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**3 Great CAMRA Events  
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**Derby CAMRA Bar at Derby Pride  
(Saturday 7th September)**



**Ashbourne Beer & Cider Festival  
(5th - 7th September)**



**Amber Valley Beer & Cider Festival  
(26th - 28th September)**

Details of all events inside plus loads, loads more ►►



# Derby CAMRA Branch

## CAMRA Members Score Cider and Perry

October is cider and perry month and this year Derby CAMRA would like all cider and perry drinking CAMRA members to go into all the pubs in and around Derby and score the cider and perry. This is done via The National Beer Scoring Scheme (NBSS) either through the What Pub? portal or CAMRA's Good Beer Guide (GBG) app. The GBG App is free and mirrors What Pub?

### So what do you do?:

- 1) Go to a pub selling cider or perry
- 2) Rate your cider or perry out of five via one of the two ways set out above.
  - a) Submit your score in the other box setting out the name of the cider or perry.
  - b) Please ensure you include the word cider or perry.
- 3) Repeat at another pub!

From your scores, Derby CAMRA will rank the pubs and the top four or five will be judged against the National cider and perry pub of the year guidelines and the winner will be announced in February 2020.

Gillian Hough

## Derby Camra Bar At Derby Pride

For the 2nd year running Derby Camra will be running a bar at Derby Pride on **Saturday 7th September**. It will be located on Curzon Street between 12-10:30pm so why not pop along and say hello. We'll be serving the following Ales & Ciders:-

- 1) Rocket by Brunswick Brewing Company who are also sponsoring the event
- 2) The Champion Bitter of Britain, Ay Up by Dancing Duck
- 3) Derby Pride which is a special one-off beer produced for the event by Pentrich Brewery
- 4) Sisson & Smith Cider

- 5) Three Cats Sweet Cider
- 3) Never Mind the Hillocks by Kniveton Cider Company

New volunteers are welcome to come along and join us to help with the serving. And please help promote the bar on social media with the hashtag #Pubs4Pride as it is important to demonstrate that we are an inclusive community.

*Look forward to seeing you all there.*

Cheers,  
**Heather Knibbs**  
-Young Members Officer

## Derby CAMRA Winter Ale Festival 2020 BANDS WANTED

Derby Camra's Winter Ale Festival returns to the Roundhouse next year with the provisional dates set for 19th-22nd February 2020.

The Festival has always been renowned for its great line-up of Entertainment and next year will be no exception.



To this end we are on the lookout for artists, bands, musicians, etc to play at the Festival so if you would like to join us next year then drop us an e-mail with your details to [winterents@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:winterents@derbycamra.org.uk)

## Derby CAMRA



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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:

### SEPT

**Wed 11th** - SGM (Accounts) - Coronation, Alvaston, Derby - 8pm.

### OCT

**Thu 10th** - Branch Meeting - The Tap, Derwent St, Derby (Upstairs) - 8pm.

### NOV

**Thu 7th** - Branch Meeting - Village Club, Spondon, Derby (early mtg because of Christmas Show) - 8pm.

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







## DARK BEERS IN THE SUMMER

Summer has set in and that means loads of choice for pale ales in our pubs. Does that mean dark is dead in the warmer months? Not at all. Recent surveys across the country show a resurgence of interest in darker beers throughout the year. I notice at pubs in and around Derby there are more varied coloured beers on offer this summer and at my own pub I have to have at least two darker beers on or customers let me know about it.

Why are darker beers becoming popular again? Is it that pale hoppy beers are not as exciting as they once were and are starting to taste the same as pale beers gone by? (I know one brewer who says that pale beers are built upon rather non-exciting malts that then become a vehicle for hops!) I must say there is some merit to this argument as you don't get the same malt experience from a pale that you get from even a slightly darker beer.

Instead, what I'm finding is that breweries are now experimenting with more dark malts, some very exotic dark malts, and coming up with beers that still have hop flavour but the malt flavours are pushed more forward. Of course with the very dark beers such as stouts and porters malt flavours will always be king.

As always it is you, the customer, who will decide but I hope if you are a keen pale ale drinker that you continue to enjoy the plethora of pales that are on in our fantastic area pubs but maybe try the dark side once in a while. It will be well worth it.

## BREXIT EFFECT ON BEER PRICES AND STYLES

Will Brexit have an effect on the price we pay at our favourite local? Who knows? I can tell you from first hand information from maltsters that they are expecting lower prices in the next year as this year's crop is excellent and plentiful. Whether that translates into lower prices for the brewer we shall see.

The other BIG ingredient in beer is hops. This is a little less straight forward. Hops



come from all over the world. There will be a rise in prices on all sorts of hops produced in Europe and possibly the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Most of the hops you love are already high in price. A 5-kilogram bag of Citra can be as high as £200.00. Other American hops are very pricy as well.

As with malts brewers are rediscovering more traditional hops that are more affordable right now and into the future with excellent success. Two hops I see brewers using more and more are Perle and Aurora. In fact I use these hops in my Irish Red which won a Silver this last spring. So it goes to show you that there is room at the table for your more "old fashion" hops. It's just how creative you are in using them and pairing them with malts to get a new exciting flavour.

## ASHBOURNE CAMRA 7th ANNUAL BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL 2019

Please remember that our sub-branch (Ashbourne) is holding its annual Beer and Cider Festival from Thursday September 5th from 6PM-11PM and

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th from 12 Noon till 11PM at Ashbourne Town Hall. I attended last year and it was superb and I very much look forward to going once again this year.

Please remember there are bus services from Derby bus station to Ashbourne on a regular basis even in the evening hours. You won't regret going. I promise you.

That's about it for now. Please support all our advertisers and let them know you saw their adverts in the DD. Also, please stay in touch with us by viewing the Derby CAMRA website. You can view our website and see everything even if you are not a CAMRA member. If you're not a CAMRA member please think about joining us. It's well worth it and you'll be part of the biggest consumer group in the country. What's not to like?

Here's to a great autumn!

*Greg Maskalick*  
Chair / Derby CAMRA



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# Derby Heritage Pubs

**B**eer tastes better in an interesting environment? We have been highly successful in regaining the rightful place of quality beer, though arguably not as successful in protecting our wonderful pubs.

Since before the first CAMRA Inventory in 1997 there has been an understated campaign to ensure our pub heritage is recognised and protected. Whilst statutory listing has helped, CAMRA has focused principally on interiors which are believed to have been less well protected than the exterior architecture.

