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Summer in the City

As Derby Pub Gardens
come into their own



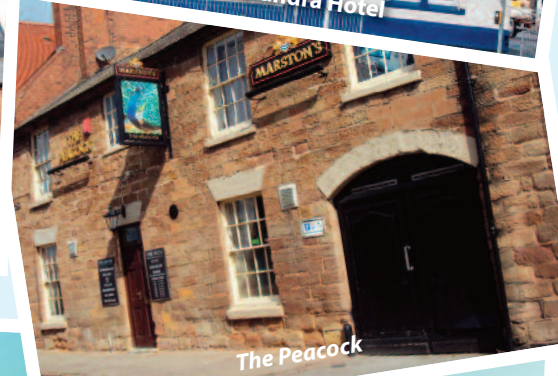
Ye Olde Dolphin



Brunswick Inn



Alexandra Hotel



The Peacock



The Flowerpot



Furnace Inn



Smithfield Alehouse

See inside for further details and other features



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REAL ALE



Derby CAMRA Branch

SUMMER OF PUB

CAMRA is running a campaign to get people back to the pub. We believe pubs are an integral part of our communities and want to help them flourish.

As part of the campaign, we will provide free advertising and promotional materials to pubs hosting celebratory events during the summer months. This could include anything from live music and beer festivals to quiz and open mic nights.

To find out more about the campaign, view/add events and order your free materials, please visit our website:

<https://camra.org.uk/pubs-and-clubs/current-campaigns/summer-of-pub/>

Derby CAMRA will be looking to put on local events to support pubs if you would like to volunteer contact us at: socials@derby.camra.org.uk

See diary below for our latest events.



DERBY DRINKER - THE FUTURE

A message from Derby CAMRA Chair

Dear reader, Derby Drinker is in need of urgent support, since lock down advert income has been greatly reduced and the Branch cannot carry on making losses on its publication.

This edition is greatly reduced in pagination, and we have regrettably had to decline our usual coverage of neighbouring branches.

If Derby Drinker is to continue, possibly in A5 format, more adverts are needed, whether from Pubs, Breweries or any other organisation supporting CAMRA. It has also been suggested that pubs not wishing to advertise may wish to make a donation regularly towards costs.

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Kevin Hepworth
Derby CAMRA Chair

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DerbyCAMRA Branch Diary

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

JULY

Fri 7th - Annual Beer Census - Around Derby Pubs - 7.30pm.

Wed 12th - Branch Meeting - Greyhound, Derby - 8pm.

Tue 18th - Social Evening - Papermill & White Horse, Derby - 8pm.

AUGUST

Wed 2nd - Great British Beer Festival Trip - London.

Thu 10th - Branch Meeting - TBC - 8pm.

SEPT

Thu 14th - Branch Meeting - TBC - 8pm.

Contact the Social Secretary, by email - socials@derby.camra.org.uk
(Check www.derby.camra.org.uk for all upcoming events)

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Derbyshire's Pubs of the Year 2023

Derbyshire North & South CAMRA Pubs of the Year winners have recently been announced. The Derbyshire North winner is the **Feather Star in Wirksworth** while Derbyshire South winner was the **Angels Micro Bar in Belper**. This is a high accolade indeed for both pubs to be crowned the best in Derbyshire and both will have certificate presentations to honour their achievement. The Feather Star's was as we went to press while the Angels is **Thursday 6th July at 8pm**. Please pop along if you are in the area. Both pubs will now go into the East Midlands round of judging with the result known in due course.

Annual Beer Census 2023 - Real Ale Capital Again?

Derby CAMRA recently held its Annual Beer Census around the pubs of Derby to count the total number of Real Ales available as well as the number of different ones available on any one given night. This has always resulted in Derby being declared the Country's Real Ale Capital. Results weren't known as we went to press but we'll report on them next time.

Summer Beer Festivals throughout the City

Summer is always a time when pubs and pubs gardens come into their own (see centre page article) with events such as Beer Festivals held throughout their premises.

Derby pubs are particularly good at this endeavour and here is a few we know about:-

Brunswick Inn (5-9 July), **Bar 189** in Allestree (20-23 July), **Smithfield Alehouse** (27-30 July), **Flowerpot & Furnace Inn** (24-28 August). Check out some of their adverts in this Issue for further details or their websites and social media pages. There maybe others as well not yet announced or not known to us as we went to press so look out for posters as you travel about town.

