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Derby & Amber Valley Mild Trail

Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA MILD in MAY ALE TRAIL 2019

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Trail Details, Instructions & Beer Scoring

As we enter the year of the pig, the Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA Mild in May Ale Trail 2019 is a celebration of the region's beer drinking culture. The trail is a series of 10 stops, each featuring a different beer. The trail is open to all members of Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA and is free of charge. The trail is a great way to discover new beers and to meet other beer drinkers. The trail is a great way to celebrate the region's beer drinking culture.

1-31st May

Matlock & Dales Beer Festival



25-26th May

Dronfield Beer Festival



30th May-1st June

Belper Goes Green Beer Festival



31st May-2nd June

Full details inside plus loads, loads more ▶▶





The Sun Shines on the Glorious 15th

Another winter has passed and another festival is over. The 15th Derby Winter Ale Festival was billed as a new experience for visitors from across the country and it certainly didn't disappoint.

With 400+ cask ales, craft keg beers, ciders, perries, bottled world beers and meads, there was something for everyone. We even had gin and rum for the very first time thanks to Blue Monkey Brewery. Along with our own CAMRA World Key Keg Bar, we also had Beer Metropolis and Brass Castle to thank for bringing new keg beers, described as a "game changer" for beer festivals in Derby. The amazing choice at DWAF19 reflected the festival's desire to be innovative, appeal to all drinkers and we received great feedback from very happy customers:

"The additions that we made this year made a real difference, great feel to the atmosphere, more of a buzz than normal."

"Beer choices brilliant as you catered for all tastes."

"My first one enjoyed it - SO MUCH CHOICE."

At this year's festival we sold 87% of our beer, that's 37,384 pints! Our World Key Keg bar completely sold out. We sold 3554 pints of cider and perry. 10,689 customers walked through our doors over 4 days and our membership team did a great job recruiting 241 new members.

Our visitors also enjoyed a great range of entertainment. Along with a fantastic line-up of live music, we had book signings, guided tasting sessions, talks on pub heritage & history and our Young Members hosted an East Midlands social.

You might have noticed that our social media was very active during the festival. If you didn't get round to following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (we're still working out Snapchat!) then find us online and have a look back at some of the great experiences we had at #DWAF19.

Last but not least – we couldn't put on this amazing festival without our incredible team of





Derby CAMRA Branch

volunteers. From when the first piece of kit arrives to when the doors of the Roundhouse close, the ladies and gents of Derby CAMRA and beyond are working so hard to bring you the best festival yet. They



keep us running in a variety of roles, whether they are on the organising committee or festival staff. From the servers to cellar team or glasses to green room, our volunteers are a dream team that make Derby Winter Ale Festival the incredible experience it has come to be. If you have a drink in your hand while reading this, please raise a toast to our team and their remarkable achievement this year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Roundhouse this year, we look forward to welcoming you again at DWAF20 – no promises about the weather!

Heather Knibbs - Publicity Officer



Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

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

MAY

Thu 9th - Branch Meeting - Paper Mill, Darley Abbey - 8pm.

24th - 27th - Norwich City of Ale trip. We will spend 3 days going around some of the best pubs in Norwich.

JUNE

Thu 13th - Branch Meeting - Alexandra Hotel, Derby - 8pm.

Contact the Social Secretary, by email - socials@derbycamra.org.uk
(check the Facebook page for upcoming events)

JULIAN HOUGH AWARD

Every year volunteers of the Derby Winter Ale Festival place their nominations for the Julian Hough Award. Their nominees are volunteers who have gone above and beyond to support the festival and made an outstanding contribution.

Worthy past winners are Sian, Charlie and Satto who each have made a mark on past Derby Winter Ale Festivals.

This year, very much like the festival itself, the result was rather unique...

After counting all the nomination slips the staffing team were surprised to discover a tie. What was even more surprising was that the two nominees were from the same family!

Andy Mottram, a long-standing festival bar manager who works from the very start of set-up to the last minute of take-down, was recognised for the tremendous effort he always puts in, never without a smile on his face and always supporting his fellow volunteers.



Andy's daughter, Heather Knibbs, herself a long-standing volunteer and deputy cider bar manager, took on the role of Festival Publicity Officer this year. She was responsible for printed and online promotion prior to and during the festival and worked hard to show-off the amazing work of our volunteers across our social media platforms.

The staffing team decided there could be only one result - Andy and Heather were declared joint winners!

This is the first time the Julian Hough Award has had joint winners and the first time it has had two winners from the same family. What are the chances?

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Cider

with Suzie



I wondered how last year's hot, dry summer would work out for the apple crop, but fortunately we had some rain in August and September. The fruit was a bit on the small side but very sweet and all the signs are that 2018 will be a vintage year. We should be starting to drink the cider made last autumn any time now, so I think that all you cider drinkers will be in for a treat this summer.

The next local CAMRA cider bar will be at the Belper Goes Green Festival, held at Belper Rugby Club from Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June. As well as the cider / perry there will be 50+ Real Ales, continuous (but unobtrusive) music and a wide variety of stalls. Admission is free so put it in your diary. We will have ciders from various parts of the country. There will be a trio of Local Cider Makers; Three Cats from Morley (Dry and Sweet, currently second in CAMRA's East Midlands cider competition), Sisson & Smith from Eastwood (a previous East Midlands winner) and Monkey Bridge from Ironville (a new kid on the block but very promising).

There will be some classics from further afield. Gwynn y Ddraig from Pontypridd has grown into a major cider maker yet still retains the quality; we will have their Black Dragon. Hecks from Street, Somerset

produce a fantastic range of single apple variety ciders, this time we will have their Port Wine of Glastonbury. Those of you who have explored Somerset can't but help being drawn to Wilkins Cider Farm; sweet or dry, mix to your own taste, and you don't pay for what you consume while you are there! We will have Wilkins Medium Sweet. Herefordshire is the home of perry (frequently marketed as "pear cider" these days, but I much prefer the original term "perry"). Newton Court, just outside Leominster, have their own orchards and we will have their Panting Partridge Perry. Those of you who like fruit ciders are not being ignored; we will have Snailsbank Rhubarb, also their Raspberry Ripple.

You may have noticed that these days cider almost all cider is being sold in twenty litre boxes rather than the old five gallon tubs. This is now pretty universal in pubs; the boxes can be stacked, saving space, and because no air comes into contact with the cider they have a much longer shelf life. The latter point is very important, as with beer oxidation is a problem when keeping cider; nobody wants to be sold a glass of cider "on the turn".

Despite this there are a number of problems with boxes which the discerning drinker needs to understand. Firstly a lot of cider these days is made

from apple concentrate rather than by traditional methods using fruit which has been picked in the autumn, pressed and then fermented. Concentrate has the huge advantage that you can make cider all year round, thus drastically reducing the amount of storage required. Now apple concentrate is still apple, you may say, I leave it up to you whether it matters or not. Another serious problem is that boxes cannot be vented. Real cider contains live yeast which will continue to work, especially in the summer, so the vast majority of cider in boxes is pasteurised and therefore not technically "Real". Most cider is sweetened to a greater or lesser extent, and if it is going into boxes it is much safer to use artificial sweeteners rather than sugar, and I think that you can generally taste the difference. Finally the bags in bag in box are single use plastic; tubs are also made of plastic but are re-used many times.