In a time of relentless pressure on pub viability, looking after this heritage should be a high priority. The national inventory lists the very best or 'gold standard', regional inventories a slightly lesser standard and local inventories are work in progress. In Derby we have four pubs from the inventories recognised in the CAMRA book of Real Heritage Pubs of the Midlands: Ye Olde Dolphin Inne, Norman Arms, Falstaff and Malt Shovel.

## **Ye Olde Dolphin Inne – City Centre**

Celebrated as Derby's oldest pub, occupying a 16th-century building. Not all as old as it looks, due to 'Brewers' Tudorisation' and restoration between the wars. A corridor passes through the building, connecting four rooms, all serviced by a central bar. The front bar quarry tiled, the Offilers Lounge is raised with the remains of bell pushes, there is a further lounge and tiny snug.



## **The Norman Arms – Village Street, Normanton**

An inter-war 'Brewers' Tudor' pub, including fine original features such as the panelled counter and arched fireplace in the front bar. Gents toilets have original urinals and terrazzo floors.



## **The Falstaff – Silver Hill, Normanton**

Built in 1866 as a small hotel, converted to a pub in 1933. The public bar retains its original counter top and a fine bar back. Other original Victorian features are present around the building.



## **Malt Shovel – Potter Street, Spondon**

Largely 18th-century multi-room pub with drinking passageway. The snug is especially fine with a part glazed, curved partition, similar to the Holly Bush at Makeney. 'Tudorisation' is in evidence, and the kitchen occupies the brew house which was used until 1918.



The best way to appreciate these outstanding pubs is to visit them. Locally we need to consider how we publicise thus heritage more widely and encourage regulars and visitors in our beer capital to celebrate what we have. Furthermore there are many other fine pub buildings in our city that are of great local interest and value that we might add to our own local inventory, possibly creating a heritage route to compliment our new Museum of Making.

## **Jim Bosworth**

Ref; Real Heritage Pubs of the Midlands – Paul Ainsworth

Photos by Michael Slaughter LRPS



# East Midlands CAMRA Pub of the Year 2019



Derby Camra's Pub of the Year, **The Smithfield Alehouse** who recently won Derbyshire South Pub of the Year have now gone one better being crowned **East Midlands CAMRA Pub of the Year 2019**. This is a truly fine achievement for Emily & Ben at the Smithy and the Pub now goes forward to CAMRA's super regional round of judging and one step closer to the ultimate accolade of CAMRA Pub of the Year. A special presentation social will be arranged at the pub soon. Our photo shows the presentation of the Derbyshire South certificate to Emily & Ben by Derbyshire South Area Organiser & Deputy Regional Director, Gareth Stead.

## Ay Up we're Champion Duck

**D**erby-based brewery, **Dancing Duck**, has triumphed at the CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain Awards at this year's Great British Beer Festival in London. Their **Ay Up** beer won the Gold Medal in the Bitter category of the awards which is a truly fantastic achievement for founder Rachel Matthews and the team at Dancing Duck Brewery (see photo with Rachel on the left).

"Ay up mi duck" is a phrase that is well used around the East Midlands area and was the inspiration for the name of the brewery. It is also the name of what has

become their best selling beer since the brewery was founded in 2010. It is described as an "eminently drinkable pale session ale. Subtle malt and floral notes are matched splendidly with citrus hop, rounded off with a slightly dry finish." The beer of course is well known on the bars around the area but if you've yet to taste it then why not give it a try the next time you see it in a pub? For a full list of CAMRA'S Champion Beer of Britain results check out their website at [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)





# Derby World War I Ale Trail

**F**or those of us interested in history, there is a pleasure in making a connection between a building or a landscape and events that happened there.

This is the basis of the Wonders of the Peak Website run by the Buxton Museum and Art Gallery with Heritage Lottery Funding.

Wonders of the Peak now contains thirteen of the stories set in Derby that we researched as part of the Derby WWI Pubs Project (DWWIPP).

They vary from the comic to the tragic: a hiding police officer catches a pub delivering three bottles of beer out of permitted hours to a nearby drill hall; the pub landlord who returned from war but had to leave the trade due to ill-health, and died at the age of 38.

The full versions of the DWWIPP stories can be most easily found in the 'Armchair Wonders' version of the website at: <https://www.wondersofthepeak.org.uk/>. This version loads automatically on a PC and provides a 'By Words' search box: just search for "DWWIPP".

(On a smartphone or tablet you will need to scroll down and select 'Use Armchair Wonders' to get the full versions of the stories and the search facilities.)

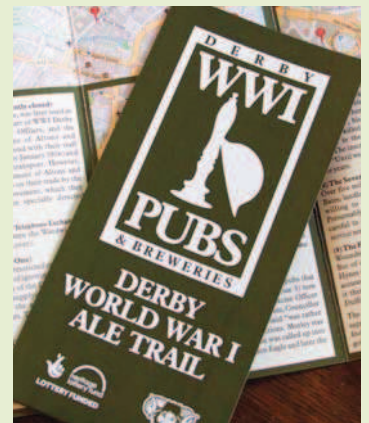
The 'Armchair Wonders' version lets you browse the 400+ Wonders on the website, and lets you set up and save a collection of Wonders for future trips.

These can be downloaded onto the 'Pocket Wonders' version of the website on your phone or tablet. This provides shortened versions of the stories, and live maps to guide you around your chosen locations.

Very condensed versions of the stories are given in the "Derby World War I Ale Trail" leaflet now available in selected outlets. A pdf copy can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website on the 'Newsletters/General News Items' page.

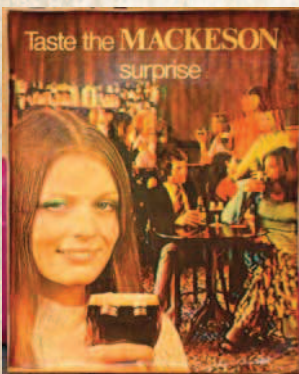
All this is thanks to many people, but in particular the Buxton Museum and Art Gallery, and the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Lottery Players.

**Tim Williams**



## Pick up a slice of history

**CAMRA's 34th National  
Breweriana Auction;  
Saturday 19th October 2019**



**E**ver fancied owning a slice of brewing history? Then this auction is just the thing for you. Run by the Campaign for Real Ale, the National Breweriana Auction returns to Burton on Trent's Town Hall to celebrate its 34th event on Saturday 19th October. It again promises over 150 interesting auction lots: everything from mirrors to trays, wall signs, bottles and books. Plus there are a number of stands selling brewery memorabilia adding to the atmosphere in this wonderful Victorian venue.

