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# Derby CAMRA Branch

## The Winter Ale Trail Returns

After a successful return in 2022 following the 2021 lockdown, the Winter Ale Trail is back in 2023 and has expanded to 129 Pubs covering eight different CAMRA Branches making it the biggest & best Ale Trail in the entire Country.



The Ale Trail was originally founded by Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA who have since been joined by Ashborne & District, Erewash Valley, Mansfield & Ashfield, Matlock & Dales, Nottingham and Uttoxeter & District CAMRA Branches. To see the full range of pubs across those areas take a look at the centre page pull-out Trail Card in this issue. The trail runs from **Friday 13th January until Sunday 26th February** and involves visiting the pubs on the trail, drinking a pint or half in each pub and picking up a sticker from the bar staff to put on your trail card. 30 or more stickers will entitle you to a reward at either a forthcoming Derby, Amber Valley or Ashbourne CAMRA Beer Festival. The ones who have the most stickers will also receive a certificate from us. Also we will again invite drinkers to let us know their two best pubs on the trail in each Branch area which enables us to decide the winners and runners-up who will also receive certificates at future presentations (photos will appear in subsequent issues of Derby Drinker).

So there you have it, we hope you will take part as January & February are usually the most difficult time of year for pubs so it's great to support them by running the Winter Ale Trail and we hope you can get out & about over these Months to do your bit and perhaps visit pubs you have never been to along the way too. If you need any further information about the trail then please contact the organisers at [Wintrail2023@outlook.com](mailto:Wintrail2023@outlook.com) or by mobile on 07305 206413.

## Branch AGM

Derby CAMRA's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Thursday 9th February at 8pm** in the Victoria Inn on Midland Place in Derby. All are welcome to attend and we encourage anybody who feels they want a fresh challenge to stand for the Branch Committee. All posts are up for grabs including Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and several Committee positions. If you want to put your name forward or want to find out further information then please e-mail the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman at [secretary@derby.camra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@derby.camra.org.uk)

## Branch & Committee Meeting Venues always required

Derby CAMRA tries to hold its meetings at as many different pubs as possible throughout its entire branch area and we always love visiting different venues. Recently we have had meetings at two newly re-opened pubs, The Station Inn and Victoria Inn in Derby. The only requirement is that for a Branch meeting we have to hold it in a separate room that can hold at least thirty people on a Thursday evening or for a committee meeting you have a separate room/area that can cater for at least ten people on a Monday night. If you're a pub licensee reading this and would like to welcome the Branch to your pub then please contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman at [secretary@derby.camra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@derby.camra.org.uk)

## Pub & Club of the Year Awards

It will soon be time for Derby CAMRA to select its Pub & Club of the Year for 2023. Voting took place throughout November and December to obtain a shortlist ready for judging. Unfortunately Derby Drinker had already gone to press so we are unable to print the shortlist. Members are now visiting the Pubs & Clubs on the shortlist and judging them in a number of different categories. Marks will then be totalled, the results announced in due course and Derby Drinker will feature the winners in a future issue.

## Derby CAMRA Social Scene

Over the last few months Derby CAMRA Social Secretary, Jamie Williams, has organised loads of social events which Branch members have happily attended and enjoyed. He's also planning lots of new events in 2023, so make sure you keep an eye on the Branch calendar in the Derby CAMRA website, [derby.camra.org.uk](http://derby.camra.org.uk). Jamie is always willing to listen to new ideas for socials and events too, and can be contacted at [socials@derby.camra.org.uk](mailto:socials@derby.camra.org.uk).

## Shrovetide Social

Derby CAMRA members have long supported Shrovetide in Ashbourne and this year will be no exception. As well as making their own way there this year some members will be joining the trip from the Victoria Inn, Midland Place, Derby, who are running an excursion to Ashbourne on Ash **Wednesday, 22nd February**. The cost of the coach will be £7.50 including a breakfast roll at the Vic at the start. All are welcome to attend, not just CAMRA members, and you can reserve your seat by contacting the Victoria Inn.

## Good Beer Guide Launch

In the last issue we reported on the launch of the new Good Beer Guide which is a special souvenir 50th Edition with a forward by King Charles III although it was done while he was still the Prince of Wales. Derby Branch held a social launch evening at the Alexandra Hotel in Derby, the place where the Branch was originally formed and copies were



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snapped up by Branch members who then posed for a launch photo to celebrate the event. The 50th Edition is well worth having so why not pick up a copy now from the CAMRA website, local bookshops and some local pubs such as the Alexandra, Brunswick, Furnace and Smithfield in Derby & the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.



## Great British Winter Beer Festival

The Great British Winter Beer Festival returns to the **Burton Town Hall** in 2023 and runs from **16th to 18th February**. This is the winter counterpart to CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival and visitors will find a fantastic range of not only dark and winter brews but a great selection of light and hoppy ales as well to sample over the period. The festival will feature over 180 cask and craft beers, ciders, perries and gin in the beautiful surroundings of Burton Town Hall, where visitors can also enjoy a range of entertainment and food throughout the weekend. Advance tickets are available from [winter.gbbf.org.uk](http://winter.gbbf.org.uk) as is further information on the event. See advert on page 13.

## Local CAMRA Beer Festivals

As Derby CAMRA's search for an appropriate venue goes on we are fully supportive of other nearby CAMRA Branch Beer Festivals and three are coming up in February/March:-

**Chesterfield Beer Festival** - 3rd-4th February - Winding Wheel, Chesterfield.

**Hucknall Beer Festival** - 9th-12th February - John Godber Centre, Hucknall.

**Loughborough Beer Festival** - 2nd-4th March - Town Hall. All three Festivals are well worth a visit and we encourage everyone to attend.

## National Members Weekend

The 2023 National CAMRA Members Weekend will take place in Sheffield from **21st to 23rd April** at the Octagon Centre, Clarkson Street, Sheffield. S10 2TQ. As well as the AGM itself the event also includes an on-site beer festival, brewery and social trips and pub crawls around Sheffield. You can pre-register for the event including booking trips at [camra.org.uk](http://camra.org.uk) or you can register on the day. As the event is nearby we encourage all local members to attend as the weekend always proves to be a great social occasion attended by like-minded people.

## Erewash Branch Reforms

Derby CAMRA warmly welcomes Erewash Valley CAMRA back to the fold after briefly disbanding. The Branch was able to re-form at an Extraordinary General Meeting at the Burnt Pig, Ilkeston last November, where members volunteered to form a new committee. It had always been a fairly active Branch holding regular social events and trips including beer festivals in Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Sandiacre, so it's nice to have them back again and we hope to revive their Derby Drinker page. The new Chairman is Martin Williams who has past experience of the role and can be contacted at [martinwilliams51@aol.com](mailto:martinwilliams51@aol.com)

## Abbey Vigil Held

CAMRA, Historic England and representatives of Derby City Council were all present at a candle lit vigil held outside The Abbey pub in Darley Abbey on the freezing evening of 13th December. The intention is to publicise the plight of the ancient Grade 2\* listed building whose condition will deteriorate as time passes.