In most places you have no choice but to drink cider dispensed from boxes. For festivals I try to get tubs where possible. At least you now know that there are arguments to be made either way.

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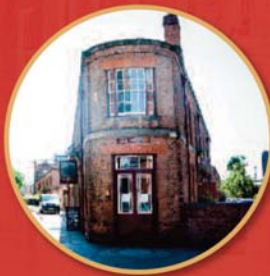
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Derby CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2019

The Brunswick Inn on Railway Terrace is the Derby Camra Cider Pub of the Year for 2019 and Alan & Phillipe of the Brunswick are pictured receiving the award from Social Secretary, Richard Gorham. The Brunswick will be running a **Cider Week** from **13th to 19th May** with a Cider tasting opportunity on Friday 17th May.



CAMPAIGNS UPDATE

As your Campaigns Coordinator with Derby CAMRA, I thought it wise to update you on our position at time of publication.

As you may recall a while ago we challenged what we believed to be the unjustified lengthy delay in administering pubs business rates rebates by Derby City Council.

They blamed a snap general election you may recall.

I am pleased to report that the majority of pubs across Derby & Amber Valley have had the new rates relief sorted out.

May we inform publicans that if your business rateable value is under £50000 you are entitled to 33% off your non-domestic rate bill.

Claim it please.

This gives a pub with £21000 payable, £7000 rebate, allowing some of our pubs to remain viable.

So credit where credit is due, I can speak from experience that Amber Valley Council has been really proactive in this and Derby City Council have it in hand.

However if you have not received yours, as publicans, go to www.derby.gov.uk/business/business-rates/business-rates-reductions, where

you can download the simple form on retail discount.

This forms, and remains, a central CAMRA campaign on fairer tax for our pubs and drinkers.

Pubs are special places and need to be kept as assets of community value.

Here in Derby & Amber Valley we are looking at new issues which threaten choice in our pubs and fairness of what is a huge tax burden on the cask ale drinker.

We will be launching a campaign on fairer cask tax.

At the moment no pub can claim for waste, sometimes referred to as ullage. This is the amount of discarded ale during line cleaning and unusable due to sediment in the bottom of all our casks. Yet we all still pay full duty on 72 pints of ale in a firkin even though we only can use on average 68 of those pints.

This cost and charge of tax on something you cannot sell ultimately gets added into the cost of your pint at the pump in the pub.

So I am pleased to say we will be following this up, together with other groups and putting very clearly our voice behind, fair cask duty.

We also have had small brewers contact us regarding some big pubco's trying to put a "cask charge" or "line charge" on

guest beers in some of our tied house pubs.

I am currently following this up, and where necessary, we will challenge this.

Is this not just a way to try and get around the Pub Code and the right of all pubs to have a guest beer, announced by our governments pubs minister?

I will keep all our readers informed once I get a response back from a pubco I have already contacted.

This should not be a away to hood wink us or get around a free of tie option in our pubs.

If this cancer in the industry is allowed to take hold, it will further restrict choice and viability in our pubs, and for you the drinker of quality cask ale.

Please come get involved in our campaigns. Licensees and drinkers alike please contact me with any issues you may have.

Alan Pickersgill
Campaigns Coordinator

Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA

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The Winter Ale Trail – another big success

This year's Winter Ale Trail, the 3rd to be staged over the months of January and February, proved to be the biggest and best yet, having grown from 2 CAMRA Branches, Amber Valley and Derby, being involved in 2017, with the addition of Mansfield and Ashfield Branch last year to the FOUR Branches Winter Ale Trail this time as Erewash Valley CAMRA pubs made their welcome debut. With a total of 118 pubs taking part across the 4 Branches, this was definitely one of the biggest, if not indeed the biggest Trail ever seen in the East Midlands – will it be bigger next year? Only time will tell.

The response of the public hit record levels too as drinkers set their stall out to collect enough stickers to qualify for a free pint or two at the Derby Winter Ales Festival, which opened a few days after the Winter Trail ended. Several pubs reported that they had handed out more stickers than on any other Trail, and as in previous years we invited those on the various Trails to nominate their top 3 pubs in each Branch area. This proved to be a success as well, with 436 top 3 nominations being received, along with 23 single votes for individual pubs. This was almost 3 times the responses received last year, when 69 pubs took part.

The idea of the top 3, used in all 3 Winter Trail so far, is to help decide the winners and runners-up in each Branch area, and the number of responses, over 75% of which came in during the final 10 days of the Trail, which

lasted just over 6 weeks, certainly kept the organisers busy! The scores were very close in all 4 Branch areas, and the final outcome wasn't decided until the morning after the Trail ended, the final points were added up and the winners and runners-up notified.

As for the winners and runners-up, they were as follows: the Amber Valley CAMRA Branch winners were the Thorn Tree Inn, Belper, while What's Your Poison Ale House from Alfreton claimed the runners-up spot, just pipping the Nags Head from Belper and the Red Lion, Ripley.

In Derby the Falstaff won the Trail, narrowly beating runners-up the Tap, with the Smithfield and the Peacock 3rd and 4th. The Mansfield and Ashfield winner is the Duke of Sussex from Sutton- in- Ashfield, the 2018 runner-up who went one better this time, with the Wrinkly Dog, also from Sutton-

in- Ashfield in 2nd place, followed by the Railway Inn from Mansfield and the Devonshire from South Normanton.

The first-ever Erewash champions are the Redemption Ale House from Heanor, with the Observatory from Ilkeston finishing as runners-up, while the Great Northern from Langley Mill and the Angry Bee from Heanor not far behind in 3rd and 4th places.

All in All, it was a very well supported Trail, and we'd like to say congratulations to the various winners and runners-up, as well as a big thank you to every pub that took part, we hope you are all back next year. But without the tremendous response of the public, both CAMRA and non-CAMRA members, the Trail wouldn't be the success it is, so thank you to everyone who took the trouble to vote this year – we really appreciate your support.

The Four Branches Winter Ale Trail



Derby Winner



Derby Runner-Up



Erewash Winner



Amber Valley Winner



Mansfield & Ashfield Winner



Erewash Runner-Up



Amber Valley Runner-Up



Mansfield & Ashfield Runner-Up

Expensive Bottles of Beer

Licensing laws during WWI were severely tightened and changed from mostly local agreements to national laws and restrictions. One pub to fall foul of the new regulations, possibly unintentionally was the Vaults on Newland Street, although as a police constable was spying on the pub, it may have been a regular occurrence. The Vaults, or Drill Hall Vaults, now known as



Bar One, was built to serve the soldiers using the Drill Hall around the corner on Becket Street.