There are all sorts of items from all over the country to decorate your home. Starting in the Midlands, we have a beer jug from Nottingham's Shipstones Brewery, which was founded in 1852, taken over by Greenalls and closed in 1991 and from the original Home Brewery (closed in 1996), we have a metal cup.

Moving on to local items from Burton, we'll have a stunning mirror and two figurines from Worthington, who started brewing in 1761. There is an Allsopp's match striker. Allsopp merged with Ind Coope in 1934 and we have a pretty little blue and white jug from this brewery which can trace its origins from 1708 in Romford but started brewing in Burton in 1856.

Not far away, from Shropshire, is a jug from the famous Wrekin Brewery, founded in 1870 and closed by Greenall Whitley in 1969. We also have a 'Hole's Newark Ales' booklet, which, we believe, dates from mid-1930's. Across to East Anglia and an advert for Suffolk's Tolly Cobbold Cobnut Brown Ale, who ceased brewing in 2002.

Moving south we have an old Charrington's toby jug and an advert for Mackeson Stout, which probably would not be allowed these days. The history of the Mackeson brand dates from Kent 1801. It was taken over a few times ending up with Whitbread before closing in 1968 but Mackeson Milk Stout can still be purchased in the UK with an alcohol content of just 2.8% ABV. If you fancy a stronger brew, you can always try the same brand from Trinidad, at 4.9% ABV.

If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, it is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get some great bargains. Also, many of the items on sale can appreciate in value. And, of course, like any CAMRA event, there is some good beer on sale all day (from a local brewery).

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







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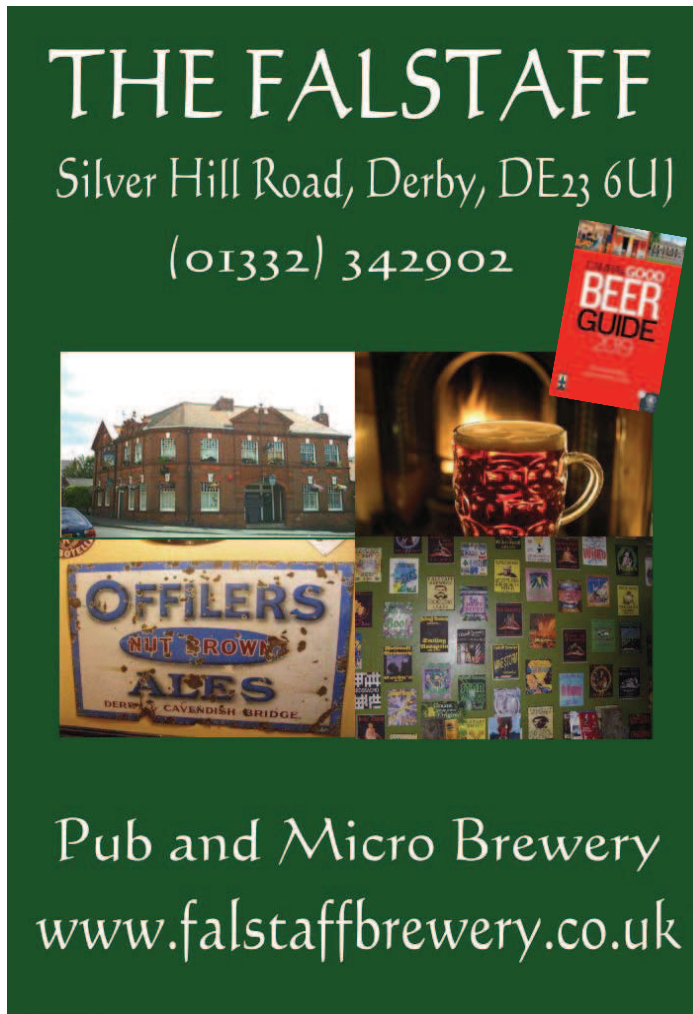
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# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Branch Beer Festival

Firstly Amber Valleys' 10th Beer Festival goes ahead from **Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th September** at Strutt Centre, Belper - see advert appearing on the page opposite in this edition. Daily opening is noon-11pm. Music on Friday night features "After Hours", 5 piece high energy, high impact, classic Rock band from Chesterfield playing all your rock favourites from the 70's onwards - take a look at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/afterhoursrock/>

On Saturday evening upstairs is a Northern Soul session, a new innovation for the event as is the introduction of both key keg and gin bars in addition to the customary superb selection of real ales and ciders. Good services operate to Belper from Derby via bus or train. See you there!

### Derby Drinker

To share the spread of Derby Drinker, while touring round the Baltics in Vilnius, Lithuania, one of our members, Steve Cook of Belper, found a copy in Alaus Biblioteka ["The Beer Library"]. See photo alongside for proof showing Steve at the bar which he reports as stocking a fine range of IPAs, stouts etc.

### Social Reports

Our June 22nd social travelled to Heeley, Sheffield, where in perfect conditions for enjoying beer gardens, we visited 9 pubs - Broadfield, Crown Inn, White Lion, Brothers Arms, Sheaf View, Cremorne, Albion, Beer Engine and Triple Point Brewery - each excellent & offering a wide range of styles and breweries, definitely a tour that warrants a repeat.

On Saturday 27th July, the monthly social saw the branch in Nottingham, a very busy day for the city coinciding with Pride Festival. After sharing the first three pubs (The Vat & Fiddle, Beerheadz & Canalhouse where opportunity arose for team photo - see alongside), the group then split between the Cider Saunter while real ale imbibers continued to The Newshouse, King Billy, Fox and Grapes and finally Bunkers Hill.

### Pub News

- (i) The opening on 5th July of the refurbished Railway in Belper under Lincoln Green management and reports since of friendly welcomes and an excellent garden.
- (ii) Awaiting planning permission is another micro in Ripley.
- (iii) The Hop Inn at Openwoodgate is closed.



