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Derby CAMRA Branch



Derby Winter Ale Festival 2020

It's 2020 which means it's time to plan your visit to one of the best Beer Festivals in the Country (not that we're biased!).

Returning to the historic Roundhouse this February is the 16th Derby CAMRA Winter Ale Festival and as ever it will be an unmissable experience featuring over 400 cask ales, ciders, perries, bottled world beers, craft keg, meads and gins. And with top quality entertainment each evening to match there will be something for everyone to enjoy throughout the festival. Keep an eye on the Derby CAMRA Festival Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates or visit www.derbycamra.org.uk/winter-beer-festival to plan your visit.

And don't forget, our festival could not run without our fantastic team of volunteers so if you could spare a few hours of your time particularly on a Friday or Saturday night then please sign up to volunteer. To learn more about the great benefits of volunteering check out our piece below.....

Meet Team Derby

At this time of year a lot of hard work is being undertaken to prepare for Derby Winter Ale Festival 2020. As Volunteer Manager my role at present is to recruit volunteers to give up their precious free time so we can make the event happen. In Derby we have a fantastic team who come back year after year, some who were there at the very first festival, and each year a few newcomers who soon become part of the 'family'. Most are from Derby and the surrounding areas, but some travel quite long distances to work with us as they appreciate what we do.

In 2019 our goal was to deliver a festival 'experience' and I think the pop-up entertainment and the excellent weather helped us to achieve this. For me the festival is a bit of a blur as there is a lot to do in the office making sure each area has enough volunteers (never enough!), answering queries and attending to staff welfare, which we do take very seriously. When I did manage to pop out and see what was going on everyone seemed to be having a good time and there was a real party atmosphere. That, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback, gives me a buzz and this is what keeps me coming back time and again.

Lin, Volunteer Manager

What's not to like about volunteering for helping at a Derby beer festival? I served at the first ten and, revitalised after around twenty years sabbatical, rallied to the cause again for the last rites (temporary we hope) of the Summer event, and continue to be captivated by the venue and atmosphere at the Round House. Derby CAMRA organization is very slick and professional. They have got it right after many years of learning. You could say these events run like well-oiled machines. Perhaps the oil comes from the axles of the ghost engines in the Round House?

Every year previous volunteers' acquaintances are renewed, names relearned and then forgotten again. Easy access to beers around your allocated patch is a massive perk. Without exception customers are in an upbeat mood, usually seeking to quaff as many different beers of their preferred taste as their capacities will allow.

I like working a full day's shift, usually Thursday, to see the full spectrum of visitors. It is very rewarding serving smiling people their amber nectar. It is also fascinating to observe the customers especially the changing colour of their hair. Just after opening it tends to be grey and darkens as local workers sneak a crafty lunch time slurp. Back to grey until early evening when it darkens again.

I can't wait for the 2020 event – and neither can Derby and the travellers from Nottingham, Leicester, Loughborough, Birmingham.....

Phil, Long term volunteer

I have been a volunteer bar manager for a number of years. I do this because I enjoy being involved with running the festival, knowing what goes on behind the scenes and most importantly because of the people I meet both behind and in front of the bar. I have made many friends and hope I have encouraged others to get involved. I make sure my team know what they are doing and encourage them to enjoy their time with us. I hope this means they will help us again in the future.

Andy, Bar Manager

2020 will be my fifth Derby Winter Ales Festival, having made my first appearance in 2016 as a fresh-faced trainee on the official CAMRA Bar Manager course when Derby last hosted the National Winter Ales Festival (now Great British Beer Festival Winter [GBBFW]), taking place in Birmingham in early February 2020.

It was my first ever trip to Derby, and I was so impressed with the city, its pubs and its residents, and made to feel so welcome by everyone at the beer festival, that I've been coming back to help out at the festival ever since.

Although I originally signed up to volunteer behind the bar serving beer, I've spent the last two years in the glasses and admissions area, which isn't something I'd ever have considered signing up for, but it has been a lot of fun working with a great team of fellow volunteers to welcome customers into the venue and then wish them a safe journey home a few hours later.

Although it's always shorts weather at many beer festivals, it can be a little cold in the admissions tent in February, but the unseasonably sunny and warm weather for the 2019 festival was a joy to behold, and it was great to see so many people relaxing on the grassed areas at the venue enjoying some of the great beers and ciders that the festival always has on offer.

In 2020 I'm confident that, with a great team in place, we'll be able to continue the good work, and ensure there are hundreds of great beers to enjoy at DWAF 2020.

Steve, Foyer Manager

With all the current uncertainty and the disruption the weather has been causing recently, it is good to have a positive event to focus on and look forward to, the 2020 Derby Winter Ale Festival.

There is always the excitement of the challenge ahead as we start the planning process, working from what we hopefully did well in the previous festival, and searching for ways to improve for the next, looking for new people to add to those present to help organise and work the event.

The festival is an important part of our city's social event calendar and an integral part of the campaign promoting our local breweries and pubs within the aims of CAMRA. It is held in the iconic historic building of the Round House, steeped in the memories of the early pioneers who worked there, which helped give Derby its place in the history of engineering and railways in our country.

To play a leading role is an honour but success in events past and, hopefully, future is down to the volunteers, you and me, so please consider helping us by being part of the team of volunteers working the Derby Winter Ales Festival 2020.

Russell, Festival Organiser

These are just a few of our great team from 2019. If you would like to be a part of Team Derby 2020 you can find an online form at the Winter Festival page on the Derby CAMRA website. Alternatively you can contact Lin at wintervolunteers@derby.camra.org.uk





Derby CAMRA Branch

Festival Opening Times

Wednesday 19th February 5-11pm
Thursday 20th February 12noon-11pm
Friday 21st February 12noon-11pm
Saturday 22nd February 12noon-11pm

For Beer, Bands, Fest Info, Etc Check out the Festival

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Derby Pubs Month Let's Look Forward to Summer

We all know how great our pubs are here in Derby. So Derby CAMRA is planning a celebration of our pubs here in the city.

The event will take place during July 2020 and will include a celebration and promotion of our pub events. We are just putting together the finer details but this event will include pub walks, a tour map of participating pubs here in Derby and promotion across the East Midlands area of what is usually a great month of pub-based beer festivals and live music.

So if you run a pub in our great city and want to be included we need you to get in touch. We will then forward to you the options you have to get involved.

If you want to volunteer to assist organising this celebration of our fantastic hostellers, we have a small group meeting next on Monday January 20th at 8pm, Alexandra Hotel.

Come along or email pickersgillalan@aol.com for more information.

Alan Pickersgill

Campaigns Coordinator



Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

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

JANUARY

Thu 9th - Branch Meeting - Duke of Clarence, Derby - 8pm.

FEBRUARY

Thu 13th - Branch Meeting - Allestree Club, 39 Cornhill, Allestree - 8pm.

19th - 22nd - Derby Winter Ale Festival - Roundhouse.

MARCH

Thu 12th - Branch Meeting - TBC - 8pm.