CAMRA Member Discounts on Real Ales

Did you know if you are a CAMRA member you can get a discount with your membership card in many pubs throughout the Country. Derby & Derbyshire pubs offer varying degree of discounts so it's always worth asking when you are at the bar. Derby CAMRA's website has the latest list of participating pubs www.derby.camra.org.uk/discount-scheme so please check it out.

Cheap bus travel to the Pub

If you are not already aware there is a National scheme in place where any single bus journey will only cost you £2. This is great for a day out and visiting pubs and breweries further afield in different towns and cities. From Derby you can travel to the likes of Chesterfield on the Comet or Leicester on the Skylink or Buxton on the Transpeak to name

but a few. The government backed scheme runs until **31st October** so why not get out & about and make the most of the scheme while it lasts.

Local CAMRA Branch Support

Derby Drinker is delivered throughout Derbyshire and beyond and it's down to a number of other CAMRA Branches that this is possible and we'd like to thank them all. Not just Derby & Ashbourne but Amber Valley who cover the Alfreton/Belper/Ripley areas, Erewash who cover the Heanor/Ilkeston/Long Eaton areas, Burton who cover the South Derbyshire area and Mansfield who cover the South Normanton area. If you live in any of these areas please give your local Branch some support by attending their meetings and socials, they'd love to see you. Check out their websites for details.

Great British Beer Festival

CAMRA's prestigious national event will run from **1-5th August in Olympia in London**. This is a showcase for some of the best beers on the planet both Real & Craft and the best selection of ciders & perries anywhere. With entertainment throughout and a multitude of different food stalls it's an event not to be missed. Various ticket packages are on offer both individual and group so if you want to experience one of the events of the year check out the website www.gbbf.org.uk



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Clubhouse



Creaky Floorboard



Dolphin



Five Lamps



Flowerpot

In 1982, Billy Idol had a minor hit with “Hot in the City”, and a year ago, during July 2022 the mercury rose to 35 degrees Celsius here in Derby. It remains to be seen whether we experience this extreme again, but we’re featuring in alphabetical order Derby pubs which offer sun seekers’ alfresco drinking.

Regular readers of Derby Drinker need no introduction to the Alexandra Hotel & Brunswick Inn. The **Alexandra** on Siddals Road has a rather unique garden extension into the car park next to a Class 37 locomotive cab which is nice experience for railway enthusiasts supping Castle Rock and ever changing guest beers. Meanwhile the **Brunswick Inn**, 1 Railway Terrace, is the current Derby CAMRA Cider and Perry Pub of the Year. This has two outside areas in which to imbibe its own brewed beers and myriad guests. Next to the brewhouse at the back is a small, walled patio – a real suntrap, whilst Calvert Street has permanent seating to relax on after work. Since reopening in 1987, the Brunswick has had few changes of licensee with the current incumbents being Alan Pickersgill, and Philippe Larroche who creates the culinary offering here.

The **Clubhouse**, Friar Gate, is Derby Brewing’s newest addition to the city, and you can choose from a number of rooms with different aesthetics. On the Ford Street elevation is a classy, walled garden picked out by fairy lights at night.

The **Creaky Floorboard** is easily missed when travelling along Kedleston Road, being an end of terrace dwelling, but it would be a mistake to ignore the virtues of a pub that’s established itself in the local community in less than five years. This was home to Jim and Josie Woodman for some 16 years before they had the brain-child of repurposing it, and now it feels like it’s always been a pub. Beautiful floor tiling in the entrance hall leads to two former living rooms off: through one is the former garage which leads to a delightful, small garden with stylish metal tables, chairs and a water feature. Expect to find Derby Brewing Nailed It alongside a quartet of changing hand-pulled beers. Not to be missed if you’re in the area.