*Steve Cook in Vilnius*



*Members in the Canalhouse*

## DIARY DATES (all meetings 8pm)

*check What's Brewing for confirmed venues*

**Tue 3rd Sept - final B F meeting,**  
Railway Hotel, Belper.

**26-28 Sept - Amber Valley Beer Festival,**  
Strutt Centre, Derby Road, Belper DE56 1UU.

**Thu 3rd Oct - Branch Meeting**  
- Hunter Arms, Kilburn DE56 0LU.

**Thu 31st Oct - Committee & Branch Meeting.**



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## EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

### SOCIAL REPORT

#### ASHBOURNE BEER FESTIVAL AND LOCAL PUBS

Our next trip will be on Saturday 7th September to the **Ashbourne** beer festival and to visit some of the local pubs.

Meet Derby Bus Station at 11.00am for the 11.20am bus.

#### CHRISTMAS TRIP TO CHESTERFIELD (WHITTINGTON MOOR)

The annual branch Christmas trip this year will be on Saturday December 7th, and take in some of the pubs in the **Whittington Moor** area, north of Chesterfield town centre. We have in mind the Red Lion, Derby Tup, Beer Parlour and Jaceys micropub, before heading back into town for the Neptune and the Chesterfield Arms. More details later about bus travel, although the railway station will come into play for many of our branch members.

#### DERBYSHIRE SOUTH PUB OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the Burnt Pig in Ilkeston, up against some of the best pubs in the south of the county, and taking the Runner Up Award. Our picture shows CAMRA Derbyshire South Area Organiser, Gareth Stead (left), presenting the certificate to landlord, Simon Clarke, at a presentation event held on 26th June, and attended by Erewash Valley CAMRA members.

### PUB & BREWERY NEWS

Both of the two pubs closed for refurbishment that were mentioned in the last issue have now reopened, to generally favourable reports. The **Wilsthorpe Tavern** in Long Eaton is described by branch members as being 'tastefully' refurbished, with Pedigree and the ubiquitous Doom Bar available, while a branch member who called into the **Sir John Warren** in Ilkeston reports the expected Greene King brands, but that the publican has a 'free rein' on a guest beer. Watch this space! We had also been informed of a closure and then a re-opening of the **Blue Bell** at Sandiacre, but it appeared to be closed again shortly thereafter. Another case of 'watch this space'. Another closure reported was that of the **Twitchell** in Long Eaton, which abruptly shut its doors in early July. This former Wetherspoons house continued to trade after the chain sold it a couple of years back, but is now reported to have shut its doors. As we went to press on this report, its future as a pub looked uncertain. On the brewery front, it appears that **Bang The Elephant** has moved into the home of Abstract Jungle brewery.

### LOCALE OUTLETS IN EREWASH VALLEY AREA

Angry Bee, 2 Godfrey St, Heanor  
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  
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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  
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Spanish Bar, 76 South St, Ilkeston  
Stanhope Arms, Stanton by Dale

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Monday 2nd September Hole In The Wall, Long Eaton

Monday 7th October Needlemakers, Ilkeston  
Monday 4th November tbc

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# Standing the Test of Time



*Tony Williams, Bless*



*Puss in Boots*



*Steve & Jan Birkin at the Rowditch*



*Dolphin*



*Falstaff*

In the 1970s, prospective Marston's tenants had to wait up to eight years to secure a tenancy, such was the popularity of the Burton brewery's pubs. A decade on, the 1989 Beer Orders Act had profound and far-reaching consequences which resonate to this day. The Act mandated Britain's Big Six breweries to shed thousands of pubs which led to the creation of many pub companies. Today, some pubs change hands with almost bewildering frequency, but there is, however, a cohort of long-serving, single pub licensees who have bucked the trend and we recognise them here.

Derby's longest serving licensee is **Tony Williams** at **The Bless**, Chapel Street, who's been here ever since it opened in the mid 70s. For many of those years, Tony's been in charge and inevitably he's overseen change which includes considerable expansion but also the closure of Ben Bowers restaurant which once occupied the first floor. From the off, the Blessington Carriage, as it was originally named, has served real ale and it's moved with the times with students being integral to a diverse customer base. Good Beer Guide recognition came in the early 1980s and sessions on impeccable Burton Bridge bitter are seared in the memory when Bruce Wilkinson and Geoff Mumford burst onto the Burton brewing scene all those years ago. The Blessington was an early pioneer of pub beer festivals, and Tony's pictured (second from left, back) at one of his festivals in the 1980s. Today, there's always something on the bar to appeal to real ale drinkers and a new food venture is in the offing.

The second longest serving licensees in the Derby CAMRA Branch area are **Stewart and Josie Austin** who, together with her sister, **Megan**, have run the **Puss in Boots** on the B5023 at Windley since the early 1990s. This 16thC building is the very epitome of a traditional country pub although it started life as a water mill, to which the reverse side of the inn sign attests. Low ceilinged and beamed throughout, with wainscoting in one of the two rooms, the place positively oozes character. The two hand pulled beers are Draught Bass, which was excellent, and Pedigree. I'm reliably informed that the Puss in Boots can be very busy, especially

on Saturday evenings when the quiz is in full swing. Across the way, within earshot of a steam train's whistle on the Ecclesbourne Valley railway is a delightfully mature, enclosed garden featuring a weeping willow tree. The inn is not served by bus or rail and lunchtime opening is limited to weekends, but if you get the chance to patronise it you won't be disappointed.

**Steve and Jan Birkin** had run the J F Kennedy, Chaddesden, and the classic Coopers Arms, Burton, before buying the freehold to the **Rowditch Inn** at the junction of Uttoxeter Old and New Roads in 1997. Perennially Good Beer Guide listed for the last 20 years, Steve and Jan operate a truly traditional public house where most customers are known by name. Back on Track, Amethyst, St Stephen's and St Andrew's are brewed on site and a couple of these vie for attention with a guest and Pedigree, probably the best Pedi you'll get in Derby. Steve and Jan, who have raised considerable sums for charity, take great pride in their "secret garden" which is a quiet, colourful haven in summer. Sadly, there aren't many pubs like this left.

**Jim Harris** succeeded Terry Holmes at the **Olde Dolphin Inne**, Queen Street, at the end of 2002, after Derby's oldest pub had won the Derby CAMRA City Pub of the Year title. It's listed in the 2019 Good Beer Guide and Britain's Best Real Heritage Pubs, both CAMRA publications. Most will be familiar with the Cathedral Quarter gem, with four rooms coalescing around the tiny bar servery. Food is always available and the steak restaurant upstairs opens in the evening between Thursday and Saturday. The passageway between the kitchen and snug was once a public thoroughfare but now leads to the rear patio which has an annual beer festival in July. This reinforces Jim's commitment to real ale which sees Draught Bass and Abbot having changing guest beers for company all year round.

