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Ashbourne CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2026

Ashbourne Town Hall

**Thursday 27th -
Saturday 29th August**



Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival 2026

Derby Market Hall

Wednesday 14th - Saturday 17th October

Further details inside plus loads, loads, more ▶▶▶▶



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Welcome

Hello & welcome to *Derby Drinker* the magazine of the Derby Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale which is produced five times a year and is distributed all over Derbyshire and beyond.

We hope you enjoy reading it and if you have any comments or opinions please e-mail the Editor with your observations. We would also like to hear from you if you have any news, articles, photos or details of events that might be happening throughout the area as we'd love to promote anything we weren't aware of. Just drop us a line to **derbydrinker@derby.camra.org.uk**

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We often get asked about the exact area that Derby CAMRA covers, well it is quite extensive and includes the following:- **All of Derby City, Aston-on-Trent, Duffield, Coxbench, Melbourne, Ockbrook, Repton, Shardlow, Ticknall, Weston-on-Trent and Willington.**

We also have a **Sub-Branch** which covers the **Ashbourne** area and they have a regular page of news and features within *Derby Drinker* so check out the updates from that Branch there or take a look at their website

<https://www.facebook.com/AshbourneCAMRA/>

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 and Derby CAMRA's website has the latest list of participating pubs **www.derby.camra.org.uk/discount-scheme** so please check it out.

And if you would like your pub to join the scheme and get some free publicity through our website and social media outlets then please contact the Pubs Officer - **pubsofficer@derby.camra.org.uk**



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Derby CAMRA Branch

Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival Returns

Derby CAMRA's Heritage Beer Festival is back in a new venue from **Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th October 2026** after moving from one heritage building at the Museum of Making to another heritage building at Derby Market Hall.

The historic, re-vamped Market Hall is celebrating its 160th birthday this year so it seems an appropriate time to join in their Birthday celebrations at this magnificent Victorian building with its spectacular barrel-vaulted, cast-iron roof structure. The Beer Festival itself will take place in the central trading area where the stillage will be installed containing over 100 different beers and ciders. Craft keg & bottled beers will also be available. The existing traders in the Market Hall will remain open providing a diverse range of stalls including food outlets to compliment the Beer Festival. And entertainment will also feature heavily throughout to provide an atmospheric backdrop for this popular event.

So, we do hope as many of you as possible can make it and you can purchase tickets in advance online from Tckty or follow the QR code. Alternatively, you can visit the Derby Live sales and information centre located at 19 Chapel St, Derby. DE1 3GU. Or the Derby Live desk in the Derby Market Hall. You can also pay on the day subject to capacity limits.

Further details are on this page, but you can keep up to date with the latest info on the Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival Facebook page.

Dates, Times & Entry Price

14th Oct - 5-10pm, 15th-17th Oct - 12-10pm.
Tickets - £9 (including £3 refundable glass). Free entry for CAMRA members.

Location, Access & Directions

Market Hall, Tenant St, Derby. DE1 2DB. There are 3 entrances to the Market Hall, 1 off the Market Place, 1 off Corn Market and 1 off Osnabruck Square on Albert St. If arriving by train, it's approximately a 16-minute walk or you can catch a bus to the bus station. From the Bus Station it's approximately a 3-minute walk.

Entertainment

Wed Evening – Skarantinos, Thu Evening – To be confirmed, Fri Evening – The Newcranes, Sat Evening – To be confirmed. For further info or if you would like to play at the festival contact Gareth Stead at festival.ents@derby.camra.org.uk

Trade Session

There will be a Trade Session on Wednesday 14th October from 2pm till 5pm. If you are in the trade then please contact the Festival Sponsorship Secretary, Steve Cooper with your name, pub, brewery details etc at pocketcooper@btinternet.com to obtain your tickets.



Derby CAMRA Branch Diary

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

AUGUST

Fri 7th – ABC crawl around Derby – 7pm.

Thu 13th – Branch Meeting – Tiger Bar, Derby – 8pm.

Wed 19th – Social – Victoria Inn, Derby – 8pm.

Fri 28th – Social – Exeter Arms, Derby – 12pm.

SEPTEMBER

Thu 10th – Branch Meeting – Venue TBC – 8pm.

Sat 12th – Derby Pride – Markeaton Park.

OCTOBER

Thu 8th – Branch Meeting – Venue TBC – 8pm.

