton's Football Pubs Part 2 will follow in the next issue.

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.derby.camra.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.derby.camra.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 or locale@derbycamra.org.uk. Or if your details do appear and are wrong please contact us with the correct details.

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Woodlands, Allestree	10% off a pint
The Lodge, Alvaston	10% off a pint
Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden	30p off a pint,
15p off a half with loyalty card which is free to CAMRA members	
Alexandra Hotel, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Annie's, Derby	20p off a pint
Bell & Castle, Derby	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Broadway, Derby	20p off a pint
Brunswick Inn, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Exeter Arms, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Five Lamps, Derby	20p off a pint
Flowerpot, Derby	20p off a pint
Furnace, Derby	20p off a pint
Last Post, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Lord Nelson, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Old Bell, Derby	40p off a pint, 20p off a half
Old Silk Mill, Derby	20p off a pint, 10p off a half
Seven Stars, Derby	20p off a pint
Smithfield, Derby	10p off a pint, 5p off a half
Victoria Inn, Derby	30p off a pint
Half Moon, Littleover	10% off a pint
Hollybrook, Littleover	20p off a pint
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RED LION & MOOT OAK BREWERY

Our last Branch meeting was held in the Red Lion at Matlock Green. We had a special reason for meeting here as we wanted to check out their brand new microbrewery as well as attending to the usual business and enjoying a sociable pint.

Brewers Liam Michalski and Lee Mews welcomed us. Lee took us to the brewery behind the pub and explained their five barrel operation. After weeks of discussing potential names for the brewery, Moot Oak was popular with the locals. It is derived from the name given to an old tree in Matlock Green where people met to discuss (moot) things years ago, before TV and social media.



*MAD CAMRA branch at Moot Oak Brewery.
Lee Mews, Head Brewer in Bobble hat*

Their three regular beers are currently only available in the pub. They are: Matlock Best Bitter 3.9% • Matlock Blonde 4.3% • Giddy Edge IPA 5.3%

BEER SCORING AND "WHATPUB" WEBSITE

We want to invite all CAMRA members reading this article to score their beer. This is easily done by visiting WhatPub, CAMRAS informative website listing all real ale pubs in the country. Each pub listed has detailed information about beers, the pub and more. There is a section where you are invited to add your score on a scale from one to five, each number with a suggestion, such as "good," "no beer," or other options that you think describes the beer in you drank.

HOW PUBS GET IN THE GOOD BEER GUIDE AND SHORT LISTED FOR PUB OF THE YEAR

This is triggered by members scores as above. If there are no or few scores by members they miss out.

So get scoring.

The branch sets its own criteria for the final selection of usually the top ten scored pubs. Members can be involved here by attending branch meetings.

Don't forget there are still lots of good pubs in the area that are not in the Good Beer Guide and those in one year but not the following year have probably not gone downhill but more likely have not had members scoring their beer.

PUB NEWS

The News Room on Smedley Street, Matlock (formally Armitts News Agent and Beer Off) is now fully open.

The Druids at Birchover has changed hands.

The Rising Sun at Middleton nr Wirksworth has changed hands.

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

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Matlock Bath

Fishpond, South Parade, Matlock Bath

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Winstar

Old Bowling Green, East Bank, Winstar DE4 2DS

Cash discount applies on presentation of membership card.

MAD Branch Diary

Branch Meetings 8 - 10pm

Wednesday 23 January 8pm

Branch meeting at 2010 Dale Road, Matlock.

All CAMRA members welcome.

Social Trips

Saturday 2 February - Chesterfield Beer Festival

TBC - Derby Beer Festival

More details on website or Facebook.

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Devonshire Arms	Beeley
Druids	Birchover
Red Lion	Birchover
Barley Mow	Bonsall
Boat Inn	Cromford
Cliff Inn	Crich
Black Swan	Crich
Red Lion	Crich Tramway Village
Three Stags	Darley Bridge
Whitworth Park	Darley Dale
Jug and Glass	Lea
News Room	Matlock
Crown	Matlock
MoCa Bar	Matlock
Remarkable Hare	Matlock
Stanley's Alehouse	Matlock
Twenty Ten	Matlock
Midland	Matlock Bath
Fishpond	Matlock Bath
Nelson Arms	Middleton by Wirksworth
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The Portside Tavern Opens Within Annie's

The Portside Tavern has now opened in Derby within the new Annie's Burger Shack building on Friary Street.