**Jim Hallows** and **Steph Briggs** acquired the lease to the **Falstaff**, Silver Hill Road, Normanton, in 2003 and immediately began rebuilding and rewiring the brewhouse to revive brewing begun by Mike Williams in millennium year. A range of Falstaff beers is brewed and, like the Rowditch, sold at very reasonable prices. This atmospheric, Victorian corner local is





**John Thompson with wife Ann**



**John Thompson**

full of character and characters with the Offler's lounge being a shrine to the Derby brewery's memorabilia and is not to be missed. The Falstaff has long been the flag bearer for quality real ale in Normanton, having been listed in every edition of the Good Beer Guide since 1999.

**Nick Thompson** has run the **John Thompson**, Ingleby, for upwards of fifteen years, following in the footsteps of his parents whose 15thC home was granted an on-licence in 1969. It was here in 1977 that Derbyshire's brewing revival began and hand-pulled, home-brewed beer still takes pride of place on the bar, behind which John and wife Ann are pictured. Set in acres of grounds with modern holiday lets, this quintessential family pub has all of the requisite facilities for holidaying in south Derbyshire.

In 1997, J D Wetherspoon converted Allied Carpets on Babington Lane into the **Babington Arms**, echoing the name of the long-gone pub that stood at the top of the hill, and subsequently **Tom Taylor** became manager. It's another Good Beer Guide regular, understandably so given that it has one of the largest ranges of real ale and traditional cider in the city. Draught Bass, Pedigree, Abbot, and Small World Thunderbridge Stout accompany a dozen others, all of which are displayed on a large screen that's constantly updated to aid selection. The usual Wetherspoon accoutrements feature and our photograph shows Tom (right) receiving the 2005 Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year award from Derby CAMRA Chairman, the late Ian Winterton.

Around the corner at The Spot, **Steve Kirk** has been plying his trade at the **Neptune** for the past two decades. The former Offler's house is a firm favourite with Rams' fans who meet here on match day Saturday mornings for sustenance before boarding a coach to away games. Naturally there's some great Rams' memorabilia including a large, autographed photograph of the late, great Dave Mackay, and there's even a turnstile from the Baseball Ground out at the back. Ex-Ram, Nigel Callaghan, should be back from Corfu around now and DJ-ing here on Saturday nights if you fancy listening to a few sounds. Doom Bar and

Pedigree are served and, last year, Steve Kirk, together with his regular customers, raised a tremendous £16,690 for the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal.

**Trevor and Nadine Price** have run the **Masons Arms**, The Square, in Mickleover old village since 2000. It's easily identifiable by the Dutch gable and at the back is a south facing, stone-flagged raised terrace on which to enjoy Old Speckled Hen, Lancaster Blonde, and old favourites, Pedigree and Draught Bass. I understand that Trevor shifts huge numbers of this august publication and Nadine cooks some tasty dishes on themed food evenings.

Further out on the A516 on the edge of Etwell, **Fred and Rachael Pruden** have managed the **Seven Wells** ever since Hardy and Hanson (Kimberley) brewery opened it as a new-build in 2000. Undeterred by Greene King's takeover in 2006, Fred and Rachael have successfully combined running a family orientated pub with sating the thirst of discerning drinkers by offering a quartet of well-kept ales. 10% CAMRA members' discount isn't to be sniffed at either.

North of Derby, in the attractive and historic village of Milford, **Dave Sutton** has been pulling pints at the **King William** since 2005. During Dave's reign, the stone-built pub has frequently featured in the Good Beer Guide, and Saturday night live music brings punters in from far and wide as do the hugely popular, occasional Sunday Northern Soul sessions. Accommodation is available.

Mind you, no one can match **Olive Wilson's** record of longevity at the **Royal Oak**, Ockbrook. Olive moved to the village pub with husband, Lew, in 1953. Lew predeceased Olive a while back but Olive and her family carried on until she sadly died earlier this year. The Royal Oak has a record beyond compare with multiple Pub of the Year awards and 43 consecutive appearances in the Good Beer Guide. Over the years the Ockbrook pub has become a byword for beer and culinary excellence, continuing to thrive today.

**Paul Gibson**



**Tom Taylor (right) at the Babington**



**Neptune**



**Masons Arms**



**Seven Wells**



**King William**



# Tom Said..

**A**ugust saw the opening of Ripley's latest Micropub, Tom Said, which is situated on Well Street, a short thoroughfare between Crossley Street and Oxford Street. It's a small, cosy pub with room for around 30 or so, and space on the pavement for outside tables in fine weather. Four Real ales are available, along with cider and assorted spirits, and the opening hours at present are 4-10:30 on Thursday, then 12 noon -10:30 Friday to Sunday. Future plans include opening on Wednesdays and changing the closing time to 11pm. It used to be Ripley Dry Cleaners, whose sign is, for the time being, still there and, on the



evidence of the opening night, is a very welcome addition to the Ripley pub scene. It's around 150 yards from the Ripley - Derby bus route, and there is a car park nearby.

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- 7 Sept** – Derby Camra Bar at Derby Pride – Curzon St.
- 5-7 Sept** – Ashbourne Beer & Cider Festival – Town Hall.
- 26-28 Sept** – Amber Valley Beer & Cider Festival – Strutt's.
- 9-12 Oct** – Nottingham Beer & Cider Festival – Arena.

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## Branch Beer Festival

We hope that you will be able to read this in time to come to our Seventh Beer & Cider Festival at the Town Hall (details in the advert below.)

## Pub of the Season



The Branch Summer Pub of the Season was voted by members as the **Cock at Clifton**. Chairman Dave Etheridge presented Paul and Bex with a certificate of recognition. (see photo).


## Pub News

Quite a lot of pub news this edition - at the time of writing (end July), **The Horns** in Ashbourne was undergoing work after being sold off from the Marston's estate, transforming into a tapas bar.



Pub of the Season Presentation

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Yards away, the former Peach's butchers shop has received planning permission for change of use to a wine bar, but no further details or timescale are yet known.

A planning submission to turn the former Natwest Bank into a pub with rooms above was rejected by the council.

**The Bridge** in Ashbourne changed hands at the end of July - it remained open, but was understood to be undergoing some building and redecorating.