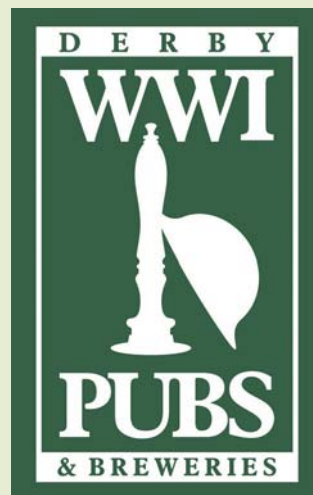
The landlord, William Wallis had taken on the licence as a temporary measure when the previous licensee joined the army in July 1916. Wallis left the day-to-day running of the pub to a manageress, Miss Claxton. He considered her a "fit and proper person" to run the pub, but within a month, he was taken to court after Miss Claxton was caught flouting the new Sunday licensing restrictions.

PC Jordan spotted Claxton at 11.20am on Sunday morning at the door of the pub with a parcel in her hands. Having looked up and down the street to check no one was watching, according to PC Jordan, she called the servant boy, John Ward and told him to take the parcel next door to the Drill Hall where it was received by the clerk to the Drill

Hall, Albert Blood. On entering the Drill Hall, PC Jordan spotted the open parcel, which contained 3 bottles of Ind Coope IPA.

Licensee Wallis was charged with

supplying alcohol outside of permitted hours and Drill Hall clerk, Albert Blood was charged with receiving the bottles of beer. Both admitted what they had done, however in mitigation, Claxton claimed that the beer had been paid for on the Saturday evening during permitted opening hours, so she believed she was within the law. Blood claimed that he was unaware that she would be sending the bottles over outside opening hours. Blood and Wallis were fined 5/- (five shillings, 25p) each. An expensive mistake! The fact that PC Jordan was in a position to see what Claxton was doing, and the fact that although she appeared to checking she was unobserved, he was watching from a hidden vantage point. This may indicate that it was not the first time a parcel of beer bottles had been delivered next door.



DERBY WW1 PUBS PROJECT PRESENTS



DERBY PUBS AND BREWERIES IN WORLD WAR I

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Display at the Derby Winter Ale Festival

This is the final WWI story, as the project is coming to an end. We hope you caught the display at the Derby Winter Ale Festival at the Roundhouse (see photo above). Look out for further information in the July/August edition of Derby Drinker. There are a few of the Armistice Centenary Drinkers still available. Please email pubsproject@gmail.com or ring on 01332 841333 if you would like a copy.

**Jane Whitaker
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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Amber Valley's Beer Festival goes ahead in 2019! Yes, the **10th annual AVBF** will take place again at Strutt Community Centre opening at noon on Thurs. 26th until late on Sat. 28th September. We hope to repeat the popular Thursday evening quiz (teams get practising in readiness....), have bands playing on Friday in the Main Hall & present more acoustic sessions upstairs throughout Saturday. Beers, as ever ordered by our wizard beermeister, will be in the courtyard marquee along with cider, perry and possibly a key keg bar. Spread the word and tell your friends - make a date to attend.

POTY 2019 presentations have been made to the winner, **The Talbot in Ripley** (their 1st time ever) - see photo alongside - and to the runner-up, The White Hart, Bargate which won in each of the past 2 years. The Talbot proceeds into the South Derbyshire round - best wishes for their continued success.

Belper Goes Green is mentioned elsewhere in this issue - support A V branch's beer marquee at this event where over 50 real ales will be available in recyclable glasses (or lend a hand with glass-washing...). Make a day out to



Pub of the Year - The Talbot

come along Sat 1st-Sun 2nd June to enjoy the beers and the rest of the stalls on the rugby field at this wonderful eco-festival run by Belper Transitions which includes day-long music from the trailer stage.

Pub news - The Railway in Belper town centre has been taken over by licensee, Lincoln Green Brewery, and is undergoing refurbishment outside and in before opening in May. Meanwhile Lincoln Green have announced their

withdrawal from The Poet and Castle in Codnor from 13th June when it's expected to revert to Everards.

The Bluebell on Church Lane in South Wingfield re-opened on 9th April having "modernised this beautiful old pub" and offers "fuss-free food and drinks". Opening times are daily noon-11pm except closed on Mondays.

Mild in May trail includes Amber Valley branch pubs/micros - article featured in this issue gives more details.

Cap and Stocking,
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Friday 28th June to
Sunday 30th June
12noon until late



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DIARY DATES

Branch meetings 8pm

(please double check in latest What's Brewing)

Thurs 23rd May,
The Thorn Tree, Waingroves

Thurs 27th June,
The George, Lowes Hill

Remember & Celebrate Derby's Historic Working Class Struggle

The Silk Mill Turn Out

March, Rally & People's Festival 2019

Sat June 22nd

Remember Your Past...
Fight For Your Future!

10.00am: Derby Market Place.
March For The Future!
For the Many, Not the Few...
A better life, equality, peace & environment
12 Midday: At the Silk Mill.
Commemoration
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Annie's Burger Shack is a Freehouse; which means we are not tied to a brewery, and get to pick all the beers we serve in The Shack (main restaurant) and in The Portside Tavern (to the side of the main restaurant).

We are proud to feature products from local breweries, including Dancing Duck, Shiny, Blue Monkey, Derbyshire Brewing, Bass, Buxton, Whim Ales, Falstaff, Derwentio, Littleover, Pentrich and Old Sawley.

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA BRANCH

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

PUB OF THE YEAR

The Erewash Valley Branch 'Pub Of The Year' is the **Burnt Pig** in Ilkeston. Consistently good beer scores allied with reports from Branch 'inspectors' who made independent survey visits to the hostelry - as well as the other prospective GBG contenders in our branch area - culminated with this popular Ilkeston micro-pub finishing top of the tree. A strong group of Branch stalwarts visited a crowded Burnt Pig on the night of the 3rd April 2019 where chairman Gary Higgins (left in picture) presented landlord Simon Clarke with the Award and they enjoyed hospitality which included food and the usual fine range of beers. Along with wife Lesley, Simon has run the Burnt Pig since it opened in 2015, and this is the second POTY award for the pub, having previously triumphed two years ago.

Thanks from all at the Branch and congratulations to Simon and Lesley.



BRANCH AGM

The Erewash Valley Branch AGM was held at the **Three Horseshoes**, Ilkeston, on 4th March. There were a couple of changes to the committee, with Mark Suiter taking over the Treasurer's role from Barry Hewson, and Neil Cotterill coming in as LocAle coordinator. It was also noted that we have a wide range of ages within the branch area, with 158 under the age of 40, and our oldest member being Norman, at 88 - and he still attends branch meetings!