## Derby CAMRA



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## DerbyCAMRA Branch Diary

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

### JANUARY

**Thu 12th** - Branch Meeting - Alexandra Hotel, Derby - 8pm.

### FEBRUARY

**Thu 9th** - Annual General Meeting - Victoria Inn, Derby - 8pm.

### MARCH

**Thu 9th** - Branch Meeting - Venue TBC - 8pm.

Contact the Social Secretary, by email - [socials@derby.camra.org.uk](mailto:socials@derby.camra.org.uk)  
(Check [www.derby.camra.org.uk](http://www.derby.camra.org.uk) for all upcoming events)



# AmberValley CAMRA Branch

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## AMBER VALLEY NEWS

### Be part of the Amber Valley Branch team

There is currently a vacancy for the position of branch secretary. The "retiring" secretary will be on hand to show you the ropes. If you would like to apply or find out more, please contact the branch chairman: Chris Rogers at [threecatcider@gmail.com](mailto:threecatcider@gmail.com)

### Winter Ale Trail

The Branch are again delighted to be part of the Winter Ale Trail and this time it will feature 33 of our area pubs which is the most of any Branch taking part. The full list of pubs is viewable on the centre pages of this issue and we hope you will take part and support our pubs at their most difficult trading time of the year.

### Crossings Club - Ironville/Codnor Park

After serious upheaval due to a burst underground water pipe, the Crossings Club is now back to normal. The repairs necessitated digging up the floor to find and repair the leakage.

The club took the opportunity to replace the existing bar and renew the old beer lines. Unfortunately for lovers of real ale, they currently have just the one hand pull which carries a regularly changing variety of local ales.

The club welcomes non-members and offers discount to CAMRA members. It is perfectly placed for a refreshing pint after enjoying a pleasant stroll around Codnor Reservoir.

### DIARY DATES (all meetings 8pm)

Future Branch Meetings (Thursday 8pm):-

26th January - The Beehive, Ripley (TBC)

23rd February - AGM Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse

30th March - Seven Stars, Riddings

### CAMRA Discounts

Pubs with CAMRA discounts in Amber Valley area - please support:

George and Dragon, Belper - 10p per pint

Dead Poets, Holbrook - 10p per pint, 5p per half

The Talbot, Ripley - 15p per pint, 5p per half

The Thorn Tree, Ripley Market place - 15p per pint

Crossings Club, Ironville - 10% discount anytime, or 50p per pint during "happy hour" Fri-Sat, 6-7pm

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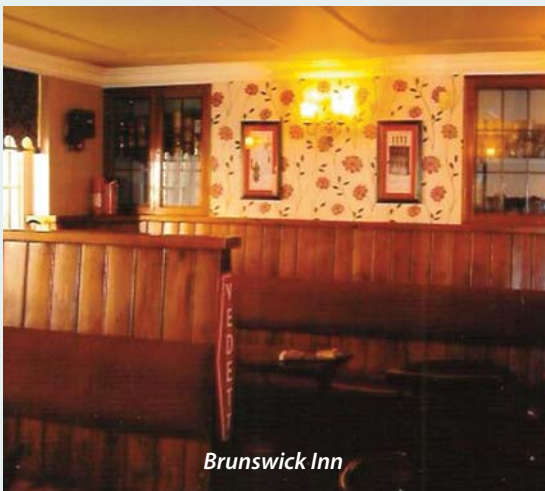
Dolphin



Exeter Arms



Seven Stars Inn



Brunswick Inn

It may be cold outside, but your energy bill may make you think twice about turning the heating up. Happily, some pubs hereabout have retained those small, enclosed areas known as snugs, or snuggeries, to give them their full name. Indeed, certain snugs have open fires which only add to the allure in winter, so where better to spend a couple of hours than in the cosy confines of a snug?

Derby's oldest city centre pub, the **Dolphin**, Queen Street, has a fine example which up until 1975 was the preserve of men only. At the beginning of the new millennium, licensee Terry Holmes, a larger than life figure, served up such delights as Cain's Mild and Caledonian Deuchars, duly winning Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year in 2002. Jim and Jo Harris succeeded Terry, expertly keeping the place in the limelight for the next twenty years. This year, Jason Weston, formerly of the historic Salutation, Nottingham, took the reins and serves up to seven real ales including a tasty house beer, Dolphin 1530, brewed by Nottingham Brewery. Food is back on the menu with a general knowledge quiz on Sunday and a music quiz on Tuesday to test the old grey matter.

The knocking through of buildings is often synonymous with a loss of character, but not at the **Exeter Arms**, Exeter Place. Extension into neighbouring dwellings has created a lot more space but intimacy remains the hallmark of this cracking corner house. For the past decade this has been a joint venture between Dancing Duck brewery and Martin Roper and Denise Sage. Cutting edge food and this Derby brewery's beer feature with the snug being on the left as you enter. The snug was captured in a brilliant illustration by the late Reg Newcombe and remains today, albeit with the high-backed pews lowered and a side window incorporated.

When our photograph of the **Seven Stars Inn** was taken, it was mooted that it could be removed and rebuilt elsewhere to facilitate the widening of King Street, in much the same way that the Red Lion was transferred from Stoke on Trent to Crich

National Tramway Museum. Cleverly, however, Derby City Council conjoined King Street to Garden Street by pitching Quaker Way through the pub's big backyard, negating the need for the Stars' costly removal. Built in 1680, the 1936 floor plans show a quite different front room configuration to that extant today. Up until the early 1960s, an on-site brewery was located in a rear room which now is attractively wood panelled, serving as a snug. Historically, it's highly likely that water was used for brewing from the well, still visible in the pub's middle room. Following Scottish and Newcastle's acquisition in 1962, the brewing equipment was sold to the Friary Hotel which brewed its own until the late 1960s. Happily, the Stars has made a welcome return to the latest Good Beer Guide with Marston's Pedigree vying for attention with two or three changing guests, and during clement weather the swish rear patio is a fine sun trap.

When the **Brunswick Inn**, Railway Terrace, reopened in 1987 to universal laudation, the room off the corridor to the left nearest the brewery established later hadn't been utilised. Today, however, it's my favourite room and as our photograph shows, it has high backed banquette seating, ceiling panels and integral wall cabinets displaying old brewery drinks trays and beer festival glasses from way back when. Take your pick from a large offering of real ale and traditional cider. Brewing has been part of business here since 1991 and half a dozen own brewed beers augment changing guests.