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

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Young Derby CAMRA



On Friday, 29th November we hopped on the Red Arrow to go Winter Wandering with our friends at Nottingham CAMRA. Great beer was had at some brilliant pubs including the Canalhouse, Cured and Barley Twist. If we didn't make it to your favourite, don't worry – we're already writing our list for next time!

Our next social is at the Brunswick Inn on Thursday, 30th January, where we'll be holding an open-mic-style music night. So if you love to sing, play an instrument or just want to sit back and enjoy while trying some great beer and cider, come along and join us! Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for more details!

Before you know it, it will be Derby Winter Ale Festival 2020! There are so many benefits for young members to volunteer at our festival, so many that we've written a blog piece about it! Head to thederbydraft.co.uk to learn more!

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Derby Winter Festival at the Roundhouse is now on the horizon, and we are hard at work putting together a fantastic cider list for you. As previously we will run two cider bars, one in the main hall and another in the music marquee. There will be different ciders on the two bars, so if you can't find a cider you want on one it's probably on the other bar. We hope to please as many customers as possible by striking a good balance between traditional ciders and fruit ciders, whose popularity is as strong as ever. Two makers of fruit cider which you won't see in the pubs around here are Bottle Kicking from Leicestershire and Hubz from Peterborough. From Bottle Kicking we will have Rhubarb and Strawberry, probably Black and Blue too. From Hubz it will be Cranberry and Raspberry and, of course, Pineapple at a whopping 8.7%. Expect plenty more fruit ciders from Weston's, Broadoak, Sheppey's and others.

We will have a trio of local ciders from Three Cats, Sisson & Smith and Monkey Bridge. Ciders from Somerset will include plenty of classics: Janet's Jungle Juice from Westcroft, a selection of single variety ciders from Hecks, probably Kingston Black and Port Wine of Glastonbury

and, of course, from down on the farm we will have Wilkins. Winkleigh Autumn scrumpy from Devon is always popular, as is Double Vision from Kent. Perry (pear cider if you insist on calling it that) is struggling these days, so there will be a number of perries at the Festival, mainly from Herefordshire. You can expect Newton Court, Ross-on-Wye (Broome Farm), Oliver's and probably Dunkerton's.

Amber Valley has been judging its cider pub of the year, so I had the tough job of visiting the finalists. First was the Honeypot (back bar of the Beehive, Peashill). The weather was foul, but the bar was packed and very welcoming. I sampled Wilces medium from Ledbury, Herefordshire, a very pleasant and authentic cider. I also tried one from the Gwatkins stable: far too sweet for my liking. Next was the Thorn Tree, Belper. This pub has not made the cider judging before: I was pleased to try their Weston's Old Rosie, which, though quite common in pubs, is definitely a real cider. They also had Thatcher's Cheddar Valley, now re-branded as Stan's (I've no idea why). It tasted pretty good, even though it wasn't as thick and red as it used to be. Next to the White Hart at Bargate, recently East Midlands Pub of the Year.

I sampled Gwynt y Ddraig Black Dragon there, in very good nick too. Unfortunately that was the only real cider on offer. There were a number of Lilley's Fruit Ciders: I'm afraid that is what you find in a majority of pubs these days and it isn't for me.

Angels Bar in the square at Belper was my next visit, and there was a good range of cider, all at the very reasonable price of £3 per pint. Here I found the only perry on my travels, Ty Gwyn from Pontrilas, Herefordshire. This was good if slightly dry for a perry. I also sampled Black Dragon, which I regard as almost a benchmark cider. Last but not least was the Dead Poets Inn at Holbrook. It was pleasing to see local ciders here, I tried one from Ashover: excellent, too, but I'm not sure that the brand is to continue. Also there was Kniveton Cider, pretty good but bone dry, fine if that's how you like your cider. By the time you read this the winner and runner up will have been announced, the winner going forward to the East Midlands round of judging.

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EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA REPORT

SOCIAL REPORT

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO CHESTERFIELD (WHITTINGTON MOOR)

As this issue went to press, we were getting ready for the annual branch Christmas trip which this year was to be on Saturday, 7th December, and take in some of the pubs in the **Whittington Moor** area, north of Chesterfield town centre. All things being equal, a report will appear in the next issue of DD.

SURVEY TRIP

Plans are afoot for a survey trip to visit pubs in our Branch area which - for one reason or another - we don't get to as often as we'd like. There's a provisional date of 1st February and, subject to funding, we'll be taking a minibus to survey pubs in the Dale Abbey, Stanton-by-Dale, Stanton, West Hallam and Mapperley areas. There is a limit of 16 people for this trip. Please contact the secretary (Email listed below) for more information.

PUB & BREWERY NEWS

The **White Hart** in West Hallam is boarded up and looks to be destined for a future

unassociated with selling beer.

The **Railway Tavern** in Langley Mill has been refurbished and at the time of going to press is up to let. A new licensee is taking over the lease of the **Mill & Brook** in Long Eaton. After a short period of closure for refurbishment, the **Eclipse Bar** in Loscoe reopened under new ownership in November with reports of two or three real ales on sale, and live music playing an important role. As we reported in a recent issue, Abstract Jungle is no more, having sold its equipment to **Bang The Elephant**. It is however reported that the **Bunny Hop** micro pub is not part of the deal. **Old Sawley Brewery** has launched its seasonal brew at its 'tap', the White Lion in Sawley. 'Plummeth Grand Cru' is a 6.0%abv version of its popular plum porter, and should be available throughout the winter months. To correct a report in the last issue, the **Little Acorn** in Ilkeston is indeed selling Shipstones Mild & Bitter, but in **bottle**, not in cask!

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
Crafty One, Ilkeston
Crooked Cask, Heanor
Crown Inn, 6 Church St, Heanor
Dew Drop Inn, Ilkeston
Erewash Hotel, 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, 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, Marlpool
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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Hogarths, Ilkeston - 20p off pint
Mill & Brook, Long Eaton - 10p off pint, 5p off half
Navigation, Breaston - 20p off a pint
Plough, Sandiacre - 10p off a pint
Prince of Wales, Ilkeston - 15p off pint
Rutland Cottage, Ilkeston - 15p off a pint
Stanhope Arms, Stanton by Dale - 15p off pint
Steamboat, Trent Lock - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Monday 6th January Erewash Hotel, Ilkeston

Monday 3rd February Olympic, Draycott

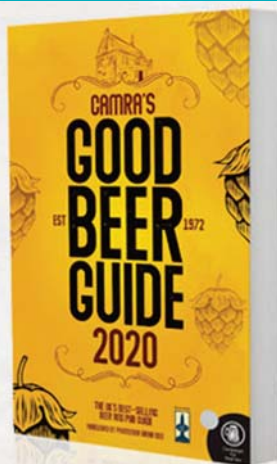
Monday 2nd March (AGM) tbc

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AMBER VALLEY NEWS

Firstly, Happy New Year and all the best for 2020!