SOCIAL REPORT

The main upcoming event in our Social Diary is a visit to **Elsecar** in Yorkshire on Saturday May 4th, organised by Social secretaries Carole & Mick Golds. The plan is to meet at Sheffield Railway Station by 11.30am, in order to catch the 11.35am train to Elsecar. There are several fine hostelries within short walking distance of Elsecar station, including at least two micro-pubs, and the day coincides with Barnsley CAMRA Branch's Elsecar Heritage Railway Beer Festival - what's not to like!

LONG EATON ALE TRAIL

A **Long Eaton 'Ale Trail'** has been organised for the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend at the end of May. Running from Saturday 25th to Monday 27th, and featuring around 60 beers, the pubs involved will be the York Chambers, Mill & Brook, Hole in The Wall, Stumble inn and the Twitchell. More info at facebook.com/AroundLongEaton

PUB & BREWERY NEWS

Still relatively quiet on the pub front in the early part of 2019, save to report that the **Sawley Junction**, the new micropub opposite Long Eaton railway station, is currently open every day, with up to five changing beers on gravity dispense being available, in addition to real ciders. The success of the pub has meant that owner Marie has had little time to produce any of her own Birch Cottage Brewery beers, but she hopes to resume brewing for the Summer season. Other news includes a new beer outlet in Long Eaton. **Copper Cogs** has taken up residency in a former bike shop almost opposite the York Chambers, and is reported to be selling a house beer - Copper Cogs - on hand pull. Hopefully more info next issue. We understand that there is a new landlady at the helm of the Victoria at Draycott, which was recently reopened after a short closure due to a bereavement. Other closures reported include the **Eclipse** at Loscoe, and also the **Bridge Inn**, Cotmanhay, where the future looks decidedly uncertain.



Sawley Junction

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Monday 13th May New Inn, Heanor

Monday 3rd June Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston

Monday 1st July Navigation, Breaston

For further details contact secretary Richard Syson at secretary@erewash-camra.org

LOCALE OUTLETS IN EREWASH VALLEY AREA

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 & Horse, 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
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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
Sawley Junction, 176 Tamworth Road, Sawley
Spanish Bar, 76, South St, Ilkeston
Stanhope Arms, Stanton by Dale

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Seven Wells



Blenheim



Hawk & Buckle



The Spread Eagle

I caught the Trent Barton V1 bus from the Corn Exchange, Albert Street, and I was soon alighting at the island on the A516 just outside of Etwall. Having crossed the road, I met Fred and Rachael Pruden who have run the Seven Wells ever since Hardy and Hanson (Kimberley) brewery opened the pub on Halloween in 2000. This was one of the last Kimberley new builds before Greene King's takeover in 2006.

Fred and Rachael told me that despite being on Etwall's periphery, the pub was well supported by local residents. Clearly family orientated with a child friendly menu, the modern interior is divided into separate areas with some comfortable high-backed seating beneath vaulted, beamed ceilings. Beer wise, the mainstays are Old Speckled Hen, Greene King IPA and Abbot with a changing guest, Belhaven 1719, on my visit. A whopping 10% discount is offered to card carrying CAMRA members. Outside, the grassed and paved area is popular in fair-weather with adults and children alike. Hanson's auctioneers are next door and, on the 23rd May, a 1920s Shrovetide football emblazoned with Rams' legend, Steve Bloomer's name, is being auctioned with an estimated £5k to £8k sale price.

Walking down into the village, I called in at the newly reopened **Blenheim House** now being run by business partners Dale Newitt and Tom Owen who revived the nearby Hawk and Buckle. Passing an old range as I entered, I soon realised there was nothing formulaic about the multi-roomed layout nor, indeed, the customer offering. Drinkers, diners and those seeking accommodation are all catered for together with our four-legged friends. An appetising menu that includes fillet steak may be washed down with a hand-pulled beer from the Marston's portfolio. There are reminders of times past with a decoratively tiled Victorian fireplace and a photograph of Etwall railway station which, had the line into Friar

Gate survived, would doubtless have eased access to Derby.

The **Hawk and Buckle** is now owned by the Harris family (no, not they of Derby Brewing Company fame) and I was eager to sample some of the five Roebuck beers brewed at the eponymous pub in Draycott in the Clay. Various beer styles are represented and I opted for a satisfying, traditional Porter. The bar servery is sandwiched between two rooms of stylish, contemporary design with bare floorboards. Themed food evenings feature home-cooked offerings and Thursday is pie night. Some of this country's finest sporting occasions have been captured in photographs adorning the walls and the annual well dressing **beer festival between the 17th and 19th May** is not to be missed.

Around the corner, the differing roof lines of the **Spread Eagle**, opposite John Port school, hove into view. John Port lived in Etwall and was the 16thC founder of Repton School. Bob Hague is the landlord and his son, Damon, was the first boxer from Derby to win a World Boxing Foundation title. Clearly the composite of more than one building, the pub has been knocked through internally but retains some intimacy and has beamed ceilings throughout. There's a pool table at one end and TV screens show sporting events. Elsewhere, there are some interesting prints and photographs of old Etwall. A sun trap patio at the front is a good spot to enjoy Taylor's Landlord, Black Sheep, Draught Bass and Pedigree.

Catching another V1, the next destination was Hilton where sadly the characterful White Swan (Bass) on Eggington Road has closed, so I paid a visit to the **Hilton Brook**, integral to the shopping centre, on the same road. The Farrow and Ball inspired exterior is in contrast to a brightly coloured L shaped interior split into three areas. Marston's Pedigree and Wainwright rub shoulders on the bar, and as part of a wide-ranging food

to Hilton and Etwall



Hilton Brook



Talbot



Kings Head



Hilton House Hotel

menu, a pizza kitchen offered any pizza for a fiver on Tuesday and Friday which could be followed by a tempting desert from the ice-cream bar.

Next stop was the Grade 2 listed **Talbot** on the main road which had the appearance of a Derbyshire long-house, being built in 1494. Low ceilinged throughout with a public bar incorporating a pool table and Sky football TV, and a sub-divided cosy lounge which displays old photographs of the locality. One of them has the Talbot advertising Truman's (Burton) ales; another is of the Queen's Head, also on Main Street, which once dispensed Derby's Offiler's beers but is now a children's creche. Today, beer buffs are well catered for with St Austell Proper Job, Castle Rock Elsie Mo, Landlord, Pedigree and a brace from Sharp's – Atlantic and Doom Bar all vying for attention when I called. Note: there are some very low beams so you've been warned!

On the other side of Main Street is the white painted **King's Head**, another long, low slung pub of antiquity occupying a huge parcel of land with plentiful space for children's play facilities. These are overlooked by a conservatory where mum and dad can keep an eye on their youngsters while sampling a beer from the Marston's range. The knocked through interior hasn't lost all of its character courtesy of the beamed, low ceiling and inglenook fireplace. The former living quarters at one end have a stone-flagged floor and timber wall panelling. Those in search of non-liquid sustenance can take advantage of

two meals for a tenner option at lunchtime and the pub does themed food evenings.