Perhaps uniquely, the **Malt Shovel**, Potter Street, Spondon, has not one, but two adjacent snugs. Longevity features strongly here, firstly in the pub itself which is an 18th century, Grade 2 structure; secondly in that the Spondon Friendly Society was based here from 1777 to 1927. This was a kind of local National Insurance scheme although I understand that male members were partial to a pint or three! Thirdly, Tony and Betty Woodyet ran the Malt between 1950 and 1985. It was, however, licensees Ken and Barbara Littleproud who saved the pub from



Malt Shovel



# Snug This Winter

extinction in 1992, buying it from Bass who had threatened to close it owing to the necessity of costly repair work. Well worth seeking out then, not just for the Marston's beers, if you're in Spondon.

Green Lane, Ockbrook, is where we find the multi-roomed **Royal Oak** which is the epitome of a traditional village local. In the lounge, there's a lovely photograph of licensees, Lew and Olive Wilson, accompanied by Morris Dancers, and the couple provided TV viewing of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953 to villagers who may not have owned a television. Remarkably, 70 years later, the same licensee family intend to broadcast this historic event for King Charles's Coronation on 6th May. Expect to find Draught Bass sharing bar space with two ever changing guests, one being the enjoyable Peakstones' Milk Stout on my visit. Food is served at traditional meal times and is of the wholesome, non-microwaved variety. The Oak has been a perennial entry in the Good Beer Guide since 1977 with the Assembly Room hosting twice yearly beer festivals. A hundred members packed in here at Derby CAMRA's best attended Branch meeting in 1978.

The **Holly Bush**, Holly Bush Lane, Makeney, may be discreetly located but the enduring popularity of this stone-built pub remains undiminished. Come rain, hail or shine, folk flock to the National Inventory listed inn run by Chris Wilbraham, one of only a handful of licensees since WW2. Grade 2 listed and once a farmhouse on the Strutt Estate, the place positively oozes character, nowhere more so than in the snug behind a curved partition, glazed at the top. There's a doorway to the tiny bar with a strong Thornbridge presence, which is no bad thing, and I enjoyed their Ena Milk Stout. On a cold winter's day with the fire roaring, there's no better place to be than the Holly Bush especially as meals and snacks are available. On 24th November, the Derby Telegraph reported that a representative from the European Bar Guide had visited the Holly Bush, praising it and giving it a maximum score.

Perched high up on Chesterfield Road, Belper, is the town's best-preserved pub, the **Queen's Head**, incorporating a snug on the right with bench seating. Different rooms coalesce around the bar servery which dispenses a quartet of hand pulled ales. Musicians play here and Zetor in the Kailyard perform on February 14th – see website for gigs etc. In warmer weather, you can take advantage of the external back terrace with far reaching views of The Chevin.

The **Bell Inn**, Cromford, on the corner of Cromford Hill and North Street was built circa 1800 after the adjoining Richard Arkwright weavers' housing, which at that time was revolutionary in terms of the accommodation workers could expect. Arkwright paid his staff in tokens as there was no bank for miles around and these would be exchanged over the bar for beer. The snug is to the rear with a hatchway to the servery where Draught Bass and Oakham Citra can be sampled, sometimes with a guest beer. Thus, licensee Charlotte Hurt has ensured that the real ale is constantly turning over, ensuring its quality.

Over in Burton on Trent, on Cross Street, is the classic **Coopers Tavern** where the William Bass Meeting Room is a relatively recent conversion of private living quarters, and packed with visual interest. Casks are stillaged away from here, at the pub's rear and, highly unusually, there's no bar servery which, back in the day, didn't deter the patronage of senior staff from Bass's brewery. Joules of Shropshire run the establishment now and their beers together with Draught Bass and guests are offered.

CAMRA has a National Inventory of some 300 pubs with well-preserved interiors which have remained largely untouched over the past fifty years. The Dolphin, Malt Shovel, Royal Oak, Holly Bush and Coopers Tavern all feature, so why not venture out this winter and enjoy a pint or two in a cosy snug?

**Paul Gibson**



Royal Oak



Holly Bush



Queen's Head



Coopers Tavern



Bell Inn



# The Eight Branches Winter Ale Trail 2023

(AMBER VALLEY, ASHBOURNE, DERBY, EREWASH, MANSFIELD, MATLOCK, NOTTINGHAM AND UTTOXETER CAMRA BRANCHES)

Welcome to the 2023 Eight Branches Winter Ale Trail, the biggest ever! We have pubs from Amber Valley, Ashbourne, Derby, Erewash Valley, Mansfield and Ashfield and, for the first time, Matlock and Dales, Nottingham and Uttoxeter Branches of CAMRA.

As usual there will be stickers at every pub to attach to the Trail Card in Derby Drinker. We would also ask you to vote for the best two pubs you visit in each Branch area, and the beers you try. By doing so you will be helping to decide the best pubs in each CAMRA Branch area, and you don't have to be a CAMRA member to do so, just someone who appreciates good beer and pubs.

You can vote via email to [Wintrail2023@outlook.com](mailto:Wintrail2023@outlook.com), our Facebook page, Derby and Amber Valley Winter Ale Trail or by text to 07305 206413. Whether you vote or not, we hope that you all enjoy the Trail.

**The Trail Card is alphabetical by CAMRA Branch Area**

Crossroads Tavern Alfreton	Miners Arms Alfreton	Victoria Inn Alfreton	Wicked Pissah Alfreton	White Hart Bargate	Angels Belper	Arkwright's Belper
Bang In Belper	Belper House Belper	Devonshire Belper	George & Dragon Belper	Nags Head Belper	Old Kings Head Belper	Railway Belper
Thorn Tree Belper	Dead Poets Holbrook	Spotted Cow Holbrook	Old Oak Horsley, Woodhouse	Hunters Arms Kilburn	Holly Bush Makeney	Holly Bush Marehay
King William Milford	Strutt Arms Milford	Black Bulls Head Openwoodgate	Greenhill Tavern Riddings	Moulders Arms Riddings	Seven Stars Riddings	Red Lion Ripley
Talbot Ripley	Thorn Tree Ripley	Three Horse Shoes Ripley	Gate Inn Swanwick	Steampacket Swanwick	Bridge Ashbourne	Ex-Servicemens Club Ashbourne
Pavillion Ashbourne	Queens Vaults Ashbourne	Smiths Tavern Ashbourne	No. 189 Allestree	Pot Hole Allestree	Paper Mill Darley Abbey	Alexandra Hotel Derby
Babington Arms Derby	Bell & Castle Derby	Brunswick Inn Derby	Creaky Floorboard Derby	Exeter Arms Derby	Falstaff Derby	Five Lamps Derby
Flowerpot Derby	Furnace Inn Derby	Golden Eagle Derby	Greyhound Derby	Last Post Derby	Little Chester AH Derby	Mr Grundys Derby
Old Bell Hotel Derby	Peacock Inn Derby	Seven Stars Derby	Silk Mill Derby	Smithfield Derby	Station Inn Derby	Suds & Soda Derby
Tap Derby	Victoria Inn Derby	White Horse Derby	Ye Olde Dolphin Derby	Town Street Tap Duffield	Shiny Tap Little Eaton	Royal Oak Ockbrook
Angry Bee Heanor	Crooked Cask Heanor	Crown Inn Heanor	Redemption AH Heanor	Burnt Pig Ilkeston	Crafty One Ilkeston	Dew Drop Ilkeston
Ilson Tap Ilkeston	Prince Of Wales Ilkeston	Spanish Bar Ilkeston	Bunny Hop Langley Mill	Great Northern Langley Mill	Railway Tavern Langley Mill	Eclipse Loscoe