Pub of the Year

Amber Valley's CAMRA 2020 Pub of the Year competition is now underway. The shortlist was announced on 1st December after 196 nominations for 32 pubs were received, and the top eight scoring pubs proceeding to judging are as follows: Angels Micropub (Belper), Arkwrights Real Ale Bar (Belper), Dead Poets Inn (Holbrook), Holly Bush (Makeney), Hunter Arms (Kilburn), Old Oak (Horsley Woodhouse), Thorn Tree (Belper), White Hart (Bargate, Belper). Judging continues until the close of January, following specific CAMRA guidelines. Any CAMRA member is welcome to take part in the judging. Many thanks to all members who took the time to nominate their favourite pubs – it is only your input that decides what the eight finalists will be. If you are interested, please contact us at poty@ambervalley.camra.org.uk – you need to visit each of the pubs at least once before the end of January and fill in a scoresheet. The results will be announced at our AGM at the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse which starts at 8pm on Thursday 27th February 2020. Good luck to each finalist.

Chesterfield trip on Saturday, 23rd November

Sixteen members joined the trip, meeting at the Pig and Pump, where we found a good selection of beers and a sausage and cider festival underway which we unfortunately didn't have time to take advantage of. We were disappointed to find the Rutland Arms closed for business but pleasantly surprised by our first visit to The Rectory, which was cosy and welcoming despite being a restaurant as well as a pub. Some of the group visited the historic Royal Oak on the Shambles whilst others went on ahead to the Chesterfield Alehouse where we eventually took over the upstairs room – photo attached. Next stops along

Chatsworth Road were the Junction and the Crafty Dog, both serving a variety of cask ales and an even greater choice of more unusual keg beers which many of the group enjoyed. At this point some of the group carried on up the road to the Taphouse and the Rose and Crown where they had the added bonus of a weekend beer festival. Others went straight to the Tramway Tavern, the Brampton Brewery tap, and sampled some of their beers we hadn't come across before heading for the bus home. It was our first winter trip to Chesterfield so we missed all the beer gardens, but it made a nice change to be in the warm, cosy pubs on a damp winter's day.

Pub news

On 1st December, Steve and Angela said goodbye after three years tenancy of the **Talbot** in Ripley – we wish them all the very best for a well-deserved rest and whatever the future holds. Thanks to their hard work

and enthusiasm this iconic pub turned around, becoming a vibrant, warm and welcoming community hub, filled with conversation, exciting beers, cider and music. May their excellent legacy continue under new tenants, Rob and Sarah.

The **Pump It Up** micro on Bridge Street in Belper was closed for a week last November before being taken over by Matlock Wolds Farm brewery. Ade and his team had opened and run it for the past 16 months before deciding to sell up.

Also in Belper, planning permission has been sought for a **new micropub** located near the Market Place, round the corner from Colledges, furniture store – more news to follow about this, the fourth micro in this bustling town.

The **Marquis of Ormonde** in Codnor closed down in late November after being run for five years by Keli and Ed Wilde.



Chesterfield trip

DIARY DATES (all meetings 8pm)

check What's Brewing for confirmed venues

30 Jan committee and branch, Milford Social Club

10 Feb GBG 2021 selection meeting, Hunter Arms, Kilburn

27 Feb AGM, Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse



The Winter Ale Trail Returns!

Yes, for the fourth year in succession, the Winter Ale Trail will be taking place across five CAMRA Branch areas, with pubs from Amber Valley, Ashbourne, Derby, Erewash Valley and Mansfield & Ashfield trying to win those coveted winners and runners-up certificates. This year's trail will begin on Friday, 10th January, and conclude on Saturday, 15th February, just a few days before the Derby Winter Ales Festival begins, with the winners and runners-up being informed on Sunday, 16th February.

As usual, some free beer will be on offer at the Winter Festival for those who can collect at least 20 stickers from the Derby, Ashbourne and Amber Valley CAMRA pubs on the Trail, or all the pubs taking part from the Erewash Valley and Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA Branches. The trail card is printed in this edition of the Drinker, and completed cards need to be handed in at the membership desk at the Winter Ales Festival in exchange for beer tokens. Of course, if anyone collects enough stickers from multiple branch areas they will be rewarded with a pint for each area they have covered.

As for how the certificates can be won, we are once again asking drinkers to help us decide the outcome. Whether you are a CAMRA member or not, you can vote for pubs in all the branch areas you visit. We ask that you name your top three pubs for each area, if you cover more than one, and send your votes via any of the following methods: by **TEXT** to **07982 943 944**, by **EMAIL** to fourbrancheswinteraletrail@yandex.com or on our **FACEBOOK** page **The Three Branches Winter Ale Trail, @2018wintrail** (set up when only three branches were involved!)

All the winners and runners-up from the 2019 trail will be taking part in what is certain to be a competitive event, so we hope that you will all send us your votes. As for the voting, please name your top three pubs in order of preference, as the award is decided on a points basis, with the top pub receiving five points, second three, and third one. If only one pub is nominated, it will receive one point, if two, they will receive three points and one point respectively.

Enjoy the trail, collect your stickers, vote for your personal choice of the best three pubs in each area, and sup those well-earned free pints at the Winter Festival!

CAMRA MEMBERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The early months of 2020 are the time that CAMRA branches decide on their Good Beer Guide entries for the 2021 guide, and any CAMRA members taking part in the Winter Ale Trail can help them with that. All you need to do is log into WhatPub, find the pub you're drinking in and mark the beer you're hopefully enjoying out of five. While doing so doesn't impact in any way on the result of the Winter Trail, it could have a huge impact on whether a pub is considered for a coveted place in the Good Beer Guide or not, as this is the method used to decide which pubs are selected. While there are many fine pubs around these days, spaces in the Good Beer Guide are limited, and you can help to ensure that the very best ones make it.

The Market Tavern, South Normanton

December saw the opening of the first-ever Micropub in South Normanton, named the **Market Tavern**, which is situated on High Street, just down the road from the Devonshire Arms and conveniently close to bus stops on the 9.1 route in either direction.

A former charity shop, the Market Tavern has been converted into a two-room pub with customer seating at the front and the bar and some standing room at the back.

There are five changing Real Ales, mainly from local breweries such as Thornbridge and Blue Monkey on offer, along with five ciders. As for opening hours, the Market will be closed on Mondays, open from 12 - 10 Tuesday – Thursday, 12 – 11 Friday, 11 – 11 Saturday and 11 – 10 Sunday, so plenty of time to go and experience this most-welcome addition to the South Normanton Real Ale scene.