My last port of call was the somewhat inconspicuous **Hilton House Hotel** on Mill Lane just off Main Street. Entering via the rear, the comfortable, intimate public bar is to the left with a low, beamed ceiling, exposed brickwork and aged wooden tables all part of the old-world ambience. Real ales were confined to Doom Bar and Greene King Abbot but the latter was quite the best example of the East Anglian brew I've had in a long time. I visited the Hilton House on a Saturday when there was no food, but lunchtime and evening meals are served in the week.

Hilton and Etwall have a good mix of pubs and beers, and the V1 makes getting there easy; check Trent Barton website for timings.

Paul Gibson



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Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Arkwright's Real Ale Bar	Nags Head	Pump It Up	Thorn Tree Inn	Codnor Inn	Dead Poets Inn	Old Oak
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Hunters Arms	Black Bulls Head	Beehive Inn	Red Lion	Ripley's Little Ale House	Talbot	Thorn Tree
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Steampacket	Victory Club	189	Alexandra Hotel	Babington Arms	Brunswick Inn	Duke of Clarence
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Exeter Arms	Falstaff	Five Lamps	Flowerpot	Furnace Inn	Golden Eagle	Last Post
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Mr Grundy's Tavern	Old Bell Hotel	Old Silk Mill	Seven Stars	Smithfield	Tap	Shiny Tap
Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Chip & Pin	Royal Oak	Boot	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Please fill in the brief details below and retain the form for the attention of the Festival Secretary.			
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Amber Valley Beer Festival Session		CAMRA Member Number	
Free Beer		(where applicable)	

Trail Details, Instructions & Beer Scoring

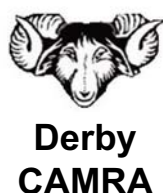
As we've done for the past few years, the Amber Valley and Derby Branches of CAMRA are working together to run a Mild Trail throughout the month of May. The Trail Card is printed on this page or can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website and each pub on the Trail will be issued with stickers, which can be obtained on the purchase of a half or pint of mild in each of the participating pubs. There is a reward for collecting the stickers – anyone with at least **20** from either Amber Valley or Derby will be entitled to a **free pint** at the Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival in September. Of course, anyone who manages to collect at least 20 stickers in both Amber Valley and Derby will be able to claim **2 free pints**.

There will also be CAMRA Certificates for the winners in both Trails, and here's where we need your help. As you visit the pubs on the Trail, keep a note of your experience in each, and send us your **top 3 pubs** in each Branch area if you get to both. This will help us to work out which pubs are this year's winners, and there are numerous ways that you can get in touch – we have a dedicated Trail email address GomildinMay2019@gmx.com, a Facebook page **GO MILD IN MAY (@mildman19)**, or you can text us on **07982 943 944**. The top pub receives 5 points, the second 3 and the third 1, and once the Trail ends the winners are notified. Please remember to send a top 3 – while single pub nominations are accepted, the nominated

pub will receive only 1 point, so there's no real benefit to the pub concerned.

Voting is open to anyone, whether they are CAMRA members or not, but we do have a further request to **members** – as you sample the many varieties of mild on offer, please give the beer a mark out of 5, which can be done on **whatpub** – you just need to sign in, locate the pub concerned and press the "submit beer scores" button. This is very important for the pub concerned as it helps us to decide on our Good Beer Guide entries.

Finally, we hope that you enjoy the Trail, visit some great pubs and sample some wonderful mild in each one.



Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA

MILD in MAY ALE TRAIL 2019



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

PUB	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES
Crossroads Tavern Ale House	100 High Street, Alferton	Thu, Sun 12-10, Fri, Sat 12-11
Miners Arms	Park Street, Alferton	12-12, Mon-Sun
Prospect Street Micro Pub	Prospect Street, Alferton	6-10 Fri, 12-10 Sat, 1-6 Sun
Waggon and Horses	9 King Street, Alferton	8am-12 Mon-Thu, 8am-1am Fri, Sat, 8am-12 Sun
What's Your Poison Ale House	33 High Street, Alferton	12-10 Wed, Thu 12-11 Fri, Sat 12-8 Sun
White Hart	Sandbed Lane, Bargate	5-11 Mon-Thu, 3-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat, Sun
Angels	Market Place, Belper	12-10 Thu-Sun
Arkwright's Real Ale Bar	5 Campbell Street, Belper	4-11 Mon-Fri, 12-11 Sat, Sun 12-11
Nags Head	5 High Pavement, Belper	12-2am Mon-Sun
Pump It Up	39 Bridge Street, Belper	3-10 Tue-Thu, 2-10:30 Fri, 12-10 Sat, 1:30-5 Sun
Thorn Tree Inn	21 Chesterfield Road, Belper	4-11 Mon-Fri, 12-11:30 Sat, 12-10 Sun
Codnor Inn	1 Jessop Street, Codnor	2-12 Mon, 12-12 Tue-Sun
Dead Poets Inn	38 Chapel St, Holbrook	12-2:30, 5-11 Mon-Thu, 12-11 Fri-Sun
Old Oak	176 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse	4-11 Mon-Wed, 5-11 Thu, Fri, 12-11 Sat, 12-10:30 Sun
Hunters Arms	Church Street, Kilburn	2-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri-Sun
Black Bulls Head	2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate	12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10:30 Sun
Beehive Inn	151 Peasehill, Ripley	Mon, Tue 4-11 Wed 3-11 Thu 6-11 Fri 6-12 Sat 3-1 Sun 4-11
Red Lion	Market Place, Ripley	8am-12 Mon-Thu, 8am-1am Fri, Sat, 8am-12 Sun
Ripley's Little Ale House	Oxford Street, Ripley	1-11 Thu-Sat, 1-7 Sun
Talbot	1 Butterley Hill, Ripley	2-10:30 Mon-Thu, 12 11:30 Fri, Sat, 12 10:30 Sun
Thorn Tree	Market Place, Ripley	10-11, Mon-Sun
Steampacket	Derby Road, Swanwick	2-11, Mon-Thu, 2-12 Fri, 12 12, Sat, 12-11 Sun
Victory Club	85 Chellaston Road, Allenton	Mon-Sat 10:30-3, 6:30-11 Sun 11-3:30, 7-11
189	189 Blenheim Drive, Allestree	Thu-Sat 5-11
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri 11-12 Sat, 12 11 Sun
Babington Arms	11-13 Babington Lane, Derby	8am-midnight, Mon-Sun
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway Terrace, Derby	11-11 Mon-Thu, 11-11:30 Fri, Sat, 12-10:30 Sun
Duke of Clarence	87 Mansfield Rd, Derby	Mon-Wed, 12-3, 3-11 Thu 5-11 Fri 12-3, 5-1, Sat 12-1 Sun 12-11
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, Derby	12-11 Mon, Tue, 12-11:30 Wed, Thu, 12-12 Fri Sat 12-10:30 Sun
Falstaff	74 Silverhill Rd, Normanton, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat 12-11 Sun
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, Derby	12-11 Sun-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat
Flowerpot	23 - 25 King St, Derby	12-11 Sun-Tue, 12-11:30 Wed Thu, 12 12:30 Fri, Sat
Furnace Inn	Duke Street, Derby	2-11 Mon-Thu, 11-12 Fri, Sat, 11-11 Sun
Golden Eagle	55 Agard Street, Derby	12 -11:30 Mon-Sat, 12-11 Sun
Last Post	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby	11- 8 Mon-Wed, 11-11 Thu-Sun
Mr Grundy's Tavern	36 Ashbourne Road, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-11:30 Fri, Sat, 12-10:30 Sun
Old Bell Hotel	51 Sadler Gate, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, Sun, 12-1am Fri, Sat
Old Silk Mill	19 Full Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat 12-10:30 Sun
Seven Stars	97 King Street, Derby	12-12, Mon-Sun
Smithfield	Meadow Road, Derby	12-10:30, Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri-Sun
Tap	1 Derwent Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Wed 12-12 Tue, 12-1 Fri, 11 - 1 Sat, 11-11 Sun
Shiny Tap	Old Mill Business Park, Little Eaton	Wed, Thu 3-8, Fri, Sat 12-9:30, Sun 12-6
Chip & Pin	8-10 High St, Melbourne	Tue-Thu 4:30-9:30, Fri, Sat 12-9:30, Sun 12-2:30
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook	11:30-3, 5-11 Mon-Fri, 11:30 -11:30 Sat, 12-11:30 Sun
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Pub of the Season