Tip Inn Loscoe	Marlpool Ah Marlpool	Queens Head Marlpool	Go Between Brinsley	Lion by Olivers Brinsley	Dandy Cock Kirkby In Ashfield	Dog House Kirkby In Ashfield
Bold Forester Mansfield	Brown Cow Mansfield	Garrison Mansfield	Railway Inn Mansfield	Devonshire Arms South Normanton	Market Tavern South Normanton	Duke of Sussex Sutton In Ashfield
Firerock Sutton In Ashfield	Picture House Sutton In Ashfield	Scruffy Dog Sutton In Ashfield	Ginger Giraffe Underwood	Boat Inn Cromford	Fishpond Matlock Bath	Bod Matlock
Farmacy Matlock	Newsroom Matlock	Pointing Dogs Matlock	Thorn Tree Matlock	Twenty Ten Matlock	Dog & Parrot Eastwood	Gamekeepers Eastwood
Greasley Castle Eastwood	Pick & Davy Eastwood	Tap & Growler Eastwood	Caught & Bowled Giltbrook	Forester's Arms Giltbrook	Hayloft Giltbrook	Cricketer's Rest Kimberley
Dog House Kimberley	Miner's Return Kimberley	Nelson & Railway Kimberley	Roots Emporium Kimberley	Stag Inn Kimberley	White Lion Kimberley	Horse & Dove Uttoxeter
Night Inn Uttoxeter	Old Swan Uttoxeter	Plough Uttoxeter				

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 30 stickers on can be exchanged for beer tokens at the next Derby, Amber Valley or Ashbourne Beer Festivals.



#### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

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

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

A full list of pubs will be on our Facebook page. You can also use this to vote for your top two pubs in each Branch area.

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

The trail begins on **Friday, January 13th and ends on Sunday, February 26th.**

The winners and runners up will published on the Facebook page.

PUB	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
CROSSROADS TAVERN, ALFRETON	TH 3-10, F,SA 12-12,SU12-10	
MINERS ARMS ALFRETON	M-F 2-11, SA,SU 12-11	
VICTORIA INN, ALFRETON	M-F 2-11, SA,SU 12-11	
WICKED PISSAH, ALFRETON	F,SA 5-10, SU 2-7	
WHITE HART, BARGATE	TU-TH 4-1030, F,SA 2-11, SU 2-1030	
ANGELS, BELPER	TH-SA 12-10, SU 12-8	
ARKWRIGHTS, BELPER	M-TH 4-11, F 2-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-8	
BANG IN BELPER, BELPER	M-W 4-1030, TH-SU 12-1030	
BELPER HOUSE, BELPER	M-W 3-1030, TH3-11, F,SA 12-11, SU 12-1030	
DEVONSHIRE, BELPER	SU,M,TU 12-10,W 12-1030,TH 12-11, F12-12, SA 11-12	
GEORGE & DRAGON, BELPER	M-TH 3-10, F 1-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
NAGS HEAD, BELPER	M,TU 12-9, W-F 12-11, SA 12-12, SU 12-8	
OLD KINGS HEAD, BELPER	M-TH 3-12, F,SA 12-1am, SU 12-12	
RAILWAY, BELPER	M-TH 11-11, F,SA 11-12, SU 12-10	
THORN TREE, BELPER	M, W, F 4-11, TU,TH 4-10, SA 3-11, SU 12-10	
DEAD POETS, HOLBROOK	M-SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
SPOTTED COW, HOLBROOK	M-W12-10, TH-SA 12-11, SU 12-9	
OLD OAK, HORSLEY WOODHOUSE	M-W 4-9, TH 3-9, F 3-10, SA 12-10, SU 12-930	
HUNTERS ARMS,KILBURN	M-TH 3-1030, F 2-1130, SA 12-1130, SU 12-1030	
HOLLY BUSH MAKENEY	M-SA 12-11, SU 12-1030	
HOLLY BUSH MAREHAY	M-SU 12-11	
KING WILLIAM, MILFORD	M-F 430-11, SA 330-11, SU 130-10	
STRUTT ARMS HOTEL, MILFORD	SU-TH 12-10, F,SA 12-11	
BLACK BULLS HEAD, OPENWOODGATE	M-TH 3-10, F,SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
GREENHILL TAVERN, RIDDINGS	M-SU 12-11	
MOULDERS ARMS, RIDDINGS	TU-TH 3-1030, F 2-1130, SA 1-1130, SU 1-1030	
SEVEN STARS, RIDDINGS	M-TH 2-1130, F 12-12, SA 12-1am, SU 12-1030	
RED LION, RIPLEY	SU-TH 8am-12, F,SA 8am-1am	
TALBOT, RIPLEY	M-TH 3-1030, F,SA 12-1130, SU 12-1030	
THORN TREE, RIPLEY	M-THU3-10, F, SA 12-1145, SU 12-10	
THREE HORSE SHOES, RIPLEY	M-TH 10-1130, F,SA 10-1am, SU 12-1130	
GATE INN, SWANWICK	M-TH 4-1030, F 3-1130, SA 2-1130, SU 2-1030	
STEAMPACKET, SWANWICK	M-F 3-11, SA 1-11, SU 1145-1030	
BRIDGE, ASHBOURNE	M-SU 11am-11pm	
EX SERVICEMANS CLUB, ASHBOURNE	M-SU 12-1130	