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THE FIVE BRANCHES WINTER ALE TRAIL 2020 TRAIL CARD

Crossroads Tavern Ale House, Alfreton	Miners Arms, Alfreton	Victoria Inn, Alfreton	Waggon & Horses, Alfreton	What's Your Poison, Alfreton	Wicked Pissah, Alfreton	White Hart, Bargate
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Angels, Belper	Arkwright's Real Ale Bar, Belper	Devonshire, Belper	George & Dragon, Belper	Nags Head, Belper	Old Kings Head, Belper	Thorn Tree Inn, Belper
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Codnor Inn, Codnor	Poet and Castle, Codnor	Black Boy, Heage	Dead Poets Inn, Holbrook	Spotted Cow, Holbrook	Wheel Inn, Holbrook	Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Hunters Arms, Kilburn	Holly Bush, Marehay	King William, Milford	Strutt Arms Hotel, Milford	Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate	Beehive Inn, Ripley	Red Lion, Ripley
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Talbot, Ripley	Thorn Tree, Ripley	Three Horse Shoes, Ripley	Tom Said, Ripley	Gate Inn, Swanwick	Steampacket, Swanwick	Thorn Tree Inn, Waingroves
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne	Maison du Biere, Ashbourne	Queen's Vaults, Ashbourne	Bar189, Allestree	Alexandra Hotel, Derby	Babington Arms, Derby	Brunswick Inn, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Creaky Floorboard, Derby	Dog and Moon, Derby	Exeter Arms, Derby	Falstaff, Derby	Five Lamps, Derby	Flowerpot, Derby	Furnace Inn, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Golden Eagle, Derby	Last Post, Derby	Little Chester Ale House, Derby	Old Bell Hotel, Derby	Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby	Peacock, Derby	Rowditch Inn, Derby
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Seven Stars, Derby	Silk Mill Ale & Cider House, Derby	Smithfield, Derby	Standing Order, Derby	Tap, Derby	White Horse, Derby	Town Street Tap, Duffield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Royal Oak, Ockbrook	Lion at Brinsley	Dandy Cock, Kirkby in Ashfield	Dog House, Kirkby in Ashfield	Regent, Kirkby in Ashfield	Bold Forester, Mansfield	Brown Cow, Mansfield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Nell Gwynn, Mansfield	Railway Inn, Mansfield	Stag & Pheasant, Mansfield	Widow Frost, Mansfield	Dog's Paws, Selston	Horse and Jockey, Selston	Devonshire Arms, South Normanton
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score

Market Tavern, South Normanton	Duke of Sussex, Sutton in Ashfield	Fire Rock, Sutton in Ashfield	Picture House, Sutton in Ashfield	Scruffy Dog, Sutton in Ashfield	Speed The Plough, Sutton in Ashfield	Wrinkly Dog, Sutton in Ashfield
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Coach & Horses, Draycott	Draycott Tap House, Draycott	Angry Bee, Heanor	Crooked Cask, Heanor	Redemption Alehouse, Heanor	Burnt Pig, Ilkeston	Crafty One, Ilkeston
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Dewdrop, Ilkeston	Ilson Tap, Ilkeston	Observatory, Ilkeston	Prince Of Wales, Ilkeston	Spanish Bar, Ilkeston	Bunny Hop, Langley Mill	Great Northern, Langley Mill
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Railway Tavern Micro Bar, Langley Mill	Hole In the Wall, Long Eaton	York Chambers, Long Eaton	Eclipse Inn, Loscoe	Tip Inn, Loscoe	Marlpool Ale House, Marlpool	Sawley Junction, Sawley
Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score	Beer Score
Steamboat Inn, Sawley	White Lion, Sawley					
Beer Score	Beer Score					

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

Derby Winter Ale Festival, 19th – 22nd February



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A full list of pubs will be on our Facebook page, **The three Branches Winter Ale Trail**, @2018wintrail. You can also use this to vote for your top 3 pubs in each Branch area.

For directions to the pubs please consult **Whatpub** on <https://whatpub.com/>

The Trail begins on Friday, January 10th and ends on Saturday February 15th. The winners and runners up will be notified by February 17nd.

PUB	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
AMBER VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Crossroads Tavern Ale House	100 High Street, Alfreton	Mon-Wed Closed, Thu 12-10, Fri, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10	
Miners Arms	Park Street, Alfreton	12-12 Mon-Sun	
Victoria Inn	80 Nottingham Road, Alfreton	2-11 Mon, 11-11 Thu-Fri, 12-11 Sat, Sun	
Waggon and Horses	9 King Street, Alfreton	8am-12 Mon-Thu, 8am-1am Fri, Sat, 8am-12 Sun	
What's Your Poison Ale House	33 High Street, Alfreton	12-10 Wed, Thu 12-11 Fri, Sat 12-8 Sun	
Wicked Pissah	55 Prospect Street, Alfreton	Mon-Wed Closed, Thu 6-9, Fri 6-10, Sat 12-10.30, Sun 12-2, 5-8	
White Hart	Sandbed Lane, Bargarate	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	
Devonshire	71 Bridge Street, Belper	Mon-Thu 12-11, Fri, Sat 12-Midnight, Sun 12-10.30	
George & Dragon	117 Bridge Street, Belper	11-11:30 Mon-Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Nags Head	5 High Pavement, Belper	12-2am Mon-Sun	
Old Kings Head	Days Lane, Belper	2-11 Mon-Fri, 12-11 Sat, 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	
Poet & Castle	2 Alfreton Road, Codnor	12- 11 Mon-Thu, 12 – 12 Fri, Sat 12-10:30 Sun	
Black Boy	Old Road, Heage	11:30-11, Mon-Sun	
Dead Poets Inn	38 Chapel St, Holbrook	12-2:30, 5-11 Mon-Thu, 12-11 Fri-Sun	
Spotted Cow	12 Town Street, Holbrook	12-11 Sun-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Wheel Inn	Chapel Street, Holbrook	2-11 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	
Holly Bush	51 Brook Lane Marehay	12-11 Mon-Sun	
King William	The Bridge, Milford	5-11:30 Mon-Fri 12:30-11:30 Sat, Sun	
Strutt Arms	Derby Road, Milford	Mon-Sat 12-11, Sun 12-9.30	
Black Bulls Head	2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate	Mon-Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10.30	
Beehive Inn	151 Peasehill, Ripley	Mon,Tue 4-11, Wed 3-11, Thu 6-11, Fri 6-12, Sat 3-1, Sun 4-11	