At our March Branch Meeting, our Pub of the Season for Spring 2019 was voted in as the **Queen's Vaults in Ashbourne**. They only opened back in November 2018, reviving a licensed premises last active as such in 1908, but Walter and George have quickly found favour with ale drinkers in the town by offering a great and varied selection of real ales from both local breweries and further afield. By the time you read this, we will have presented them with a certificate marking the award. Our congratulations to them.



Annual pub & club survey/crawl

Also by the time you read this, Branch members will have carried out our annual pub & club survey/crawl to assess the range and prices of ales and ciders available across the town. Our findings will be summarized in the next edition.

Branch AGM

Our AGM is fast approaching and will be held in the back room of the **Smith's Tavern** on **Tuesday 21st May**. All existing committee members have indicated their intention to continue in their current roles, but we always welcome fresh faces and fresh volunteers to take on a number of small roles within the branch. Please feel free to come along to the AGM if you are a member and wish to get involved.

7th Beer & Cider Festival

It's never too early to put out a call for volunteers to help at our 7th Beer & Cider Festival, so if you have the weekend of **5th-7th September** available, please consider contacting us to get your details onto our lists. In the first instance, please contact the email address shown at the top of this page, but later contacts will come direct from our staffing officer.

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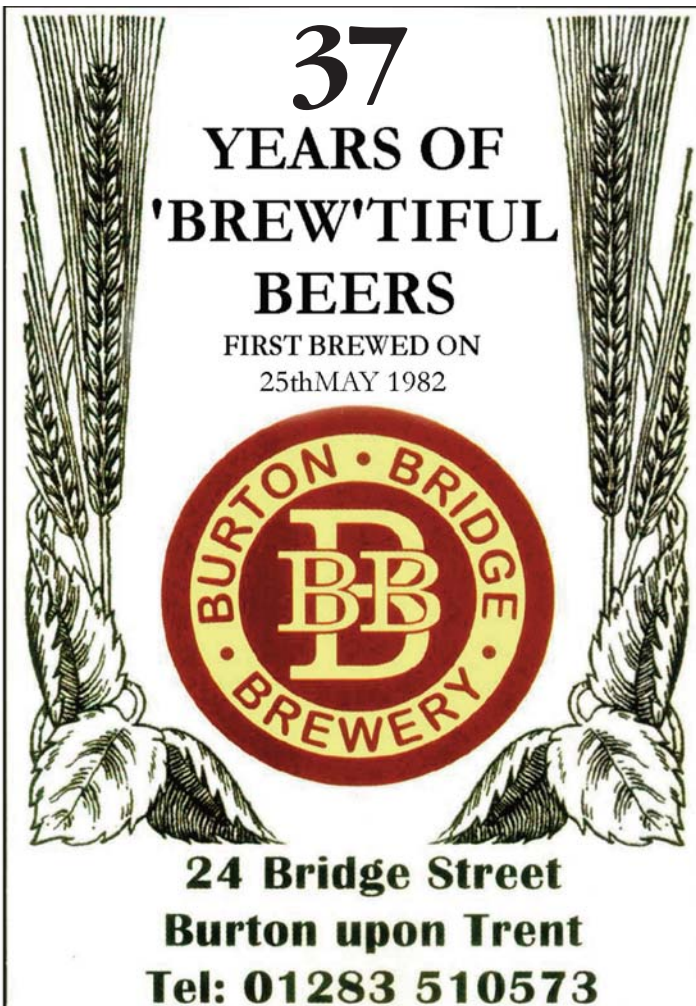


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Burton Bridge Brewery Presentation

Two Burton Branch breweries have gained Silver Awards in the 2018 West Midlands CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain competition:

The Burton Bridge presentation organised by Burton Bridge BLO Brian Bell, took place on the 7th February 2019 by Gary Timmins, West Midlands area CAMRA, to Geoff Mumford and Bruce Wilkinson who have run the Brewery for over 35 years. Gary Timmins presented the West Midlands Regional Champion Beer of Britain 2018 Silver award for Burton Bridge, Thomas Sykes in the Barley Wines & Strong Ales Category and the West Midlands Regional Champion Beer of Britain 2018 Silver award for Burton Bridge, Mild in the Mild Category. Bruce and Geoff were over the moon at the awards for Burton Bridge Brewery and are still unpretentious despite the multitude of awards they have received over the years.



Left to right : Bruce Wilkinson, Gary Timmins, Mike Gibson (behind) and Geoff Mumford.

The Marston's presentation took place at Burton Town Hall on Friday 1st February by Nik Antona, Branch member, BLO for Marston's and the CAMRA National Chairman elect who was attending the Institute of Brewing and Distilling Annual Midlands dinner. Nik took advantage of the occasion to make the presentation to Pat McGinty, Marston's head brewer, with the Silver award in the Strong Bitters category, for Marston's Old Empire. Pat was ecstatic as it's the first CAMRA CBoB award Old Empire has received while he has been Head Brewer. In fact, it may be the first for any Marston's (Burton brewed) beers since he became Head Brewer.