PUB	OPENING TIMES	RATE THE PUB
PAVILLION, ASHBOURNE	M 12-10, TU-SU 12-11	
QUEENS VAULTS, ASHBOURNE	TU-TH 5-11, F 4-11, SA 12-1130, SU 12-10	
SMITHS TAVERN, ASHBOURNE	M-TH 4-10, F 4-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
No 189, ALLESTREE	TH,F 5-11, SA 3-11, SU 3-9	
POT HOLE, ALLESTREE	W, TH 2-9, F 2-10, SA 12-10, SU 1-7	
PAPER MILL, DARLEY ABBEY	M-SU 12-11	
ALEXANDRA HOTEL, DERBY	SU-TH 12-11, F 12-12, SA 11-12M	
BABINGTON ARMS, DERBY	M-SU 8am-Midnight	
BELL & CASTLE, DERBY	M-F 2-10, SA,SU 12-10	
BRUNSWICK INN, DERBY	M-TH 11-11, F,SA 11-1130, SU 12-1030	
CREAKY FLOORBOARD, DERBY	TU-TH 3-11, F 2-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-8	
EXETER ARMS, DERBY	M, TU 12-11, W,TH 12-1130, F,SA 12-12, SU 12-1030	
FALSTAFF, DERBY	M,F 2-11, TU -THU 2-10, SA 12-11, SU 12-9	
FIVE LAMPS, DERBY	SU-TH 12-11, F,SA 12-12	
FLOWERPOT, DERBY	M-W 3-1030, TH 3-11, F,SA 12-030am, SU 12-9	
FURNACE INN, DERBY	M-TH 2-11, F,SA 11am-11pm, SU 11-9	
GOLDEN EAGLE, DERBY	M-SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
GREYHOUND, DERBY	M-m, SU 11-11SA 11-1aW 12-11, TH 112-12,	
LAST POST, DERBY	TU-TH 2-10, F,SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
LITTLE CHESTER AH, DERBY	SU-TH 3-1030, F,SA 2-11	
MR GRUNDYS, DERBY	M-TH 12-11, F,SA 12-1130, SU 12-1030	
OLD BELL HOTEL, DERBY	SU-TH 12-11, F, SA 12-130am	
PEACOCK INN, DERBY	M-TH 3-1030, F 2-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-1030	
SEVEN STARS, DERBY	M-SA 11am-11pm, SU 11am-1030pm	
SILK MILL, DERBY	SU-F 12-10,SA 11-10	
SMITHFIELD, DERBY	M-SU 12-11	
STATION INN, DERBY	M-SU 11-11	
SUDS & SODA, DERBY	M-W 4-11, Th-SA 12-Midnight, SU 12-7	
TAP, DERBY	12-11 M-SU	
VICTORIA INN, DERBY	M-SU 11-1030	
WHITE HORSE, DERBY	SU-TH 10am-1am, F,SA 10am-330am	
YE OLDE DOLPHIN, DERBY	M-TH1130am-11pm, F,SA 1130 am-12m, SU 12-11	
TOWN STREET TAP, DUFFIELD	W,TH 4-10, F 3-10, SA 12-10, SU 2-7	
SHINY TAP, LITTLE EATON	M-TH 2-10, F 2-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-7	
ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK	M-TH 1130-3, 5-11, F,SA 1130-1130, SU 12-11	
ANGRY BEE, HEANOR	TH 4-10, F 2-10, SA 12-10, SU 12-9	
CROOKED CASK, HEANOR	TU 6-9, TH 6-10, F 5-10, SA 4-1030, SU 4-10	
CROWN INN, HEANOR	M-SU 12-MIDNIGHT	
REDEMPTION AH, HEANOR	SU,TH 12-10, F,SA 12-1030	
BURNT PIG, ILKESTON	M-W 12-930, TH, SU 11-1030, F,SA 11-11	
CRAFTY ONE, ILKESTON	TH 4-10, F,SU 2-11, SA 12-11	
DEW DROP, ILKESTON	M-TH 4-10, F 2-10, SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
ILSON TAP, ILKESTON	TH,F 4-1030, SA,SU 12-1030	
PRINCE OF WALES, ILKESTON	M-TH 4-11, F-SU 12-11	
SPANISH BAR, ILKESTON	SU-TH 10am-10pm, F,SA 10am-MIDNIGHT	
BUNNY HOP, LANGLEY MILL	M-TH 4-9, F 3-11, SA 12-9, SU 12-10	
GREAT NORTHERN, LANGLEY MILL	M, TU 3-11, W-SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
RAILWAY TAVERN, LANGLEY MILL	M,W,TH 4-10, F, SA 2-11, SU 12-9	
ECLIPSE, LOSCOE	M-TH 3-11, F, SA 12-1130, SU 12-10	
TIP INN, LOSCOE	W,TH 4-1030, F 4-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-1030	
MARLPOL AH, MARLPOL	F 2-11. SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
QUEENS HEAD, MARLPOL	M-TH 2-11, F 2-12, SA 12-12, SU 12-11	
GO BETWEEN, BRINSLEY	W 3-9, TH-SU 3-10	
LION BY OLIVERS, BRINSLEY	M-SA 12-11, SU 12-9	
DANDY COCK, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD	F,SA 4-1030, SU 3-9	
DOG HOUSE KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD	THU-SU 12-1030	
BOLD FORESTER, MANSFIELD	M-TH 11-11, f 11-12 SA 10-12, SU 10-1130	
BROWN COW, MANSFIELD	M-W 3-10, TH 3-1030, F,SU 12-11, SA 12-12	
GARRISON, MANSFIELD	TU 9-5, W 4-10, TH 2-10, F,SA 12-11, SU 12-9	
RAILWAY INN, MANSFIELD	M-SU 11-11	
DEVONSHIRE ARMS, SOUTH NORMANTON	M-SU 12-7	
MARKET TAVERN, SOUTH NORMANTON	TU-TH 12-10, F 12-11, SA 11-11, SU 11-10	
DUKE OF SUSSEX, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD	M-SU 12-11	
FIREROCK, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD	F 5-9, SA 3-9, SU 12-5	
PICTURE HOUSE, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD	M-F 8am-12. SA,SU 8am-0030am	
SCRUFFY DOG, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD	W-F 4-11, SA 12-11, SU 12-1030	
GINGER GIRAFFE, UNDERWOOD	M-TH 4-10, F-SU 12-11	
BOAT INN, CROMFORD	M-SA 12-12, SU 12-1130	
FISHPOND, MATLOCK BATH	SU-TH 11-11, F,SA 11-12	
BOD, MATLOCK	M-SA 830am-11pm, SU 9am-10pm	
FARMACY, MATLOCK	M-TH 4-9, F 2-10, SA 12-10, SU 3-9	
NEWSROOM, MATLOCK	TU-TH 5-10, F-SA 12-11, SU 12-10	
POINTING DOGS, MATLOCK	M-F 12-11, SA 12-1130, SU 12-1030	
THORN TREE, MATLOCK	M-TH 12-230, 5-11 F,SA 12-12, SU 12-11	
TWENTY TEN, MATLOCK	TU-TH 12-10, F,SA 12-12, SU 12-11	
DOG & PARROT, EASTWOOD	M 12-8pm, TH 12-10pm, F, SA 11am-11pm, SU12-9pm	
GAMEKEEPERS, EASTWOOD	M 3-8pm, TU, W 3-9pm, TH 3-10pm, F,SA 1-11pm, SU 12-10pm	
GREASLEY CASTLE, EASTWOOD	SU-TH 12-11pm, F,SA 12-1am	
PICK AND DAVY, EASTWOOD	M - SU 12-10pm	
TAP AND GROWLER, EASTWOOD	W 4-8pm, TH, F 4-1130pm, SA 12-1130SU12-8pm	
CAUGHT AND BOWLED, GILTBROOK	M-F 1-10pm, SA,SU 12-10pm	
FORESTERS, GILTBROOK	MON-SUN 12-MIDNIGHT	
HAYLOFT, GILTBROOK	SUN-THU 12-1130pm, FRI, SAT 12-030am	
CRICKETER'S REST, KIMBERLEY	M 4-11pm, TU-TH 4-1130pm, F 2-0030am, SA 12-0030am, SU 12-11pm	
DOG HOUSE, KIMBERLEY	M-SU 10am-11pm	
MINER'S RETURN, KIMBERLEY	W, TH 4-10pm, F 3-11pm, SA 12-11pm, SU 12-9pm	
NELSON AND RAILWAY, KIMBERLEY	M-SA11am - 00.00, SU 12-1130pm	
ROOTS EMPORIUM, KIMBERLEY	THU4-10pm, F 3-11pm, SAT12-11pm, SU 12-1030pm	
STAG INN, KIMBERLEY	M, TU2-10pm, W,TH 2-11pm, F2-00.00, SA 12-00.00, SU12-10pm	
WHITE LION, KIMBERLEY	M-TH 4pm-11pm, F-SU 10am-00.00	
HORSE & DOVE, UTTOXETER	TU-F 330-10, SA 1230-10, SU 1230-9	
NIGHT INN, UTTOXETER	TU 5-9, TH 3-10, F,SA 3-11, SU 5-8	
OLD SWAN, UTTOXETER	SU-TH 8am-1130pm, F,SA 830am-1am	
PLOUGH, UTTOXETER	M-TH 3-10, F-SU 12-10	