This fantastic, Grade 2 listed building which was formally the 'First Church of Christ Scientist' has undergone a complete refurbishment and been transformed into a smaller, separate, more intimate bar area (the Portside Tavern) and a vast eating area in the main body of the former church which includes raised stage eating areas at both ends and a long bar to one side. Wood features heavily throughout with panelling, tables, chairs, pews, lecterns, etc giving it a feel of its former history while screens and background music bring it more into a modern era.

Both Annie's main bar & the Tavern serve a fine selection of drinks from near and far with real ales, craft beers, bottles & cans featuring heavily. Real Ale wise there seems to be an initial focus on local ales like Dancing Duck - Dcuk, Falstaff - The Good, the Bad & the Drunk, Whim - Hartington IPA, etc with Titanic Plum Porter adding a tasty, darker alternative. And what's more there is a 20p discount for CAMRA members on real ales as well. All in all an impressive opening being the 3rd one after Nottingham and Worcester and looks to be doing well judging by the amount of folk in there so why not give it a try yourself.

Opening hours vary as follows - if you're going purely for a drink then the Portside Tavern's initial opening hours are: - Monday -



Thursday: 17:00 - 22:00, Friday: 17:00 - 00:00, Saturday: 12:00 - 00:00, Sunday: 12:00 - 22:00 (The Tavern is open from midday on Bank Holidays). If you fancy a burger as well as a drink then Annie's Burger Shack opening times are:- Sunday - Thursday: 12:00 - 23:00 (Last food order 22:00), Friday & Saturday: 12:00 - 01:00 (Last food order 23:00). If you want any further details including menus, etc check out their website at <https://anniesburgershack.com/derby>



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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:

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Thu 10th - Branch Meeting - Village Club, Spondon - 8pm.</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Thu 7th - Branch Meeting - Thomas Leaper, Derby (upstairs bar) - 8pm.</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Thu 14th - Branch Meeting - Brunswick Inn, Derby - 8pm.</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>Thu 11th - Branch AGM - Victory Club, Allenton - 8pm.</p>
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Cathedral Quarter Quaffing

A couple of years ago, Derby's Cathedral Quarter won a prestigious national award for the quality of its shopping experience which boasts many independent retailers including the renowned, centuries old, Bennett's department store. Meanwhile, the discerning beer drinker may have noted that no fewer than five Cathedral Quarter pubs are listed in the 2019 CAMRA Good Beer Guide, testimony to the quality available. Derby Drinker looks at what's on offer in this historic part of the city.

We'll start at Derby's oldest and most picturesque pub, the **Olde Dolphin Inne**, which oozes character from each one of its four rooms including a delightfully small snug which, until 1975, was a male preserve only. Draught Bass and Greene King Abbot have changing guest beers for company and food is always available. The original home of the City Charter Beer Festival was across the road in the King's Hall, and in 1979 councillor Eric Reed, who regularly drank in the Dolphin, opened the second festival as Mayor.

Opposite, in the former Kennings car showroom is the glazed and tiled frontage of the **Bar Sport** with more sports TV screens than you can shake a stick at. Sporting memorabilia abounds, some of which is autographed, and Sharp's Atlantic and Doom Bar vie for attention. Food is also served here.



Olde Dolphin Inne



Bar Sport

The gable-end mural of the nearby **Silk Mill Ale and Cider House** is unmissable and the Secret Dining Company has made this a desirable destination for drinkers and diners alike. Dancing Duck Ay Up and Draught Bass compete with other beers and the culinary offering is never dull. The individualistic décor is a hallmark of the Secret Dining Company's pubs and notable past licensees include John Pierrepont, Nigel Barker, and Terry Holmes who guided the Silk Mill (and the Dolphin) to the lofty heights of Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year a while back. Current licensee, and Director of the Secret Dining Company, Martin Roper, is sadly leaving the Silk Mill on 7th January.

In King Street is the **Flowerpot** revived in 1993 by the late John Evans and Lol Stephenson who greatly expanded it into a "beer festival" style pub, unrecognizable from its previous modest proportions. John's widow, Terri, has ensured that the "Pot" keeps moving with the times with some subtle modernisation and an extensive beer range. Meanwhile, the resident music promoter, Alan Woolley, has helped to fill the vacuum created by the continuing closure of the Assembly Rooms by providing a constant stream of great gigs.