Further afield, it is understood that the **Yew Tree at Ednaston** has taken on a new management team after a period of closure and is due to re-open soon.

**Maison du Biere** in Ashbourne celebrated their first anniversary of opening at the end of July with a full weekend programme of celebrations, including their first live music and the opening-up of a further seating area at the rear of the premises. Congratulations from the branch to Matt & Jo for making such an impression on the town beer scene in a short time.

## 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 24th September - Branch Meeting**  
The Black Horse, Hulland Ward.

**Tuesday 29th October - Branch Meeting**  
Maison du Biere, Ashbourne (start 7.30pm).



# BURTON & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CAMRA BRANCH

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## Burton & South Derbyshire Pub of the Year Awards.

For the third consecutive year, The Dog Inn in Lichfield Street, Burton has won the award of Branch and Burton Town Pub of the Year (see last issue). The Runner up award was taken by the Derby Inn, Derby Street, Burton. This was the second consecutive year that the Derby Inn has won the Runner Up Award. *Pictured below, Mike Gibson is presenting Licensee, Lee Betts with the award.*



Lee has run the Derby Inn pub with his wife, Rachael, for less than three years and has turned it into a thriving community pub that is also very popular with football fans on Burton Albion match days, not only due to the good ales but it's also on the main route from the railway station to the stadium. Home and away fans always mix in the friendly atmosphere as the main interest of the clientele is the ales. There are usually two regular beers, Draught Bass and Timothy Taylor Boltmaker, and two changing beers.

## 2019 Branch South Derbyshire Pub of the Year

The Colville Arms, Lullington, has for the second successive year won this award. The presentation took place on an evening of pouring rain and floods. The turnout was still fantastic. Lullington has a population of about 110 and it seemed they were all there. A slight hitch to the evening was the delayed arrival of the CAMRA Branch Chairman as Mike's car was stuck in two feet of water. Quick action by some Branch members ensured only a slight delay but Mike's car was not so lucky!



*The photo shows the presentation behind the bar by Mike Gibson to Neil Hay.*

## 2019 Branch East Staffordshire Cider Pub of the Year

Also for the second successive year, this award went to The Last Heretic, Burton. The licensee, Peter Spittles, was not at the event. He was presumably at his new venture, Bodells in Swadlincote, which he has only recently opened. Pip had been primed for the event and performed admirably.

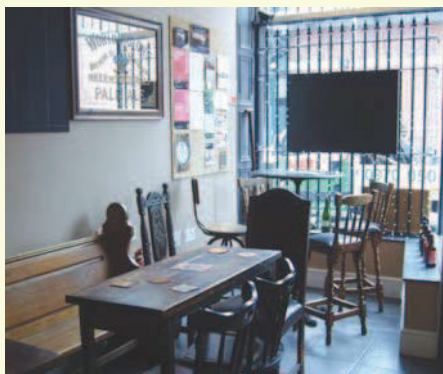
The picture below left shows Dani Hardcastle, the Burton Branch Cider rep. presenting the award to Pip. *The picture below right shows Pip celebrating with some customers.*



## Brews of the World – New Micropub

The bottle shop was only established less than two years ago but Chris and Robin have now taken their premises to a new level. An appropriate licence has been obtained for the consumption of alcohol on the premises. Tables and chairs are in place and customers have already started consuming the contents from the huge variety of beer and cider on offer. This has been an instant hit with customers who frequent this latest addition to Burton's real ale drinking establishments.

There are ten keg lines that have been newly installed, serving a wide variety of beers available in four glass sizes. Many have weird and wonderful names and one line is even dedicated to gluten-free beer. The star of the show and winner of most expensive beer in Burton would be a bottle of Dugges Cocoa Cacao Imperial Chocolate Stout at £9.65 for 330 ml a bottle at 11.5%! Rumour says it's worth it!



Currently there are two customer drinking areas, one each side of the door at the front of the shop and more in the centre, standing round large beer barrels. These changes have been carefully planned and implemented on a gradual step by step process to ensure there is a demand before moving on. The next step is the opening up of the back room to accommodate more drinkers. The thinking behind the plan being that Brews of the World is a link between the two main real ale areas of the town centre. As we all know, on a good evening we like to move from pub to pub but the High Street Pubs and Night Clubs are nearly half a mile from the restaurant area and real ale pubs in the West End around the railway station. Brews of the World is situated halfway between and is therefore a perfect stopping-off point.

## A view from the cellar at Burton Beer Festival - Jim Ward

Planning began in July 2018 for this year's event which was held at the end of March. The organising team, many of whom had been involved for a number of years, was determined to see a successful 40th Festival. For some it was their last stand!

This year there were three volunteers to order the beers, Becky, Lee and Dave. They were each given a free hand and chose their preferences. Only Dave was slightly constrained as his choice had to include beers from all the breweries in the Burton area. By some miracle no duplications appeared, and we had a wide and interesting range of beers to prepare.

A few years ago, success was seeing glasses of crystal-clear liquid being served. No longer. Some brewers now proudly proclaim 'unfiltered', 'unfiltered', 'naturally hazy'. Cloudy beers seem to be accepted without question instead of being received with the frosty statement 'This isn't right'. In addition, there are gluten-free and vegan-friendly beers. A brewer clearly had a sense of humour naming a vegan beer Rabbit Hunter! Beers flavoured with fruit proved popular, cherry, raspberry, blackberry, plum, mint and vanilla all appeared in various brews. Stouts, porters and milds are increasingly in demand but strong beers less so: drinkers are considering either their livers or their pockets.

It is always a pleasure working with the team of CAMRA volunteers who turn up on the Monday with the clear objective of having an empty Burton Town Hall ready to welcome drinkers to a Beer Festival, with all its trappings, at opening time on Thursday evening. It is these volunteers who turn the months of planning into the reality of a Festival.

The support of members from the Derby CAMRA branch, and more distant members, was appreciated during the set-up and during the open sessions. Help was also given during the all-important take-down work on Sunday morning to return the Town Hall back to the echoing emptiness of six days previously by 12:00hrs. The Town Hall staff, and our caterers were also very supportive and seemed to enjoy the event.

Attendance was in line with previous years. 3000 visitors consumed 9000 pints of beer, plus cider, fruit wine and mead, with a choice of nearly 50 different beers still available at closing time on Saturday evening, fortunately not much of any.