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# Uttoxeter & District CAMRA

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## Branch News

Uttoxeter once had a thriving (twice weekly) livestock market. As such the town became a focal point for the rural community. This is one of the reasons why this CAMRA branch has embraced the role of representing our local country pubs.

Our strategy includes supporting them by holding our monthly branch meetings at these venues at least every other month. For example, our last meeting (and Christmas meal) was held at the **Cavendish Arms in Doveridge**. Our autumn Pub of the Season was the **Red Lion at Checkley** while our autumn rising star was the **Butchers Arms at Bramshall**.



*Birdie & Sue with their certificate at the Red Lion, Checkley*

Some of you may not have heard of the Butchers Arms. When I was a lad, that was what the pub was called. New tenants then re-named it the Bramshall Inn. Now that the pub is once again in the hands of a butcher (Jimmy Sale) the name has reverted to the Butchers Arms. Good call to Jimmy.

Our monthly branch meetings are still extremely well supported. Nineteen members (22% of the branch) attended the one at the **Bank House Hotel**. The last one was held at the **Cavendish Arms in Doveridge** in December, followed by the **Three Tuns in Uttoxeter** on **9th January**, the **Red Lion at Checkley** on **13th February** and the **Black Swan in Uttoxeter** on **13th March**.

Members are being encouraged to do as much pub beer scoring as they can. Landlords who received the last edition of **Derby Drinker** have been asked to consider advertising in this publication in future.

## Uttoxeter Brewing Company

It's still nice and busy at the brewery as we head into the winter season. The SIBA award winning 6.5% Winner's Enclosure is coming into its own now that temperatures are dropping and drinkers are looking for a winter warmer!! The other darker ales, such as Paddock Porter and Dark Horse Mild, are also in good demand as drinkers look for seasonal offers. While we haven't brewed any ales with a Christmas theme this year there's plenty of demand for the stronger ales moving into winter. On this note work continues on our new stout and, with the recipe pretty much finalised, we can't wait to rack the first commercial batch of this 6% vanilla milk variety in the New Year. Meanwhile bottle conditioned beer sales are strong as customers fill their stores for the festive period. With free delivery within a ten mile radius of the brewery and UK shipping available stocks continue to be popular. Customers should contact us via Facebook to place orders or visit the brewery direct.

## The Night Inn

We continue to showcase the very best of Uttoxeter Brewing Co. ales. In addition to those, we've had a great selection of guest beers from Milestone, Lymestone, Hilltop and many others. All ales, apart from those with a high ABV, are just £2.50 per pint from Tuesday to Saturday. If that's not enough, then Sunday pints are just £2.10 in our attempt to help our customers with the crazy cost of living situation this winter. December is looking super busy with lots of bookings for our upstairs area which accommodates up to 50 guests for private parties and events. The Tuesday quiz nights go from strength to strength (thanks to quiz master Mark) and our ladies'

darts team is fighting it out at the top of the league. Moving towards Christmas we look forward to inviting all to come and sample our unique atmosphere and perfectly kept ales, keg beers and gins. New Year's Eve promises to be mega with FREE live music from the dynamic and talented Paul Smith. We thought long and hard but decided we couldn't charge our brilliant loyal regulars for one night. So, first come first served for what promises to be a great and memorable occasion.

## Winter Ale Trail

We've been included in the Eight Branches Winter Ale Trail and looking forward to seeing all guests from those neck of the woods!!! (see centre pages for those pubs included).

## Social Events

### Future

**11th March** – Coach trip to Lichfield

**Late Spring** – Newark/Nottingham train trip

**Summer** – Newcastle-under-Lyme

## Awards

**SUMMER POTS** – Uttoxeter Brewing Company Tap

**AUTUMN POTS** – Red Lion, Checkley

**WINTER POTS** – to be awarded in January

**RISING STAR** – Butchers Arms, Bramshall



*PS it's very good ale!*

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## Allsopp's 200 years of Brewing IPA

An event took place on Friday 11th November at the Constitutional Club in High Street, Burton, to celebrate 200 years since the Brewing of Allsopp's IPA started. The event was organised by Ian Webster in conjunction with the British Guild of Beer Writers.