The **Derby Brewing Tap House**, on a flat iron site in Derwent Street, was Derby Brewing’s first public house acquisition in 2008. Internally, unrecognisable from its previous incarnation, an outside area has been developed, above which is a roof level terrace, high above the pavement, and the pub offers a big selection of draught real ale together with craft keg and bottles. If you’re into your vinyl, then why not bring some along on a Racks and Tracks Sunday, when you can have your records played and take advantage of 10% off the beer racks (one third of a pint) between noon and 6pm.

In the city cathedral’s shadow is our oldest pub, the multi-roomed **Dolphin**, which has slaked the thirst of Derby’s denizens for nearly 500 years. Overlooking Full Street is a paved area where freshly prepared food can be washed down with the likes of Abbot, Draught Bass, Robinson’s and the tasty Dolphin Ale from Nottingham Brewery.

The recent addition of a large, glazed and enclosed seating area has taken the **Five Lamps**, Duffield Road, to a whole new level. Everard’s of Leicester have enlisted Dave Brown’s family, who skilfully transformed the Cross Keys, Holbrook, into the Dead Poets in 1997, to build on the excellent work of Graham Browett who retired after the pandemic. Old favourites such as Oakham Citra and Jaipur have innovative new brewers for company now at this Good Beer Guide regular.

The **Flowerpot**, King Street, has a roof terrace atop a lovely courtyard garden where a raised area acts as a stage on Sunday afternoons for musicians to play. Indeed, live music and real ale have been the hallmarks here since the mid 90s, and the privately owned, reimagined inn is transformational from the small Bass pub of yesteryear.

Another flourishing pub is the **Furnace**, Duke Street, under the tutelage of Pedro Menon who rescued it from closure a decade ago. An on-site brewery and a multitude of exciting guest beers, which occasionally include the acclaimed Welsh brewer Tiny Rebel, are good reason to pay the place a visit. Craft keg aficionados are catered for and a spacious rear patio is pleasingly free of canopies for sun seekers.

The City

The **Golden Eagle**, Agard Street, unmissable with a distinctive mural, has continued to draw the punters in, in the post Brian Collins era. Open plan inside with Castle Rock Harvest Pale and Titanic Plum Porter vying for attention with a trio of guest ales, you can cool off on a warm summer's evening out at the back and, maybe, grab a seat on the balcony.

Not far away is the 17th century **Greyhound**, Friar Gate, part of the Derby Brewing chain and one which has extensive outdoor drinking and dining facilities which include a balcony. The pub was acquired by Offiler's in the 1920s before being commandeered by Bass and, inevitably, concessions have been made to modernity. Today, Nottingham Road brewed beers share bar space with a couple of guest beers.

Further out, up Ashbourne Road, sits the Georgian House Hotel, a wing of which is the quirky and characterful **Mr Grundy's**, paying homage to a former resident who fought in World War One. A large garden featuring a weeping willow is ideal for taking in a few rays whilst partaking of World War One themed beers brewed in Little Eaton, and a meal selected from an enticing looking menu.

The **Peacock** was once a coaching inn on Nottingham Road and this area was a real traffic bottleneck prior to the construction of the inner ring road in the early 1970s. Roger and Penny Myring ran the Peacock for over a decade before retiring to the north east, and today you'll find a trio of Hartshorn beers, which were brewed barely a mile away on Alfreton Road but now new premises are being sought. These are competing with Draught Bass and Pedigree. Our photograph shows drinkers relaxing on a Sunday afternoon.

Those seeking respite after shopping at the Derbion should look no further than the **Royal Telegraph** across the road. Chris and Tammy Cox are the custodians of the 1930s corner house, offering not only good food but draught beer from the Marston's empire too. The garden at the rear is attractively designed and is a quiet haven away from the aptly named Traffic Street at the front.



Standing Order

The **Seven Stars**, King Street, is one of our oldest haunts, built in 1680, and despite ceding most of its big back yard to the pitching of Quaker Way, clever use has been made of a compact area which rightly claims to be a modern sun-trap terrace. "Cosy" best describes the interior where you'll find three or four well-kept real ales.

Not for the first time, Martin Roper and the Secret Dining Kitchen have rescued a Derby pub from closure with the **Silk Mill**, Full Street, thriving again. Dancing Duck beers feature and the culinary offering for which Martin's pubs have become renowned are drawing folk in. Sit outside beneath the mural depicting the Silk Mill lockout and watch the world go by.