July 2019 saw the start of planning for the 41st Burton Beer Festival from 19th to 21st March 2020.

## The Weighbridge

The Weighbridge Micro Pub, situated in the Grain Warehouse Yard, Derby Street, Burton re-opened on Saturday 13th July as the brewery tap for the Muirhouse Brewery of Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The Brewery originally started in Richard and Mandy Muir's house: hence the name, Muirhouse. The popularity of their beers meant they had to move to the current bigger premises. They will be running the pub as well as the brewery. Andy, a family friend, will also be helping out at the Pub, in fact running the pub for three days every week to ensure beer supplies from Richard & Mandy!

A few changes have taken place. They ripped out the beer lines and put new cooling in the cellar and replaced all the hand pumps. They also installed new keg lines and have two ciders, Bitburger and have one line free of tie. Richard's philosophy for the beers is basically to keep changing them to keep it interesting "like a kid in a sweetshop" with both their own and changing beers. Currently they intend to have two pale, one bitter and one dark on the pumps. But this could change to meet customer demand. They also sell a selection of gins as well and intend to add some malt whiskies in the future.

Richard plays for a charity football team alongside his 15-year-old son. The team is called HDB



Magpies, which the brewery sponsors, raising money for good causes at each game. They recently played in a charity tournament in Cardiff where they got to the final and won the cup which is on display in the pub. Some games include ex-pro footballers or celebrities, and everyone gives up their time because they enjoy it and to raise money. Richard asks if there is anyone who has a team and wants to arrange a game to raise money for a good cause to get in touch on Facebook.



Andy, Mandy and Richard outside the entrance on their opening day.

#### Branch Meetings

**September 5th, Thursday**, Branch meetings at the Royal Oak, Horninglow, Burton. Committee meeting 7.30 p.m., Branch meeting 8.00 p.m.

**September 9th, Monday**, Beer Festival sub committee meeting at the Derby Inn, Burton, 7.30 p.m.

**October 8th, Tuesday**, Branch meetings at the Cross Keys, Tutbury. Committee meeting 7.30 p.m., Branch meeting 8.00 p.m.

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# Cider

with Suzie



I hope you have managed a few glasses of cider over the summer. I certainly have. Not so long ago I spent an enjoyable day in Nottingham visiting some pubs on the Nottingham Cider Saunter. I was pleased to see several local ciders being sold, particularly Torkard, Blue Barrel and some Monkey Bridge. My favourite pubs were BeerHeadz and the Organ Grinder, but that is not to denigrate the others I visited. A crawl of Nottingham is always an enjoyable experience.

The Cider Saunter is now over, but looking forward, the Amber Valley Beer and Cider Festival, on Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th September at Strutt's Community Centre, Belper, will soon be upon us. The venue is easy to get to. The Sixes bus route from Derby has a stop right outside and it's only a short walk from Belper station. This year the Festival will open at 12 noon on the Thursday with free admission for everyone up to 6pm, an ideal session for those of you who prefer a quiet festival. There are several rooms and plenty of seating for those (like me) who dislike vertical drinking.

OK, so that's the when and where, but what is there to drink to tempt you to go? For the first time we are going to run small bars for key keg beer and gin, fine if that is your taste, but this is about cider and perry, and the tasty offerings we will have for you. There will be a local contingent of Sisson & Smith (Eastwood), Monkey Bridge (Ironville) and Three Cats (Morley, sweet and dry varieties - the dry is increasingly popular). Gwynt y Ddraig from Glamorgan has grown into a very large cider producer these days but for me the quality is still there and Black Dragon is their flagship product, so you can enjoy some of that. Somerset is the traditional heart of cider-making and for me this is still true. Hecks from Street, near Glastonbury, make a fantastic range of single apple variety ciders. This time we will have their Port Wine of Glastonbury, a slightly pink and delicate medium sweet cider. Sheppy's is a large producer in South Somerset with a newly re-opened shop and visitors' centre; a bit commercial perhaps, but they have very extensive orchards and still make proper cider. We will have their Farmhouse Medium. Needing no introduction, Brent Knoll, just off the M5, is the home of Janet's Jungle

Juice, three times National Champion cider. Traditional cider making methods and local fruit go together to make this classic cider.

One of the characters of the cider scene is Dennis Gwatkins, who farms at Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, not far from the Welsh border. This is a proper working farm with sheep and poultry, a bit rough too, but he makes a fine range of ciders, several of them single apple varieties. We will have their Norman, a full bodied 7.5%, although perhaps too sweet for the purists. Another pillar of the cider scene is Mike Johnson at Broome Farm, near Ross-on-Wye. Events at the farm and nearby Yew Tree pub make this a mecca for cider lovers. This time we will have their blended perry, smooth and with plenty of depth of flavour.

You may have thought I'd forgotten about those of you who like fruit cider, but no. We will have some fruit varieties from Snailsbank. The likely ones are mango, pineapple, pink grapefruit and rhubarb. All far too sweet in my opinion, but very popular. We hope there will be something on the bars to suit all our customers, so why not give it a go.

**Wassail**

## Three Counties Beer Festival Tour

On a blazing hot day at the end of June, Gareth and I decided to embark on a tour of the various beer festivals that were taking place in the area, with the intention of visiting three of them - the **Cap and Stocking** in Kegworth, Leicestershire, the **Star Inn** in Beeston, Nottinghamshire and the **Redemption Ale House** in Heanor, Derbyshire.

We met up in Derby bus station and took a bus to Long Eaton as Gareth's Zig Zag ticket wasn't valid on the Skylink from Derby but was from Nottingham - I have a bus pass anyway. We managed to catch the Skylink despite our bus from Derby being slightly late, and around 35 minutes later got off the bus at Kegworth Market Place, proceeding immediately to the **Cap & Stocking**. This pub is a real classic, with small but comfortable rooms which have been unchanged for many years, and well worth a visit. The beer festival was held in a substantial outside area, and the dozen beers plus ciders and gins were in a gazebo. A good range of excellent quality of ales was on offer, and we sampled several before moving into the Smoke Room inside the Cap and sampling a half of Bass straight from the barrel, which was excellent, before moving on.