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AMBER VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Red Lion	Market Place, Ripley	8am-12 Mon-Thu, 8am – 1am Sat, 8am-2 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	
Three Horse Shoes	10 Market Place, Ripley	10-11:30 Mon-Thu, 10-1am Fri, Sat, 12-11:30 Sun	
Tom Said	1 Well Street, Ripley	Mon-Tue Closed, Wed 5-10, Thu 4-10, Fri, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-9	
Gate Inn	The Delves, Swanwick	4:30-12 Mon-Thu, 4-1 Fri, 12-1 Sat, 12-12 Sun	
Steampacket	Derby Road, Swanwick	2-11, Mon-Thu, 2-12 Fri, 12-12, Sat, 12-11 Sun	
Thorn Tree Inn	161 Church Street, Waingroves	Mon-Thu 4-Midnight, Fri-Sun 12-Midnight	
ASHBOURNE CAMRA PUBS			
Smith's Tavern	36 St John Street, Ashbourne	Mon-Sun 12-11	
Maison du Biere	28b Church Street, Ashbourne	Mon-Closed, Tue 11-7, Wed-Sat - 11-9, Sun 12-7	
Queen's Vaults	6 Market Place, Ashbourne	Mon-Fri 4-11, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10	
DERBY CAMRA PUBS			
Bar189	189 Blenheim Drive, Allestree	Mon-Wed Closed, Thu-Sat 5-11, Sun 3-9	
Alexandra Hotel	203 Siddals Road, Derby	12-11 Mon -Tue, 12-12 Fri 11-12 Sat, 12-11 Sun	
Babington Arms	11-13 Babington Lane, Derby	8 am-midnight, Mon-Sun	
Brunswick Inn	1 Railway Terrace, Derby	11-11 Mon-Thu, 11-11:30 Fri, Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Creaky Floorboard	179 Kedleston Road, Derby	Mon-Tue Closed, Wed-Thu 3-11, Friday 2-11, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-8	
Dog & Moon	16 Sadler Gate, Derby	12-12 Mon-Thu, 12-2am Fri, Sat 12-12 Sun	
Exeter Arms	13 Exeter Place, Derby	12-11 Mon, Tue, 12-11:30 Wed, Thu, 12-12 Fri Sat 12-10:30 Sun	
Falstaff	74 Silverhill Rd, Normanton, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat 12-11 Sun	
Five Lamps	25 Duffield Road, Derby	12-11 Sun-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Flowerpot	23 – 25 King St, Derby	12-11 Sun-Tue, 12-11:30 Wed Thu, 12-12:30 Fri, Sat	
Furnace Inn	Duke Street, Derby	2-11 Mon-Thu, 11-12 Fri, Sat, 11-11 Sun	
Golden Eagle	55 Agard Street, Derby	12-11:30 Mon-Sat, 12-11 Sun	
Last Post	1 Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby	11-8 Mon-Wed, 11-11 Thu-Sun	
Little Chester Ale House	4a Chester Green Road, Derby	3-10:30 Mon-Thu, 12-11 Fri, Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Old Bell Hotel	51 Sadler Gate, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, Sun, 12-1am Fri, Sat	
Olde Dolphin Inne	5a Queen Street, Derby	10:30-11 Mon-Thu 10:30-12 Fri, Sat, 12-11 Sun	
Peacock Inn	87 Nottingham Road, Derby	3-11 Mon, 11-11 Tue-Thu, 11-12 Fri, Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Rowditch Inn	246 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby	7-11 Mon-Fri, 12-2, 7-11 Sat, Sun	
Seven Stars Inn	97 King Street, Derby	12-12, Mon - Sun	
Silk Mill Ale & Cider House	19 Full Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri, Sat 12-10:30 Sun	
Smithfield	Meadow Road, Derby	12-10:30, Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri-Sun	
Standing Order	28-32 Iron Gate, Derby	7am-12:30am Mon-Thu, 7am-2am Fri, Sat, 7am-12 Sun	
Tap	1 Derwent Street, Derby	12-11 Mon-Wed 12-12 Tue, 12-1 Fri, 11-1 Sat, 11-11 Sun	
White Horse	25 Morledge, Derby	10-1:30am Mon-Thu, Sun 10-3am Fri, Sat	
Town Street Tap	17 Town Street, Duffield	4-10, Tue-Thu, 12-10:30 Fri, Sat, 12-5 Sun	
Royal Oak	55 Green Lane, Ockbrook	11:30-3, 5-11 Mon-Fri, 11:30-11:30 Sat, 12-11:30 Sun	
MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD CAMRA PUBS			
Lion at Brinsley	Hall Lane, Brinsley	12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-9 Sun	
Dandy Cock Ale House	184a Victoria Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield	5-10 Tue, 4-10 Wed, Thu, 12-10:30 Fri, Sat, 12-9:30 Sun	
Dog House	84-86 Station Street, Kirkby-in-Ashfield	12-10:30 Thu-Sun	
Regent	Kingsway, Kirkby in Ashfield	8am-m/night Mon-Thu 8am-1am Fri, Sat, 8am-12 Sun	
Bold Forester	Botany Avenue, Mansfield	11-11:30 Mon-Thu, 11-12:30a Fri, Sat, 12-11:30 Sun	
Brown Cow	31 Ratcliffe Gate, Mansfield	12-11 Mon-Thu, Sun 12-12 Fri, Sat	
Nell Gwynn	117 Sutton Road, Mansfield	Mon 3.30-Midnight, Tue-Thu 5-Midnight, Fri, Sat 12-2am, Sun 12-Midnight	
Railway Inn	9 Station Street, Mansfield	11-11, Mon-Sun	
Stag & Pheasant	4 Clumber Street, Mansfield	8am-12 Sun- Wed, 8-1am Tue, 8-2am Fri 8-3am Sat	
Widow Frost	41 Leeming Street, Mansfield	8-midnight Mon-Thu, Sun, 8am – 1am Fri, Sat	
Dog's Paws	60 Portland Road, Selston	Mon-Wed Closed, Thu-Sat 4-1, Sun 2.30-11	
Horse and Jockey	Church Lane, Selston	12-3:30, 5-midnight Mon-Sat, 12-6, 7-m Sun	
Devonshire Arms	137 Market Street, South Normanton	12-12, Mon-Sun	
Market Tavern	High St, South Normanton	Mon-Closed, Tue-Thu 12-10, Fri 12-11, Sat 11-11, Sun 11-10	
Duke of Sussex	Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 Mon-Sun	
Fire Rock	24 Outram Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Mon-Wed Closed, Thu 5-10, Fri 3-11, Sat-Sun 12-11,	
Picture House	Forest Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	8am-12, Mon-Fri, 8am-12:30am Sat, Sun	
Scruffy Dog	Station Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4-11 Wed-Fri, 12-11 Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Speed the Plough	Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri, 12-1am Sat, 12-12 Sun	
Wrinkly Dog	65 Outram Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	4-10:30 Thu, 12-11 Fri-Sun	
EREWASH VALLEY CAMRA PUBS			
Coach & Horses	Victoria Road, Draycott	Mon 4-7, Tue-Thu 4-11, Fri 3-11, Sat 12-11.30, Sun 12-11	
Draycott Tap House	29 Victoria Road, Draycott	4-10 Tue-Thu, 4-10:30 Fri 12-10:30 Sat 3-6 Sun	
Angry Bee	Godfrey Street, Heanor	4-10 Thu, 2-10 Fri, 12-10 Sat, 12-9 Sun	
Crooked Cask	Ray Street, Heanor	12-10, Thu, Sun, 12-11 Fri, Sat	
Redemption Alehouse	Ray Street, Heanor	12-10 Thu, 12-10:30 Fri, Sat 12-10 Sun	
Burnt Pig	53 Market Street, Ilkeston	11-11, Thu-Sun	
Crafty One	63 South Street, Ilkeston	3-10 Wed, Thu 1-11 Fri, 12-11:30 Sat, 1-10 Sun	
Dewdrop	24 Station Road, Ilkeston	4-11 Mon-Thu, 3-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Ilson Tap	Bath Street, Ilkeston	4-10:30 Thu, Fri, 12-10:30 Sat, Sun	
Observatory	14A Market Place, Ilkeston	8am-Midnight, Mon-Sun	
Prince of Wales	69 South Street, Ilkeston	3-11 Mon-Thu, 12-11:30 Fri, Sat, 12-11 Sun	
Spanish Bar	South Street, Ilkeston	10-11 Mon-Thu, 10-Midnight Fri Sat, 10:30-11 Sun	
Bunny Hop	19 Cromford Road, Langley Mill	4-9 Mon-Wed, 12-11 Thu-Sun	
Great Northern	134 Derby Road, Langley Mill	12-11 Mon-Thu, 12-1am Fri, 12-12 Sat, 12-10:30 Sun	
Railway Tavern	188 Station Road, Langley Mill	Mon-Fri 12-11, Sat 12-11:30, Sun 12-10:30	
Hole in the Wall	Regent Street, Long Eaton	Mon-Tue 4-11, Wed Closed, Thu 4-11, Fri, Sat 11-11, Sun 12-11	
York Chambers	40 Market Place, Long Eaton	Mon 4-10, Tue-Thu 12-10, Fri, Sat 11-11, Sun 12-10	
Eclipse Inn	40 High Street, Loscoe	Mon-Thu 3-11, Fri, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10	
Tip Inn	60a High Street, Loscoe	4-10 Mon-Thu, 12-10 Fri-Sun	
Marlpool Ale House	5 Breach Road, Marlpool	2-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat, 12-10 Sun	
Sawley Junction	176 Tamworth Road, Sawley	Mon 3-9, Tue-Thu 3-10.30, Fri, Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10	
Steamboat Inn	Trent Lock, Sawley	Mon-Fri 11-11, Sat 11-Midnight, Sun 11-11	
White Lion	Tamworth Road, Sawley	Mon-Fri 2-11.30, Sat-Sun 12-11.30	

Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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Pub of Season

During our November meeting at the Barley Mow at Kirk Ireton, chairman Dave Etheridge presented the barstaff with a certificate to mark being named Pub of the Season for Winter 2019. (see photo)

Pub of Year

Our shortlist for Pub of the Year contenders stands at five as follows:

Maison du Biere, Ashbourne

The Cock, Clifton

The Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton

The Old Dog, Thorpe

The Queen's Vaults, Ashbourne

Judging has taken place throughout December & January and we will confirm the winner in the next edition.

Branch Social

Fifteen branch members attended a brewery open day at Aldwark Ales on Saturday 7th December as a thank-you for their hard work during our beer & cider festival in September. A great time was had by all and our thanks go to Ian & Jenny for hosting a great event.

Pub News

Smith's Tavern in Ashbourne has undergone a change of ownership and has been taken on since 5th December by Mark Grist, previously manager at the pub for well over four years.

Branch members would like to wish George & Walter congratulations on the first anniversary at the end of November of the opening of the Queen's Vaults in Ashbourne.

Artisan Bar in Ashbourne held two special events at the end of November. A tap takeover by Team Toxic featured seven excellent ales, including the renowned Sinistral reverse stout. A bottle and can "share evening" of ten high-quality stouts was also held later the same weekend and was highly appreciated by those attending, enjoying samples weighing in at as much as 13% ABV. Our thanks to Paul for putting on the two evenings.

We reported in the last edition that the Bridge in Ashbourne had been taken on by Chris Peach, but unfortunately circumstances quickly changed and Chris has now moved onto the Hawk & Buckle at Etwall. We again wish him well and offer good luck to the new team at the Bridge.

The current tenants of the Red Lion at Kniveton are leaving on 31st December due to health issues. No information was



available on any new potential management at the time of going to press.

Despite it recently re-opening, we understand the Yew Tree at Ednaston has undergone a management change already. No details were available at the time of print.

Five Branches Winter Ale Trail

We have been included in the forthcoming Five Branches Winter Ale Trail (see centre pages). Three of our Branch area pubs are taking part: The Smith's Tavern, Maison du Biere and the Queen's Vaults all in Ashbourne. Do pop in and give these pubs your support and if all goes well we will include more of our pubs the next time around.

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 28th Jan - Branch Meeting
- The Cock, Clifton

Tuesday 3rd March - Branch Meeting
- Bentley Brook Inn

Tuesday 31st March - Branch Meeting
- Red Lion, Hognaston

BURTON & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CAMRA BRANCH

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Burton & South Derbyshire Branch Social

A Beer & Chocolate tasting event took place on Friday 18th October at the Burton Bridge Brewery. The event was run by Christine Cryne, a name that many CAMRA members will know very well, being a former National Director of CAMRA. She was the first woman to run the Great British Beer Festival and has been at the forefront of CAMRA's beer tasting programme. She is also a Beer Tutor, Master Trainer, Judge and has been on the BBC Good Food show matching food and beer plus many more beer related skills under the banner "Cryne in your beer." Last but not least is her ability to demonstrate how chocolate boosts your beer knowledge as shown at this event.

It involved a talk and tasting session matching various beers and chocolates. Five beers, all from the Burton Bridge Brewery stable, were evaluated by the attendees for their aroma, flavour, texture and body. Then five chocolates, all from Burton chocolate manufacturer Oddfellows, were matched. The matching could be by complementing flavours of similar characteristics, for example a beer with spicy notes matching spicy chocolate. Alternatively, beer and chocolate can have very different effects by amplifying flavours or toning them down. We all had a little chew on different hop varieties that flavour the beers and give them bitterness as well as contributing floral and spicy aromas.

I am not going into too much detail because, a), it was complicated, and b), as the evening wore on with more beer it didn't seem to matter! The evening was great fun and really entertaining. The details are secret so as not to spoil the fun for others who may wish to partake in these activities

Beer	Chocolate
Skirway to 5 5%	Spiced Apple White Chocolate
Burton Festival Ale 5.5%	Mixed Fruit & Spices Chocolate (Milk)
Blythe Porter 4.5%	Dark Chocolate with Orange
Bramble Cross Stout 5%	Dark Chocolate with Morello Cherry
Empire Pale Ale 7.5%	Cappuccino Milk Chocolate

At the end of the evening, after votes by all the pairs of participants, the results were shown in the chart above.

Just a quick few words about the chocolate, as this would probably not work with standard varieties. Christine uses the Oddfellows Chocolate Company from Dallow Street, Burton, at her events as they specialise in a vast range of different chocolates with strong flavours to make them fun and tasty to eat and ideal for beer matching.

Blythe Brewery award at the Junction, Stretton

The Lichfield, Sutton & Tamworth Branch advised our Branch that the Blythe Brewery of Hamstall Ridware had won the 'Speciality Beer of the Festival Award' for Cained (aka Bandito) at the recent Tamworth Beer Festival. The presentation by LS&T Branch was made at the Junction, Stretton, (the Blythe Brewery's micropub and tap in Burton) on Thursday 24th October. The Pub was full, with members from both Branches. The LS&T Branch even brought a coach along for their members!



Pictured above is Alex Dudley holding the framed award certificate with his brother, Terry.