Around the corner is Derby's longest serving licensee, Tony Williams, who has been ensconced at **The Bless** (ington Carriage), Chapel Street, since it opened 42 years ago. A range of real ale is served in an environment which appeals to all age groups.



Silk Mill Ale & Cider House



Flowerpot

Turn left at the bottom of Chapel Street, then right and through St Werburgh's churchyard, where the handsome, curved façade of the **Lord Nelson** awaits. Beers from far and wide have aided the revival of the former Ind Coope house which closed two years ago.

Along the Wardwick, passing the eponymous closed pub and bearing left into St James Street we pass the huge edifice of what was once one of Derby's most popular pubs, the St James Hotel, better known as Jimmy's. Facing us is Devonshire House, Cornmarket, where we access Lock-up Yard via the archway to find a stylish memorial to Rams and England legend Steve Bloomer. The Georgian **Tiger Bar** is one of those city centre pubs whose comfortable, homely feel only comes with age, and some will happily recall licensee David Foulk's long tenure here between 1981 and 2012. Taylor's Landlord, Draught Bass and Pedigree are the beers of choice. The tunnels beneath the Tiger are occasionally opened up to the public, giving a glimpse into this area's fascinating past.



Lord Nelson



Bless



Tiger Bar



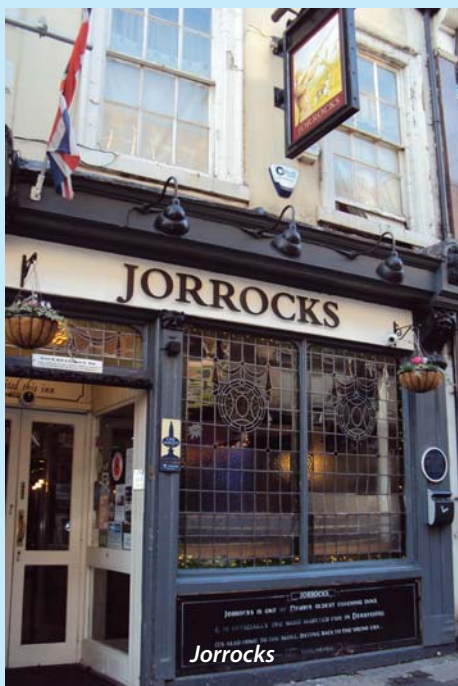
Old Bell Hotel



The Dog & Moon

Turning left off the north end of the Market Place is Sadler Gate, truly one of Derby's best shopping streets. It's undeniable that the closure of the Assembly Rooms nearly five years ago has affected the night-time trade in the Cathedral Quarter but that hasn't inhibited Paul Hurst's marvellous restoration of the **Old Bell Hotel**. Two public bars, one large, one small, serve beers that will satisfy LocAle adherents because, when I called, Derby Brewing Company, Dancing Duck, Bass, Littleover, Tollgate and Castle Rock were all represented. By my reckoning they're all within a 16 mile radius of Derby. Bar food is served but if you're looking for a real treat you could try the restaurant upstairs or Zest next door.

Further down Sadler Gate on the right is the former Shakespeare pub which has successfully morphed into the **Dog and Moon** under the stewardship of Mark and Katie Haworth. A split-level divided interior has made good use of natural materials including some well-designed wooden seating. Pentrich Glass Half Empty Milk Stout (5.0% abv), North Brewing Co. Transmission (6.9% abv) and Kniveton Cider Co. Four in a Corner real cider made for an interesting trio.



Jorrocks



Standing Order

Thrice weekly live music is an added attraction.

Back up Sadler Gate, turning left into Iron Gate where the 17thC George Inn, a classic coaching inn, stood. Today, the attractively fronted **Jorrocks** is still with us long after the last horses and carriages departed. A deep interior, widening towards the back where there are some great old photographs of the immediate locality including George Yard, off Saltergate (sic). I was unfamiliar with the brace of hand-pumped beers which were Sharp's Sea Fury and Greene King Flanders Field, referencing World War 1. Clearly the building is steeped in history and the Charles Edward Stuart Society recreates events of 1745 here annually in December.