We caught the Nottingham Skylink, which we knew stopped in Beeston, our next port of call. It wasn't the most comfortable ride, with the sun beating down through the clear glass roof of the bus, and after 50 or so minutes travelling we



Cap & Stocking



Star Inn



Redemption Ale House

were more than a little relieved when we got off in Beeston, as well as being extremely thirsty! We made our way round to our next pub on the tour, the **Star Inn**. This is a bigger and more modern pub than the Cap & Stocking, and the festival was held in a marquee erected for the purpose. With 60+ ales on offer, it was a much bigger event, and there is also a large outside area, where we ate perhaps the best pork cobs we've had in years. Once again the beer quality was excellent, and while there we ran into Ray Kirby from the Nottingham Branch and had a chat with him, always a pleasure.

So, onward we went to our next destination, but first we took a bus from Beeston to Nottingham to pick up the Rainbow One service to get us to Heanor and, finding ourselves with almost 30 minutes to wait at Victoria bus station, we

popped into the **Rose of England** nearby for a swift half - not bad quality beer at all. After another 50-minute journey - we seemed to spend almost as much time on buses as in pubs - we arrived at Heanor Market Place and wandered round to the third and final beer festival of the day, the **Redemption Ale House**. Once again, we encountered an excellent range of quality ales, 20+ on offer at the pub. Having sampled several and being well impressed, we decided to end our Three Counties jaunt with a brief visit to the **Angry Bee**, where we found more great ale, and an excellent finish to a great day out. Given the opportunity, we might do something similar soon!

**Trevor Spencer**



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## Matlock and Dales CAMRA Branch

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### FARMACY OPENED

Aldwark Artisan Ales opened their Brewery Tap last month in the former "Stanleys" premises on Smedley Street Matlock. It is well worth the struggle up the hill.

The intriguing name is derived from "Farm" where the beer is brewed in the former milking parlour and "Pharmacy," the profession of one of the brewers.

Aldwark Artisan Ales is brewed in the isolated hamlet of Aldwark in the hills above Via Gellia. We welcome them to Matlock and wish them every success with this new venture and thank them for providing the venue for our recent branch meeting.

### NEW LANDLORDS

The Flying Childers at Stanton in the Peak, Church Inn, and Square & Compass, both at Darley Dale, have all recently had a change of Landlords. We wish them success and look forward to visiting them soon.

### BENTLEY BROOK BREWERY

A new tap has been opened on site. For more information please check their website

### Socials

September Ashbourne 6 or 7 Ashbourne CAMRA Beer Festival

September Sat 28 Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival Belper

October Thurs 17 Steel City Beer & Cider Festival Sheffield

December Fri 27 Twixmas Derby Tour

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**Angie Corby**

### MAD Branch Diary

*Branch Meetings*

**Tues 17 September** Stanton Birchover Area

**Thurs 14 November** Matlock Bath

**Thurs 9 January 2020** Matlock

**Tues 3 March** Wirksworth

**All at 8pm**

### 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.

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**The Crown (Wetherspoon's), Bakewell Road, Matlock**

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**Remarkable Hare, Dale Road, Matlock**

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# The TopBeer Bottle and Can Review



When one of the TopBeer team goes on holiday there will inevitably be some interest in the local beer scene, in which plenty of pubs, breweries and local shops are visited. The likely result being the pleasant dilemma of how to fit the luggage back in the car for the journey home, now that most available space has been taken up with souvenir bottles of local ale. This edition includes two very different offerings from the county of Suffolk which is steeped in brewing history.

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## **Ghost Ship - Citrus Pale Ale 0.5%, Adnams (Southwold) from A.R. Heeks & Son (Lavenham) at £1.79 per 440ml**

This deep gold beer with a persistent head of strong coarse bubbles belies the fact that it is a low alcohol beer. Initially on the nose there is a smell of blended hops that gives way to the sweeter aroma of caramelised apples, not unlike sniffing a freshly baked apple pie. It is a

welcoming smell that teases your expectations. However, when sampled there is very little on the tongue to take its place, save for a hint of crisp green apples. Furthermore, the mouthfeel is thin leaving you wishing for more. Despite this lack of a bold character, the overall effect is quite refreshing with its light fizz on the tongue. It is an ideal summer drink when avoiding the alcohol.



## **Kentish Red Ale 3.8%, Westerham Brewery (Kent) from Calke Abbey at £3.50 per 440ml**

Somewhere in between the first two, this deep amber ale has a creamy head of fine bubbles. The nose is predominately honey, specifically runny honey. On this there are layered hints of dates, raisins and deliciously rounded butterscotch notes. Despite smacking the nostrils with a whole sack full of

sweetness, it is relatively dry on the tongue, not unpleasantly so, just a subdued sweetness like the burnt sugars on a Crème Brûlée. There is more to come, as it resides in the mouth it releases a pithy taste that comes to the fore and mingles with residual sweetness to produce a combination not unlike a bitter marmalade. As an aftertaste, the sweetness goes leaving an overall savoury flavour which brought to mind the taste of gammon, not meaty but more like the saltpetre used in curing.



## **Gunner's Daughter - Strong Ale 5.5%, Old Cannon Brewery (Bury St Edmunds) from The Old Cannon at £3.95 per 440ml**

By contrast, the head that forms on this bottle conditioned beer when it is poured disappears before you can put the bottle down. Lifting the amber brown brew to the nose is like opening the door to a health food shop; malt, yeast, hemp, fruits, pulses and grains but most of all –

liquorice roots. This beer gives more as it rolls across the tongue. There is the sweetness of dark, malty molasses, but not so strong as to blank out the finer notes of sweet-crust pastry, fresh ripe cherries and pomegranate molasses. When summing up its fulsome mouthfeel and long-lived aftertaste we were drawn towards adjectives such as lavish, satisfying, replete and comforting to describe the experience. Or to put it simply, it is just bang-on!



## **The Devil Made Me Brew It - Dry Hopped Stout 5.5%, Arbor (Bristol) from Beeritz (Leeds) at £4.25 per 568ml**

This smells like a pale ale with no hint of what is to come (apart from the all-encompassing darkness lurking under the frothy head). Predominantly smelling hoppy rather than malty, no roasted flavours or dried fruits and

giving off none of the alcohol. The only hint of what is to follow being a slightly herby aroma, mostly of oregano. The initial mouthfeel is dry, with herbs again being to the fore, this time basil or Bouquet Garni. Then every subsequent sip brings out more of interest, taking you to the more familiar territory of black coffee, toast, dark chocolate, blood-orange and wholesome roasted malts. This clean tasting beer gives way to the long-lasting comforting mouthfeel of a traditional stout. Surely it was the angels that made him brew a beer this good!





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