Burton & South Derbyshire Pubs of the Year 2019

The Burton & South Derbyshire Branch Judging team have made their selection from the shortlisted pubs for 2019 Pub of the Year. The 2019 Branch Pub of the Year (and Burton Town Pub of the Year) is again the Dog Inn on Lichfield Street, Burton. Remarkable, as the Dog Inn has now been the winner for 3 consecutive years and runner up in the previous year, it's first year after re-opening. The pub was taken over by Black Country Ales, refurbished and re-opened in May 2015 with Licensee John McLaughlin at the helm for the whole period to date. The Dog will be forwarded as our nomination for the next stage in the West Midlands Region, i.e. for Staffordshire Pub of the Year.



The Derby Inn, Derby Road, Burton, is again in second place and hence merits another runner up award. In third place again, and the top scoring pub in South Derbyshire and in a country location, is the Colville Arms, Lullington. This is therefore our South Derbyshire Pub of the Year and will be forwarded as our nomination for the next stage in the East Midlands Region, i.e. for Derbyshire Pub of the Year. This is also our Country Pub of the Year.

The noticeable fact is, these top three winners are identical to last year !

40th Burton CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival

The Festival took place from Thursday 28th March to Saturday 30th March. 40 years is a major landmark for the festival, it all started back in January 1975 when a meeting of real ale enthusiasts met at the Punch Bowl on Green Street, Burton. The first Burton Beer Festival was held at Burton Town Hall in September 1980 and has been held there annually ever since.

The 40th Festival official opening ceremony from the Beer Festival Chair, Dickie Allen and Chris Smith East Staffs Mayor included a parade of past Beer Festival Chairs and then the results of judging of the Porter Category of the West Midlands Regional Champion Beer of Britain competition at the Festival. The blind tasting took place on the afternoon prior to the opening ceremony. The winning Gold award was King Korvak's Saga from Fownes Brewing Co. Silver award to Pews Porter from Church End Brewery and the Bronze award to Finn's Hall Porter from the Beowulf Brewery.



Chris Smith (Mayor), Dickie Allen (Festival Chair), Brian Butler, Nik Antona, Chris Fetcher and Karen Dabell.



Friday evening entertainment from The Junction in the main hall.

Branch Meetings

May 14th, Tuesday, Branch meetings at the Swan Inn, Fradley Junction; 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting, followed at 8.00 p.m. Branch meeting.

June 25th, Tuesday, Branch meetings at the Waterloo Inn, Winhill; 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting, followed at 8.00 p.m. Branch meeting.

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Belper Goes Green CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2019

Belper Rugby Club, Derby Rd, Belper, Derbyshire. DE56 1UU

After a fantastically successful festival last year, we are planning for an even bigger and better Belper goes Green Beer & Cider Festival to be held from Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June at the Belper Rugby Club this year.

Beer, cider, food and entertainment on the banks of the Derwent, what more could you want?

This will be the seventh Belper Goes Green Beer & Cider Festival to be held at the Belper Rugby Club, Derby Rd. Belper and is supported, staffed and organised by members of the Amber Valley Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale who are all unpaid volunteers.

The beer festival runs from 6.00pm Friday 31st May to 10pm Sunday 2nd June.

This year's beer festival is to be held in a much bigger marquee on the field with revised arrangements for tokens and glasses to alleviate the bottle neck we had last year.

Admission is free at all times to CAMRA members.

The Transitions Belper Eco Festival runs from 6pm on Friday and from 11am on

Saturday and Sunday on the same site.

There will be a small charge for non camra members on the gate to cover Eco Festival expenses.

Beer festival opening hours are from 6.00pm to 11pm Friday and 11am to 11pm on Saturday & 12 noon to 10pm on Sunday when the Belper Rugby Club Strutt's Playing Field will host many stands and attractions including; live music, stalls, crafts, energy advice, jewellery, textiles, artists, electric bikes, natural health, workshops, books, plants & much, much more. See www.transitionbelper.org for full details.

Beers; There will be over 50 beers and 10 ciders and perries on sale. A wide range of styles, types and strengths of quality beer will be available from local and not so local breweries. To see the beer list go to www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk nearer the date.

Wines, spirits, cocktails, soft drinks etc. will be available at the Rugby Club bar.

Entertainment; Many artists will be playing on two stages. (Until 6pm Sunday)

On Saturday & Sunday there will be many

stands and attractions on the Rugby field, including; live music, stalls, crafts, energy advice, jewellery, textiles, artists, electric bikes, natural health, workshops, books, plants & much, much more. See www.transitionbelper.org for full details of entertainment, food and stands.

Food; Hot & cold food including veggie, vegan and gluten free will be available from many outlets.

Location; Belper Rugby Club is situated on the main A6 road just 5 minutes walk south of Belper town centre. There is on-site parking for blue badge holders only, but plenty of free parking is available locally. Camping booked in advance available. See website.

Transport; Belper rail & bus stations are only 5 minutes walk away.

Anyone interested in helping at the beer festival can access the staffing form at bggstaffing@ambervalley.camra.org.uk General enquiries to nigelheathcote@live.co.uk

Dronfield Beer & Cider Festival

Dronfield & District CAMRA are proud to announce that we are organising our first ever real ale & cider festival this year, taking place at the Pioneer Club from 30th May to 1st June. This is the weekend the 3 Valleys festival used to take place so is already established in the diary as a time for beer in Dronfield! Although 3 Valleys is no more, many of the pubs in Dronfield will be putting on independent events on the Saturday and forming something of a beer festival fringe alongside our own event.

The CAMRA festival run jointly with the Pioneer Club will see us build some temporary bars in the club including on a newly constructed decking area featuring up to 50 real ales served fresh from the cask and a selection of traditional ciders including some sourced from local producers – all served in a commemorative Dronfield beer festival branded glass. We've also arranged for our friends to bring their craft beer bar to the event with an interesting selection of beers on keykeg, can and bottle.

We anticipate a beer list featuring all the beers brewed around the Dronfield area – ie Drone Valley, Barlow and Collyfobble; some of the highlights from our wider region including Sheffield and Chesterfield along with a mixture of new, interesting and classic beers from further afield.

The festival begins with a preview night featuring the full beer range on Thursday from 6pm to 10pm with free entry to everyone – just pay a deposit on the glass (you can return the glass for a refund or keep it as a souvenir).

Friday the festival opens at midday and again the daytime session is all about the beer and cider with free entry available to all until 5pm, in the evening entry is £3 (free for CAMRA and Pioneer Club members) and live music will feature. Bars close at 11pm.

Saturday the festival again opens from midday until 11pm and entry is £3 (free for CAMRA and Pioneer Club members) with a variety of entertainment planned.

Throughout the festival the Pioneer Club's own bar will also be open as part of the festival serving a full range of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. Snacks will also be available from the bar in addition to food served by street food traders outside.

The Pioneer Club can be found on Stonelaw Road, about 5 minutes walk from Dronfield railway station. There is also a bus stop right outside the venue served by Stagecoach bus 44 (Sheffield-Woodseats-Coal Aston-Dronfield-Chesterfield) and TM Travel bus 14/15 (Dronfield Civic Centre-Coal Aston-Apperknowle-Marsh Lane/Chesterfield). The main local taxi companies are Network and City, both have smartphone apps for ordering cabs.