The actual building of the Constitutional Club was completed in 1878 in a Victorian Gothic style. What a great venue it is: it's awesome! The event started at 1pm with Ian Webster, Burton's own beer aficionado, giving the introductions and procedures and explaining why it's important to mark anniversaries in local history – particularly when you live in the world's most important brewing town.

The first speaker, Jamie Allsopp, seven times great grandson of Samuel Allsopp, told the story of the rise, fall and rebirth of Allsopp's. It all began in 1730 when they were established in Burton and brewing started in 1742. The history behind the famous Red Hand was explained, as was the original Burton IPA brewed by Samuel Allsopp in 1822 that would change Burton for ever: 45 casks of India Pale Ale were exported to Calcutta.

To commemorate the 200 year anniversary, a special celebration IPA has been brewed to the same recipe by Allsopp's head brewer, Jim Appelbee. He took to the stage and said the celebration beer had been based on the original IPA. The original ale had a strong bitterness in order to stand the long journeys across the globe. The current celebration ale is a quite sweet IPA and may mellow with a second conditioning. For this reason three trays of the Allsopp's Celebration IPA 200 were presented to the audience for tasting and scoring. The good response that was evident may well result in the ale being launched in its current form. A cask is at the Coopers and will be frequently turned to condition it.

Everyone present was asked to leave the building to walk about 100 yards down the High Street to the position where the Allsopp's Brewery was located to attach the commemorative plaque to the closest brick wall. This is currently the location of Molson Coors HQ and, as they had not been particularly helpful, the plaque will now be situated off their property on a brick wall a few yards away.

Dr. Harry White was the next speaker. Previously he had worked at Bass and then as a director at Molson Coors and latterly Chairman of the Trustees at The National Brewery Heritage Trust. His talk was about the story of IPA and the role of Burton in brewing. It all started in the twelfth century but it was IPA that made Burton on Trent become the brewing capital of the world. This started in

the early 1700s in Burton with the export of ale from Hull to the Baltic. At this time Burton had a population of 4,000 with 35 breweries in the town.

However, by the early 1800s things were changing. Restrictive tariffs were imposed by Russia, and Napoleon was blocking access to Europe. As a result, by 1820 only four breweries were left in Burton. These were Bass, Worthington, Allsopp's and Salts. In the UK domestic market, Burton was losing its competitive edge and breweries from London were taking over. However, the Trent and Mersey Canal soon opened and exports took off again, this time to North America, and India to let soldiers and the growing Empire drink Burton ales. Bass and Allsopp's were the giants of the trade and higher levels of gypsum made the ales crystal clear, bright and gave them greater longevity for the long sea journeys.

Another huge milestone in 1839 was the arrival of the railways to Burton which opened up domestic markets and the ports to export to the world. Brewing in Burton was taking off again with eight breweries by 1834 and twenty by 1900. These breweries produced 3.5 barrels in 1900, of which 50% were by Allsopp's and Bass. By 1876 Bass was the largest ale brewer in the world producing 900,000 barrels, and Allsopp's was not far behind with 750,000 barrels.

The next speaker was Emma Gilleland, Master of Brewing and Director of Brewing at Marston's, who gave us an insight as to why Burton on Trent is the best place for brewing pale ale. It is really down to the water, in which the content of gypsum and calcium sulphate is the highest in the UK. The reason for this is because of the geology of Burton and its aquifers (permeable rocks which can transmit ground water). This explains why wells in Burton are still used by Marston's for their Pedigree ale. The water is still drawn via boreholes accessing multiple aquifers. The water quality from each of the aquifers is different. The reason for this is due to various dissolved salts and ions. To maintain a high degree of uniformity the brewery blends water from different sources.

David Jesudason was next, a writer who, with Zoe Wyeth of Villages Brewery, has created Empire State of Mind, a decolonised IPA which at 6% is brewed with mango, jaggery, lime and Indian spices. Villages Brewery has taken the name from an article in Good Beer Hunting by David. This gives a historical perspective to the story that the East India Company shipping IPA from Britain had extra hops added in order for it to survive the long journey. However, it usually overlooks the racist violence and human cost of Empire. David went on to explain that "desi pubs" (run by British Indian pubs) have taken over many

pubs in Smethwick. Some pubs had been struggling but are thriving now and are described on Birmingham Live as "the pride of the Midlands." Certainly my first tasting of desi ale was very positive!

The final speaker was beer writer and You Tuber, Johnny Garrett, presenting a new, modern British IPA co-created with London's Meantime Brewing Company. Specifically, the future of the world's most popular craft beer style could involve bringing it back closer to its British roots – which took hold in London before flourishing in Burton. The most alarming part of Johnny's presentation was about the crisis affecting UK hops. What are we doing about it? Not much! Just 53 hop farms are left now - only a few months ago it was 57. When farmers shut up shop they are not being replaced and, if and when they are, it takes years for the crop to mature.

American hops are taking over, basically due to the current trend in craft beers which have different styles and tastes. The danger is that if styles change again, as they always do, there will be nothing left to go back to and all of our IPAs will lose their characteristic taste.

A general discussion with questions and answers took place with the added benefit of more beer tasting. Those who wanted to carry on in similar terms went to the Coopers Tavern to continue with the delightful Allsopp's Ale and many more.



Group outside Carling House,  
Photo Credit: Mark Raven



Jamie Allsopp with plaque,  
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## National Brewery Centre (NBC) Update

Summary : All hopes dashed, the NBC closed on 30th October 2022.

Several years ago, East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) included the Molson Coors (MC) HQ in their plan as a redevelopment area. However at that time Molson Coors stated that they were perfectly happy and had no intention of leaving. That is, not until mid-2022 when they stated they would support ESBC plans for their site and leave to relocate in the main large NBC building. The suspicion was a stitch up between a large multinational and the council. One wonders in whose interest this has been, as both parties were happy! Certainly not the general public! The council leader is said to have stated that he would not have done the deal if he knew that MC were going to move into the NBC building! Evidence (allegedly) has been presented on Facebook that suggests he did know well before the deal was done. One day someone will write a book on this!!

We are now in the situation where the NBC is closed. The designated building (Bass House on High Street) which is to be turned into a museum, and is currently owned by MC, has

to be purchased and redeveloped by ESDC for £5.4m. The government will provide £1.1m from the Towns Fund and ESBC have applied for £20m from the levelling up fund. Will they get this money? Most towns and cities the length and breadth of the UK will have applied for funds as well. At best, it is possible that they will be successful. At worst, there's a greater chance of a Second Coming! What is plan B? There isn't one!