Branston Golf & Country Club

Just on the Lichfield side of Burton, this club has some 3,000 members and many outstanding facilities open to the public. It was the first club in Britain to be awarded Cask Marque accreditation, one of only four finalists nationwide for Most Welcoming Club of the Year and is one of only 160 nationwide with Golf Mark quality accreditation.

It has recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its new clubhouse with a Jubilee Ale from Burton Bridge Brewery on tap at their bar, a special brew of Festival Ale. There was also a bottle-conditioned souvenir Jubilee Ale at 7.5% abv.

Real ales are nothing new for the Branston Golf Clubhouse and this is no doubt the reason why the Burton & South Derbyshire Branch of CAMRA make this a regular venue for the Christmas party - this year we're expecting some Champion Beers of Britain!

Adrian Wedgwood, CAMRA life member in the Burton Branch, is the volunteer who organises many things at the Golf Club & advises on the beers. He is now retired but has a long history in brewing with Bass, rising from humble beginnings in the maltings to becoming a director. He even ran the Bass Museum for five years.

Cellar manager at the Clubhouse is Steve Gray, who was the bar manager at the Bass Museum and now has worked almost as long for the golf club. He is a real ale enthusiast and has steadily increased the number of ales available. Currently Doombar is the regular and there are up to five guest ales every week. Burton Bridge Brewery are regular suppliers, which is quite handy only being a couple of miles away.



Left to Right : Adrian Wedgwood, Colston Crawford and Steve Gray

The photograph above shows the two gentlemen in question and in the middle is Colston Crawford, the football reporter for the Burton Mail, and who also produces his Beer Hunter weekly articles. He shows here one of the joys of the job, another being his excellent article written after this visit.

View Branston club : www.branstonclub.co.uk

Pub News

The **Olde Royal Oak** in the Market Place, Burton, has new owners after a turbulent few years with the pub being closed for periods. The previous Landlord allegedly fell foul of Star Pubs and Bars rules to use 80% minimum of their own beers. The new owners, Assetbound Ltd have no such rules and the Royal Oak is now a freehouse.



Sandra Russell took over from the dismissed landlord and is now very happy to be able to source her own ales with four hand pulls for an ever-changing array of real ales. This is a rock pub, and rock bands are already filling it on a Saturday evening.

The Duke of York, Victoria Street, Burton

This pub has been bought by three friends, Phillip Moore, Jack Singh & John Williams. They were attracted to the property as Marstons where selling off the pub, due to falling sales, economic climate and high running costs. After speaking to the landlady, Lyn Burton, and the locals, and looking at the books, they decided to give it a go! Mrs Burton was instrumental in this decision as she was happy to continue running the pub. They took over on August 16th 2019, and Ironically the closing down party organised by Lyn and all the locals turned out to be a celebratory party, staying open late! The pub is steeped in local history and is a CAMRA Heritage pub: "a historic pub interior of some regional importance." It was built in the late 1800s, estimated to be in 1881.

The locals have been reassured that their beloved Pedigree was staying, and perhaps some guest ales could be introduced from local microbreweries if the customers agree! The traditional bar is theirs in effect and that is how they like it! The rear lounge has been converted into a restaurant serving Indian street food which has proved a hit! The restaurant and kitchen are run by Chilli Kitchen. The bar and lounge areas both have multiple screens with Sky sports already in and BT being introduced soon. The pub has a good mix of Burton Albion & Derby County fans which is great to see and a good talking point and excuse for banter! It is ideally situated for fans to pop by on their way to see the Brewers.

Monday evening is Poker Night and the pub is affectionately known as the poker palace! Midweek nights soon will feature Spanish themed tapas! Salsa groups are showing an interest too. The spacious lounge is available for small events, parties meetings, etc., with the goal being to make the pub a success. The owners have noticed that there is increased interest with many new faces and groups of people and couples now visiting, which is encouraging.



From the photograph it can be seen the pub is now in a modern contemporary retro mix of greys and black which complements the old building and surroundings.

Burton Beer Festival date changed

The dates quoted in Derby Drinker issue 187, September/October, were wrong as they were changed after the article was written. The new, correct dates are 26th to 28th March 2020.

Branch Meetings

Wednesday 8th January, Branch meetings at the Stapenhill Institute: Committee meeting at 7.30pm, Branch meeting at 8pm.

Tuesday 4th February, Branch meetings at the Stretton Social Club: Committee meeting 7.30pm, Branch meeting at 8pm.

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Farmer's Arms



Time, Gentlemen, Please

"Time, gentlemen, please" was the traditional licensee's call to customers to drink up and leave their premises, something that those aged over 50 will doubtless recall. Prior to the 1988 Licensing Act, pubs were mandated to close in the afternoon, which was a legacy of World War 1 "temporary" legislation that had been drafted to lessen the likelihood of drunken munitions workers. The 2003 Licensing Act, which became effective in late 2005, facilitated 24 hours a day opening, allowing us to patronise pubs when we wish. Here, however, we're recalling some of the cunning ways the old laws were circumvented.

I'll start with a personal incident in 1984 on a day trip to Lancaster by train which, I think, highlights the absurdity of the old licensing laws. Lunchtime found me in the city centre **Farmer's Arms** where I got chatting to a local who told me how to circumvent the evening opening time which negated a last pint before returning to Derby. His solution was for me to frequent the residents' bar in the Farmer's which opened earlier than Lancaster's pubs. After spending the afternoon admiring the city's architecture, I joined a queue at the appointed time and I was soon ordering a pint of Yates and Jackson bitter, a local brew due to be axed. Upon being served, however, the barman enquired which room I was staying in and my name! "Erm.....room 14 (or some such number), Gibson," I

replied. His cursory look at the accommodation register ascertained I wasn't resident so he refunded me for the half pint I hadn't drunk and proceeded to frogmarch me out of the place. He was incensed and I thought he was actually going to hit me! Looking back, I think it was the fact that I lied that caused him such consternation.

Certain pubs could be relied on to serve drinks after permitted hours: a "late shout" or "lock in" as they were called. One Derby pub to cock a snook at the old laws was the **Horse and Groom**, Parker Street, during the 25-year tenure of the late Tommy Parker. Local CAMRA member, Tim Mackervoy, takes up the story: "Tommy was a larger than life character, always found behind the bar from opening time to long after the official closing time. In common with the Brick and Tile up the road in the West End of Derby, the Groom had thick velvet curtains such that no light could be seen from outside 'after hours'. The other feature the two pubs shared was an old-style radio behind the bar allegedly tuned in to the Police frequency after the 11.00pm curfew. Tommy Parker was the first person anyone of us knew who purchased a VHS Video recorder (readers under the age of 40 are now saying "VHS what?") and pulp classics such as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Baby Blue are recalled being watched long after closing time. The Horse and Groom was always full of lively characters