Contact the Social Secretary, by email -
socials@derby.camra.org.uk

(Check www.derby.camra.org.uk for all upcoming events)

Upcoming Nearby CAMRA Beer Festivals

Summertime tends to see an increase in CAMRA supported Beer Festivals with the nearby ones listed below. And remember, if you are a CAMRA member then most CAMRA Beer Festivals now offer free entry.

Worcester - 13-15 Aug – Racecourse.

Peterborough - 25-29 Aug – Embankment.

Crewe - 4-6 Sept – Heritage Centre.

Tamworth - 10-12 Sep – Assembly Rooms.

York - 16-19 Sep – St Lawrence Church.

Shrewsbury - 23-26 Sep – St Mary Church.

Free Entry to CAMRA Beer Festivals

From 2026 CAMRA members will get free entry to all Beer Festivals that are organised by CAMRA. This won't apply to Beer Festivals that are jointly organised with another party though. But remember to check out the Festival's website first as there will be different arrangements for entry to each Festival. So, even more of an incentive to join as you get thirty pounds of 50p off beer vouchers every year as well and also some discounts at pubs too. You can join online at camra.org.uk/join or in person at most CAMRA events, just look at for the CAMRA stand.

Derby Beer Girls' Social Gatherings

This is a monthly meeting group for *all* women who want to sip and chat together once a month. You don't *have* to be a CAMRA Member to come along. You don't have to drink beer (or cider even). You just have to enjoy having some space to meet with other

women while supporting the pubs of Derby. Our next gathering is listed below:-

Tue 18th Aug - Hole in the Wall, Mickleover - 7.30pm.

Other Local Beer Festivals

Derby Drinker is delighted to promote the following events and you'll see their adverts listed in this or previous issues. To get your Beer Festival listed here you will need to take an advert out with us.

Parfest - 14-15 Aug - Parwich RBL.

Furnace Inn - 26-30 Aug – Derby.

Potfest - 27-31 Aug – Flowerpot, Derby.

Cricket Club - 24-27 Sep – Marehay.

Brunswick Inn - 30 Sep-3 Oct – Derby.

A vibrant green poster for the Ashbourne Beer & Cider Festival 2026. At the top, the CAMRA logo is visible. The main title 'ASHBOURNE BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL' is prominently displayed in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below the title, a banner indicates the 10th anniversary in 2026, flanked by a glass of beer and an apple. The poster highlights '30 CASK ALES' and '10 CIDERS'. The event is held at Ashbourne Town Hall from Thursday 27th August to Saturday 29th August. Specific times are listed for each day: 6PM-10PM on Thursday, and 12PM-10PM on Friday and Saturday. Activities include Gin Bar (Friday & Saturday), Whisky Tasting, Beer Tasting, and soft drinks & snacks. A QR code is provided for scanning. Accessibility information states there are two flights of stairs and no disabled facilities. The bottom of the poster features the slogan 'RAISING A GLASS TO ASHBOURNE' with star icons.

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ASHBOURNE BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

10TH 2026

30 CASK ALES **10 CIDERS**

ASHBOURNE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY 27 TH AUGUST	FRIDAY 28 TH AUGUST	SATURDAY 29 TH AUGUST
6PM – 10PM	12PM – 10PM	12PM – 10PM

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Ashbourne & District CAMRA Branch

Contact Mark Grist m.grist2@sky.com

Ashbourne Beer Festival

It's Beer & Cider Festival time in Ashbourne, come along and celebrate our 10th festival at the Town Hall on Thursday 27th August starting at 6pm, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th 12 noon, tickets available via our Facebook page or Tckty on the CAMRA web site. On Thursday evening there is a whisky tasting by Wire Works and on Saturday there is a Beer taste introduction by Simon Ardron. Simon is a CAMRA trainer and Great Beer of Britain Judge, learn more than what it says on the label. Tickets for both soft these events need to be purchased in advance and are available via Tckty.

So what else has been going on:-

CAMRA Derbyshire Club of the Year

Congratulations to Alan and all his team on winning the 2026 CAMRA Derbyshire Club of the Year. They will now go forward to the East Midlands Regional round of judging. Always 3 real local ales on and a great supporter of CAMRA and its aims. The annual Parfest beer festival is on the 14th 15th & 16th August, so get along to the **Parwich Royal British Legion**, all welcome.



CAMRA East Midlands Cider Pub Of The Year



A huge congratulations to Kevin and Hannah at the **Red Lion at Kniveton** on winning the CAMRA East Midlands Cider Pub Of The Year for the 4th year. This is a massive achievement for them. Owing to their involvement in the business as cider makers, Kevin and Hannah's knowledge of and dedication to real cider and perry and their associated promotion of CAMRA's aims means they really do stand apart from the competition.