Thomas Leaper



The Hairy Dog

We finish at two J D Wetherspoon pubs, the **Standing Order** and **Thomas Leaper** which adjoin in Iron Gate. The former has a vast, palatial, cathedral-like interior where one's focus is drawn to Derby's only island bar which dispenses Kelham Island Pale Rider, Draught Bass, Abbot and myriad guest beers. High barrellage and the consequent swift throughput of beer have been a factor in the former bank debuting in the Good Beer Guide. Quality mens' tailors, Brigdens, used to occupy the Thomas Leaper, and upstairs that same air of refinement is extant. All the customary Wetherspoon accoutrements feature here and the Leaper differs from its Derby Wetherspoon counterparts by playing music at weekends.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the **Hairy Dog**, Becket Street, although it's debatable whether it's within the Cathedral Quarter. It's open until 3.00am each morning making it the ultimate late-night destination, hosting live bands regularly and there's always something to interest the real ale drinker. It's gratifying to see that the Hairy Dog hasn't yet succumbed to pressure to close following recent events.

The 2019 CAMRA Good Beer Guide is available from Waterstones and the Alexandra and Brunswick pubs.

Paul Gibson

The TopBeer Bottle and Can Review



Never a big fan of "Dry January" as it inevitably runs the risk of turning into "My Local Has Closed February", it is always worth making the effort to visit your favourite hostelry at this time of year. Never-the-less there will be days when it is not possible to venture out so we have reviewed some winter warmers for those dark, dark nights. Talking of dark nights, we have included Black Knight which was purchased in the summer, however it is still available on the internet from Goff's Brewery Shop and other outlets. Also, this edition introduces (probably for the only time) the newly invented category of Coolest Label, which, based on the colour, style and textured surface is a run-away win for Ashover. Check it out. Contact us on Twitter @TopBeer5.



Black Knight Ruby Red Beer 5.3%, Goff's Brewery (Gloucestershire) from Toddington Stn, Glous & Warks Rly at £3.00 per 500ml

The coffee coloured head on this ruby brown beer lingers a long time on the sides of the glass. The initial aroma rising from it is of a mug of cold coffee or roast chicory. Undertones of damp loamy

earth can be sensed and a salty savoury smell which is as subtle as brushing your hand across celery leaves. This beer feels rich and smooth on the tongue with the flavour of soft-brown sugar being the most dominant. The tones move again as the tongue rests, leaving you to enjoy the rich sweet balsamic flavour.



Cambridge Dark IPA 4.7%, Elgoods (Cambridgeshire) from Aldi at £1.29 per 500ml

This ruby brown drink looks unusually dense in the glass with a pale cream head that fades quickly. A lovely rich aroma of burnt treacle emanates, tinged with the faint wisp of black peppercorns. Despite that strong sweet smell there is a shock to the taste buds as the first sip produces a

pronounced bitter burnt wood taste that only becomes smoother with progressive sips. Not unpleasant - just unexpected. However, this initial kick is not followed up with any fight, the featherweight hoppiness of an IPA is not there nor is the full-bodied heavyweight flavours of a stout. It is not an IPA or a dark beer, it is a hybrid that shares none of its parents' traits. As the flavours fade on the tongue, the bitterness morphs to tones of dark marmalade, finally rounding off to an unsweetened cocoa finish.



Liquorice Stout 5%, Ashover (Chesterfield) from Eyam Real Ale Shop at £3 per 500ml

The faint aroma of liquorice is there on the first encounter with this beer but there is more – a smell of freshly cropped rhubarb, not the full bitter-sweet rhubarb flavour but that zesty and fresh sense that lingers when the leaves are cut. When it hits the tongue, there is no doubt that this is made with real

liquorice. In style it has a strong resemblance to Pontefract Cakes but in its flavour, it is uncompromisingly liquorice-root. Adding harmonies to this, on one hand is the sweetness of burnt sugars, on the other the earthiness of raw brassicas. The point is, there is a lot going on... Each sip of the beer releases a shot of fizz on the tip of the tongue that does not diminish as the beer sits in the glass. Once the beer has rolled of the back of the tongue the strength of the liquorice overpowers all else, but does itself fade quickly. Frequent sips are required to maintain the high.