Horse and Groom



The Alexandra

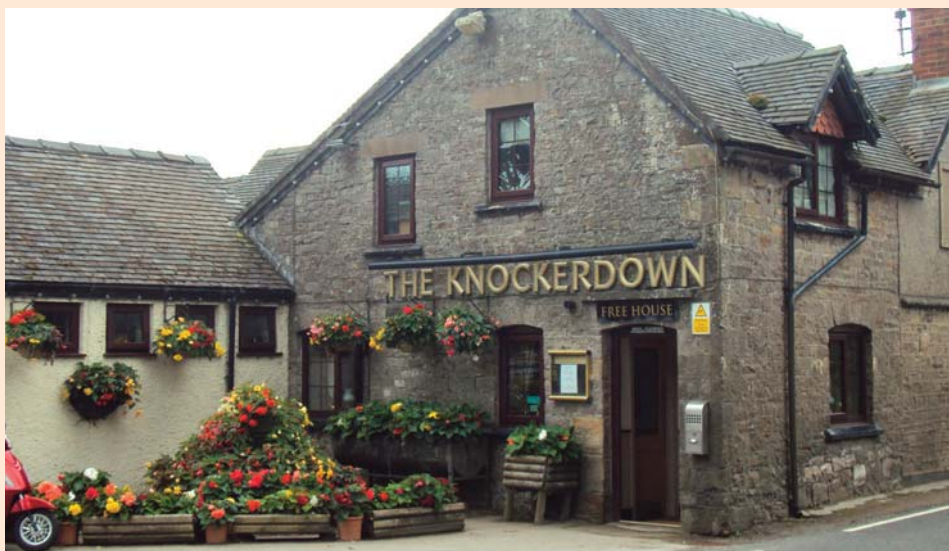


Sir Robert Peel

in those days, and the Constabulary were often called to the pub. One evening that has gone down in local legend is the time in the early 80s when a police car was put on its roof outside the pub! Tom liked a drink and a party; the image of him leading the conga on all fours around the pub with his shirt hanging out on Christmas Day in the late 70s has remained 40 years on."

The **Alexandra**, Siddals Road, Derby, was another establishment reliable for a late drink or two when long-serving landlady, Flo Fox, kept it. I recall a Friday night in 1977 when Derby CAMRA joined the Sheffield Branch for a crawl around Derby's pubs near the railway station. We met at the Alex and a perambulation which included the much-lamented **Sir Robert Peel**, Park Street, finished back at the Alexandra which served Shipstones, AKA the Nottingham Medicine. It was 2.30am before I and a few others, somewhat the worse for wear, finally left the Alex. Mind you, that was surpassed by the former Derby CAMRA Pubs' Preservation Officer, the late Ivor Clissold, who left the **Globe**, Sacheverel Street, as the sun rose after partaking in late drinks on an emotional last night before permanent closure in 1979.

Another pub known for serving late was the Knockerdown at **Knockerdown** which now has Carsington reservoir for company. Back in the 70s a Mrs Smith ran it when it was a no-frills beer-based public house with a simple bar counter bereft of fonts. After receiving an order for peerless Pedigree, Mrs Smith would disappear into the stillage room at the back and return with the Burton nectar drawn straight from the cask. Happily, the pub thrives today with more of an emphasis on food.



The Knockerdown

In the early 1970s I was a member of the Ffestiniog Railway Society in North Wales and it always made me smile when Sunday trains from Porthmadog were packed with passengers, some of whom were seeking alcoholic sustenance at a time when pubs in Caernarvonshire were closed on Sunday. This was a legacy of the 1881 Welsh Sunday Closing Act. Government reorganisation in 1974 saw some county boundaries redrawn and Gwynedd became the new home of the heritage, narrow gauge railway. Common sense prevailed and pubs were permitted to open on Sundays, much to the relief of Welsh drinkers in the new county. Surprisingly though, it wasn't until the end of the 20th century that the entire principality enjoyed Sunday opening. Not far away, however, on the Isle of Man, Manx licensing law had long been liberalised.

Then there was the border issue: no, not the Irish border which has been the hot topic of political discourse these past few

years, but local government's administrative boundaries. Drinkers in the Borough of Derby were disadvantaged pre-1974, compared to those outside in the county. Last orders were called for Derby drinkers at 10.30pm seven days a week, whereas outside the borough, 11.00pm on Friday and Saturday was a welcome bonus. Similarly, Nottinghamshire had the earlier drinking-up time which would see those seeking another pint, hot-footing it over the county border into Derbyshire.

So, there we have a snapshot of some of the ruses deployed by punters and publicans alike in a less liberal era. Our photograph from Eric Streets' collection shows a group of Derby CAMRA celebrants raising a glass to the newly liberalised hours granted by the 1988 Licensing Act. They're outside the **Star Tavern**, Belgravia, which has featured in all 47 editions of the Good Beer Guide.

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The Crown at Matlock

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Big Easy Pale Ale 0.5%, Thornbridge (Bakewell) from the brewery shop at £1.40 per 330ml

This pours out of the glass as flat as you like with a bouquet that comes off that is citrusy yet ephemeral, giving tantalising hints of peaches and coriander (a much more pleasant combination than you might at first

think). As you drink forth it gives off an even fainter, slightly watery version of these aromas, bolstered by the subtle taste of elderflower cordial. Trying to sense these delicate flavours is hindered by the strong fizz coating the tip of the tongue with tiny bubbles. As for the aftertaste – minimal: an echo of the above plus a zingy tang of citrus on the sides of the tongue. This beer has not taken kindly to being put in a bottle: it is a far more enjoyable drink when served from the cask. Ideal for enjoying a “Dry January” down at the pub.



Mangoes On The Run, Mango IPA 5.6%, Innes & Gunn (Edinburgh) from Aldi at £1.29 per 330ml

Certain things are to be expected of a beer that has the appellation 'IPA': highly hopped flavours and the heat of alcohol. Or, at least one of these. But this has neither. So, if you are expecting a twist on the traditional IPA move on, otherwise, read on. The first impressions of this

brew are of cooked, slightly caramelised mangoes, egg custard and over-ripe bananas. In fact, for a moment, one could think it was a Mango-Brulee. As for the flavours, if you like the children's soft mallow sweets like yellow bananas and pink shrimps, you will love this beer. Plus, it has certain characteristics that have Innes & Gunn's signature written all over them. However, like those mallow sweets, it does have the tendency to leave your mouth feeling like you need to drink a glass of water and it has an aftertaste like you have eaten the whole bag of them.



Dragon Stout 7.5%, Desnoes & Geddes (Kingston, Jamaica) from Tesco at £1.75 per 284ml

This is a dark black stout with a veil of caramel coloured bubbles that hints of a sensory bombardment on its way. But, as the glass is lifted, there is but the faintest of faint whiffs of something but not really enough of anything to be described. On the tongue there are sweet Brazil nuts with sweet blueberries and extra sweet currants. A lot more may be there but the

sweetness overpowers all else, including any sense of the beer's strength. As for an aftertaste, it is overwhelmingly sweet. It's the sort of drink that in days gone by was probably fed to infants to help them sleep.

Black Stag Stout 4.8%, Peak Ales (Bakewell) from Roberts (Ashford) at £2.99 per 500ml

This bottled stout packs lots of flavour and bags of character for a pasteurised beer. The deep brown liquor bursts out of the glass offering a torrent of olfactory delights: molasses,



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