The big issue is to preserve everything - from the thousands of artefacts to vintage vehicles and even a railway locomotive. The shire horses have been taken to temporary accommodation. The massive Robey engine is at present homeless. All these and many, many more items must be stored correctly, intact and in the right conditions until the new premises are bought and prepared. This could take years and possibly could never happen!

Another factor is, who will run the new premises? How will it be funded? The NBC set itself up as an all-inclusive entertainment centre with the profits going to support the museum. Apart from the museum itself, the NBC had its own taproom bar with six real ale hand pulls, mainly from their own on-site

brewery, and several keg lines. There were two escape rooms, two function rooms, and a large marquee which regularly put on shows from bands to Christmas parties. The Worthington suite also accommodated smaller bands and regular comedy events as well as private parties and other events. A third location was used for weddings and other smaller events. All were generating money for the museum. Where will this come from in the future? What's the plan?



*The Roz Bruce Infusion at the Worthington Suite, National Brewery Centre*



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# PUBS, POLITICIANS AND BEER FESTIVALS

**Y**ou hardly ever see an MP in a pub hereabout these days, but here we recall some occasions when our elected representatives have been spotted.

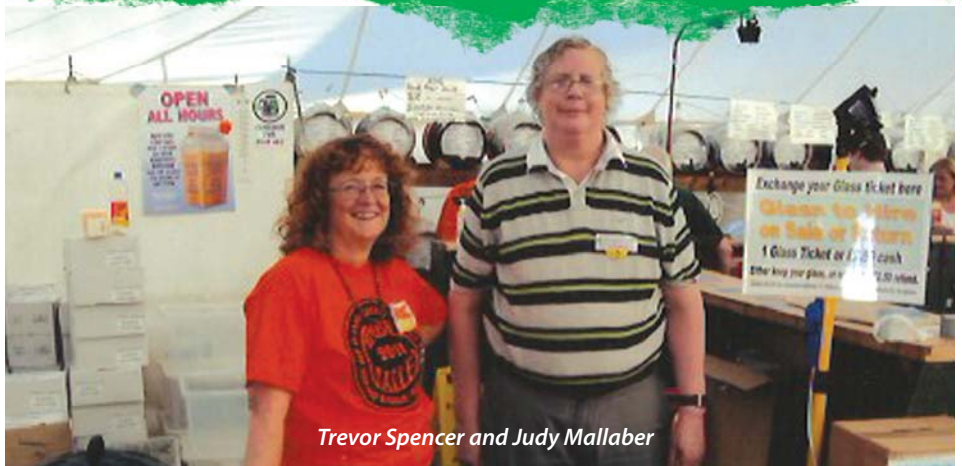
**1984** South Derbyshire Conservative MP, Edwina Currie, joined CAMRA at the Swad(lincote) Fest organised by Burton on Trent CAMRA.

**1986** Amber Valley Conservative MP, Phillip Oppenheim, joined CAMRA at the Alfreton Beer Festival organised by Derby CAMRA.

**1992** Derby North Labour MP, Bob Laxton, was seen enjoying a pint in the long-gone York Tavern, York Street, Derby.

**2005** Labour Defence Secretary and Ashfield MP, Geoff Hoon, patronised the Sandiacre Beer Festival organised by Erewash Valley CAMRA.

**2007** Mayor of Derby, Pauline Latham, opened the City Charter Beer Festival at the Assembly Rooms. Pauline is now Conservative MP for Mid Derbyshire.



Trevor Spencer and Judy Mallaber

**2010** Amber Valley Conservative MP, Nigel Mills, was present at the Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival debuting at Butterley Station. Long serving Derby South Labour MP, Margaret Beckett, visited the City Charter Beer Festival at the Assembly Rooms.

**2011** Ex-Amber Valley Labour MP Judy Mallaber, volunteered at the second Amber Valley CAMRA Butterley Station Festival. Judy

is pictured with former Amber Valley CAMRA Branch Secretary, Trevor Spencer & current Conservative Ripley Town Councillor.

**N.B.** The late Phillip Whitehead was a regular visitor to the opening of the City Charter Beer Festival.

He was Labour MP for Derby North 1970-83, and was later a MEP from 1994-2005.

## Inn Focus: Canal Inn, Bullbridge

**T**he Canal Inn was once owned by Hardy and Hanson (Kimberley) brewery and benefited from being close to Stevenson's huge dye works in Ambergate, which employed 1,400 people in the 1970s. Sadly, however, the demise of the British textile industry led to the closure of the works earlier this century.

In September, Moorwood Hotels reopened the Canal Inn after considerable modernisation and extension, incorporating swish en-suite accommodation. Smart, contemporary décor is the order of the day, but given the rich industrial history of the locality, the name is wisely unaltered.

The Grade 2 listed building was built in 1785 by industrialist, Richard Arkwright, and Cromford Canal references are present in the names of the four beers brewed by Dan Carr of the 14 Locks on-site brewery. Two from Bear Pit, Brickyard, Waterwheel and The Boater's Code always feature here and at sister pubs, The Hurt Arms



in Ambergate, Horse and Jockey in Wessington and the White Hart Inn in Moorwood Moor. You can read about the history behind the names of these beers, and two more real ales from longer established breweries also vie for attention.

I can attest to the quality of the food at the Canal Inn as the home-made steak and mushroom pie was satisfying, and Wednesday is pie and pint night for just £13.50. Food is served from Wednesday to Sunday. In summer, I expect the elevated back patio to be busy with drinkers and diners taking advantage of the sun, and there's a large car park although the Transpeak bus stops at the Hurt Arms, Ambergate, a mile away.

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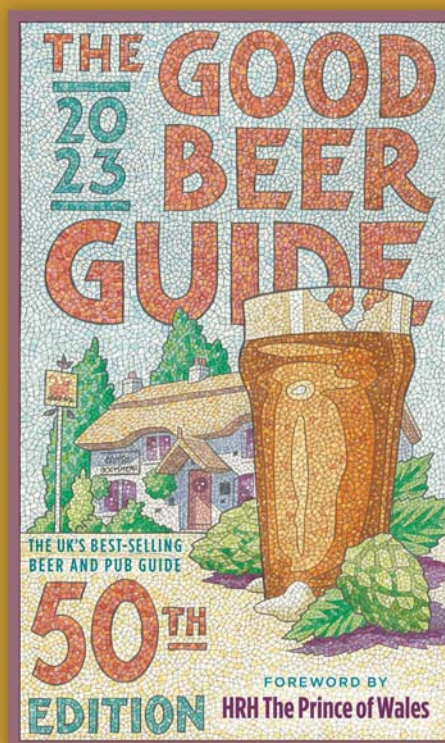
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