Black Death Vanilla Stout 7%, Eyam Brewery from Eyam Real Ale Shop at £3 per 500ml

Black! There is no doubt about where the first half of the name comes from. So black that, even if there was a head, the cosmic blackness of the body would suck all the light in. A sweet fruity perfume of bruised apples greets your senses followed by the rich fulsomeness of Muscovado sugar, a

combination that calls the saliva glands to attention. Sweet vanilla and hoppy bitterness initially play see-saw on the tongue before settling down to a well-balanced smoothness. Be warned however, as this silkiness hides the heat of the alcohol thus masking its strength, it is a silent assassin. Finally, as an aftertaste, black treacle is a good way to finish leaving you satisfied and ready for more. It does, and you will be.



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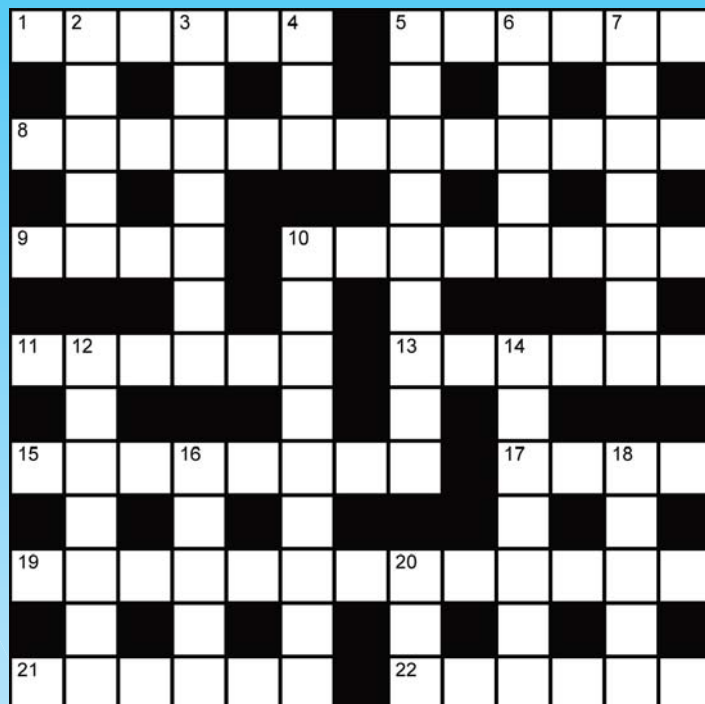
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- 1 Endless double talk accompanies Latin American dance (3-3)
- 5 Tell her over the phone about the bank staff (6)
- 8 Frailty due to book falling apart (13)
- 9 A mistake in witty poet's writing (4)
- 10 Start of notable ending of noble opposing natural enemies (3-2-3)
- 11 Former partner overheard about my extension (6)
- 13 Catches glimpse of Spanish secret agent (6)
- 15 A fraction bring up weight with articulate elves twelfths (8)
- 17 Left donkey to young lady (4)
- 19 Anger ex-cheetah, need a change in energy (4,9)
- 21 The Orc hid in plain sight, in the flowers (6)
- 22 Beer for a penny brings back nostalgia (6)

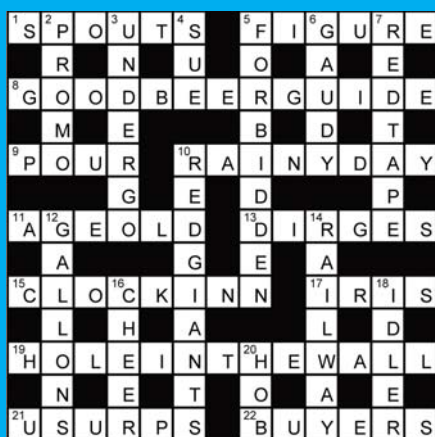
Down

- 2/12 You made it through another one eh? Prep anyway for disaster (5,3,4)
- 3 Sooth fish after this trick (7)
- 4 Artificial Intelligence illustrates learning, causing difficulties (3)
- 5 Bad food and gaudy restaurant (9)
- 6 Large number of muses go north with revolutionary figure (5)
- 7 The spirit of extra-sensory perception (7)
- 10 New detox rave messy when too much is taken (9)
- 12 See 2
- 14 Lager involved in pupil's nervous drinking session (7)
- 16 Secure latitude above China (5)
- 18 Me, for example, stuck inside Home Counties due to blockade (5)
- 20 Make liquor better with a little jump (3)



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