CAMRA VOLUNTEERS

As with all CAMRA beer & cider festivals, ours is entirely organised, managed and staffed by

enthusiastic volunteers to share our love of good beer and cider and raise funds to support the campaign (if you aren't a member check out camra.org.uk for more details, don't forget members get free entry to the festival at all times or if you sign up as a new member at the event you'll get a free pint or two on us).

So we're looking for volunteers to help out at the event including constructing the festival on the days before, staffing it when we are open and taking it all down and packing the kit away on the Sunday afterwards. As a volunteer you don't get paid but there are a number of perks for staff including free drinks. Role whilst we are open include serving on the bar, selling beer tokens, promoting CAMRA membership, working admissions and glass sales/returns, admin and more. Visit our website www.dronfield.camra.org.uk for a staffing form.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AT THE BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

We have a number of opportunities to support the festival financially through sponsorship including having your logo on the souvenir glasses, on the back of the beer tokens, a banner over the stage, on individual beer casks etc. Please contact festival chairman Rob Barwell for more details, his email is rob@newholme.com

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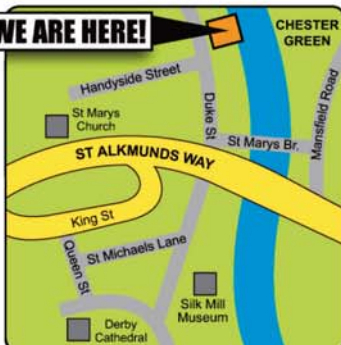
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The **Railway Hotel** on King Street in the centre of Belper has been undergoing refurbishment and is being extensively done both inside and out with a new beer garden being added. It is due to open sometime in May and will feature 8 cask and 4 craft ales. The property is owned by Star Pubs but will be run by the Lincoln Green Brewery from Hucknall and a range of their Real Ales will feature alongside guests with food also available. As well as returning to a traditional look inside, the Railway will offer traditional pub activities including board games, quizzes and music nights. All in all it promises to be a great new addition to the Belper Real Ale scene and we look forward to visiting once open.



Artists impression of finished pub



Anthony Hughes, founder of Lincoln Green Brewery

Derby

Meanwhile over in Derby exciting things are happening in the old Anglian Windows place on the corner of Queen Street and Cathedral Road. A new Belgian Beer Bar is starting to take shape and is due to be open towards the end of June. It will feature a selection of rare and unusual Belgian beers plus 2 Real Ales & other craft and bottled beers. The venture is being done between 4 partners and will be called '**The Worm has Turned**' as it's within a stone's throw of the Silk Mill Museum (silk worm). Opening hours should be similar to normal pub hours. Derby Drinker had a sneak preview while the work was going on and the place seems a lot bigger inside than it appears from the outside. We look forward to it opening and we'll have photos of the finished article in the next issue.

BREWERY PROFILE: LITTLEOVER BREWERY

If you like great beer you'll love Littleover Brewery offerings!

OWNER: Tim Dorrington

PLANT SIZE: 6 Barrels

LOCATED: Derby

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ABOUT: Tim started the brewery in 2015 and ever since it has built a solid reputation on dependability and great tasting beers. Tim retired from Rolls

Royce and has put in a lot of hard work to get LB where it is today.

The really neat thing about Littleover Brewery is that they try to give their beers names with a local Littleover connection. LB's full range of beers has something for everyone: traditional English brown Bitters to hoppy pales to stouts.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook, Twitter

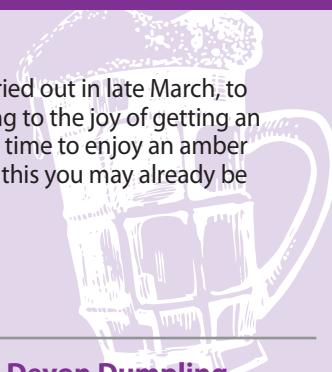


The TopBeer Bottle and Can Review



This edition is all about amber... as the tastings were carried out in late March, to meet publishing deadlines, thoughts were already moving to the joy of getting an extra hour of sunshine when the clocks went back. More time to enjoy an amber beer with that first BBQ of the year. By the time you read this you may already be tiring of another hot British summer.

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Without Original Alcohol Free Beer 0%, St Peters (Bungay, Suffolk) from Tesco at £1.30 per 500ml

This beer creates a good thick head of large bubbles that persist on the deep amber liquid until the glass is emptied. When bringing this thatch of foam up to the nose you are first treated to a big hit of yeast, like

lifting the lid off a fermentation tank at the brewery. On the lips this turns into crunchy crème brûlée, sweet but not overpowering. In fact, the overall effect of this drink is slightly dry in the mouth. The strong fizz of bubbles that tingle down the sides of the tongue keep every sip refreshing. But this is the nearest you will get to a bite as there is very little hoppiness, aside from a subtle pithy aftertaste. In conclusion, what is it? Alcohol free – yes. Beer – no. Enjoyable – definitely!



Amber Rye Lager 4.7%, Freedom (Kings Bromley, Staffs) from The Beetroot Tree at £1.90 per 330ml

On this dark amber beer there sits little or no head when poured. The initial aromas that waft from the glass are an amalgam of green bananas with delicate hints of citrus. This is in contrast to the punch that hits your

tongue with bitter-sweet Seville orange marmalade. This is the flavour that dominates the palate throughout and disappointingly there is not much of the character of the rye to be had. The beer fizzes vigorously on the front of the tongue and this gas adds to the pithiness to create a dry mouthfeel. Initially the experience is hard work but it gets more rewarding sip by sip, especially when balanced by the warm aftertaste from the alcohol. In a blind tasting you would be forgiven for thinking you are drinking a best bitter rather than a lager.



Devon Dumpling Golden Ale 5.1%, Bays (Paignton, Devon) from Asda at £1.83 per 500ml

The deep frothy head on this dark amber ale fades quickly to reveal the strange combination of vegetal aromas with a whiff of nose-tickling white pepper. This is more pleasant than it sounds! On the lips you are initially reminded, by the honied sweetness, of

the runny liquid in the centre of a Locketts sweet. As that honey fades you are left with a slightly woody taste at the back of the mouth, reminiscent of the heart of a celery or lettuce.



Business As Usual Amber Ale 4.4%, Derby Brewing Co (Derby) from Co-op at £3.50 per 500ml

This deep amber ale has a heavy almost umami aroma, reminiscent of a rich steak and ale pie or that posh Bayliss & Harding hand cream. On the tongue it is a complex mix of slightly medicinal flavours, the sort that one could smell

in an old herbal medicine shop, bolstered by the rich woody aroma of the mahogany cabinets. As the beer glides of the back of the tongue, the sweeter flavours of dates and figs come to the fore, lingering on to round off the whole experience. This is a complex but well-balanced ale that leaves you wanting for more.

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