If, however, you wish to be in the shade, then look no further than the **Smithfield Ale House** on Meadow Road opposite the bus depot. Idyllically situated by the river, uncertainty surrounding its future ceased in 2017 when Westminster Building Company bought it, turned the upper floor into its head office, and installed Ben Miller and Emily Bowler as licensees. Remarkably, five consecutive Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year titles ensued, predicated on it being a virtually permanent beer festival. The riverside terrace has a canopy giving protection from the sun.

The extension of the **Standing Order**, Iron Gate, has to a degree compensated for the closure of the Thomas Leaper next door. Derby's first Wetherspoon's house is an architectural delight and has had a fabulous garden with pergola added, giving a whole new dimension to the former bank building.

The **Victoria**, Midland Place, won the prestigious Winter Ale Trail, and outside at the back is a little-known patio, perfect for relaxing with a Leatherbritches' beer or a guest ale. John and Emma have really revitalised the pub with a full roster of bands performing live. Similarly, next door, the **Merry Widows** has a "secret garden."

All of this shows that there is plenty of choice here in Derby, not just of real ale, but also of pleasant outdoor spaces in which to enjoy it.

Paul Gibson



Smithfield



Mr Grundy's



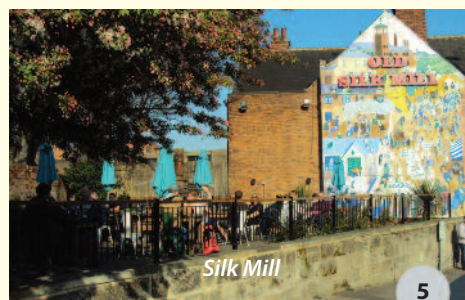
Peacock



Royal Telegraph



Seven Stars



Silk Mill



Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

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Annual General Meeting

The branch AGM was held at the end of May at Smith's Tavern, attended by a healthy proportion of our very small membership, which does now stand at just 70. Chairman, Dave Etheridge, and Secretary, Mark Grist, were both unanimously re-elected to their positions for the year ahead. Members were advised that we retain hopes of getting the beer and cider festival going again in 2024, but that new hands would be needed if we are to achieve it.

Spring Pub of the Season

The Chairman and Secretary presented the Pavilion in Ashbourne with their certificate for the Spring Pub of the Season, a well-deserved accolade for a venue fast becoming a busy hub of the town.

CAMRA East Midlands Cider Pub of the Year

We are delighted to report that Hannah and Kevin at the Red Lion at Kniveton have been awarded the East Midlands Regional Cider Pub of the Year award and now go forward to the National judging selection process. Huge congratulations to them and we wish them the very best of luck in the next stages. The certificate presentation took place on Sunday 11th June, well attended by members.



Diary Dates

(subject to changes)

Tuesday 25th July

Branch Meeting - The Old Dog, Thorpe - 8pm.

Tuesday 29th August

Branch Meeting - TBC - 8pm.

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I paid my first visit to the Pattenmakers, Crown Street, Duffield, following an expensive reimagining of the Edwardian side-street hostelry which replaced an earlier stone-built pub. Notable licensees here in the 21st century include Nigel Barker and the late Clare Muldoon.

I was greeted by the manager, Silvio Bross, who gave me a guided tour, and I was pleased to see the temptation to knock through interior walls has been resisted. The main bar area has impressive wooden wall panelling

above deep-buttoned banquettes and decorative floor tiling. The stained, leaded windows have wisely been retained and a sports TV screen lends a pubby feel. The quieter room behind the bar still has the original fireplace with its features highlighted in colourful paint.

The brand-new ground floor extension has eye-catching wall paper and all of the tables are set for dining. At first floor level, in a room that hosted CAMRA Branch meetings in the past, another restaurant area has been developed which is stylish and swish.

Outside, is a walled sun-trap patio to while away some time on a sunny summer afternoon. Chef, Ben Peverall, is keen to emphasise the pub's dining credentials with local butcher, Anthony Andrews, as supplier, but traditional beer drinkers haven't been forgotten with Draught Bass, Pedigree and a 3.6% abv house beer, Patten Ale, available at a very reasonable £3.80 a pint.

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Paul Gibson



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