Today's presentation was by Julie Powell, EM Regional Cider Co-Ordinator and Graham Burke, Ashbourne & District Chair. They will now go through to the joint regions of East Midlands, West Midlands and Wales to be judged.

Branch Diary

(subject to changes)

Tue 25th Aug - Branch Meeting - Royal Oak, Wetton - 8pm.

27-29 Aug - Ashbourne Beer Festival - Town Hall - 8pm.

Tue 29th Sep - Branch Meeting - Crown, Marston Montgomery - 8pm.



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Derbyshire Pub News

Things are constantly changing on the pub scene, so it is nice to catch up on everything we know about in our area. You may already be aware of some of this information but other things you might have missed so we recap here.....

And we start with some news from Derby first: -

Ashover Brewing Co have opened a bar called **The Tannery** in the old Carnivore steakhouse on Sadler Gate (see Inn Focus article in this issue).

Buxton Brewery have taken over the old Vines place on Sadler Gate with a bar called **Dukes**.

The **Oast House** on Sinfin Lane has closed for refurbishment and will re-open as a new **Wetherspoons** establishment.

A **new micropub** is planned in **Allestree** in a former fireplace showroom on Duffield Road. The Hoptimist group are behind the venture.

The **Lodge** in **Alvaston** which was refurbished by owners Greene King has a selection of cask ales on and offers a CAMRA discount.

R&R's sportsbar in **Chellaston** has closed and is for sale.

There is still no date yet for the opening of a new venue in **Mickleover** called **The Yard**.

The **Kings Head** in **Duffield** is open again after refurbishment.

The **Greyhound** in **Cromford** is undergoing an eight-week refurbishment by Admiral Tavern with no date yet given for opening.

The **Drunken Dog** micropub has opened on **Heanor** Market Place.

The **Swan Inn** at **Milton** is up for sale but remains open.



The **Staff of Life** in **Ticknall** has been sold but remains open.

The **King Alfred** in **Alfreton** has re-opened after refurbishment by Star Pubs.

The **Cock Inn** at **Mugginton** which was sold to the Seven Hospitality Group has been undergoing refurbishment and should be open soon.

The **Tavern** in **Tansley** has closed with its future uncertain.

The **Ladybower Inn** near **Bamford** is open again after refurbishment earlier this year.

And finally, **Hope Valley Tap & Bottle** in **Hope** is now open on a permanent basis with a seating area to enjoy a drink onsite.

Derby Drinker would like to thank other local newsletters and CAMRA members for these updates, but the usual disclaimer applies to the info provided.

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Let the Indigo take you from Derby

Part 1 - Derbyshire

The modern, comfortable TrentBarton Indigo bus departs from Derby bus station at 20-minute intervals during the daytime, taking passengers to Nottingham and visiting some fine pubs along the way.

Our first port of call is Chaddesden Lane End where the **Toby Carvery** awaits which is a handsome, Brewer's Tudor style family eaterie serving Doom Bar, Pedigree and a changing guest beer. It's open fully fifteen hours a day, thus it's always available to slake your thirst. Just across the road is the Good Beer Guide listed **Happy Place**, a former coffee shop which has been converted into a modern bar selling Draught Bass and three changing guest beers including a dark ale. Unusually for a micro pub, it has a decent sized outside seating area at the rear.

Back onto the Indigo and the **Nag's Head**, Borrowwash, is our next destination. Friendly licensee, Alan, has been here serving the local community by being open all day, every day, for nearly 5 years. The comfortable and cosy, beamed lounge with much Borrowwash Golf Society memorabilia was busy when I called, with Alan his characteristic, cheery self. There's a larger, wooden floored bar where you can watch the latter stages of the World Cup whilst trying Directors, Pedigree and Hobgoblin Gold.

Alighting in Draycott, **The Hoptmist** on the corner of Victoria Road and Victoria Avenue, is our next destination and the corner house is the sister pub of the successful Hoptmist, Spondon. When I visited, Shiny, Burton Bridge and Black Iris vied for attention and on Tuesdays £14 will buy you a pizza and a pint. American, Greg Maskalick, the then Derby CAMRA Chair opened the premises pre-pandemic as the Draycott Tap and Greg is the Mayor of Erewash now. Closed Mondays. Across the road is the striking **Victoria** with a bar on the right and a lovely, low ceilinged, beamed lounge on the left with comfortable banquette seating. CAMRA discount is offered on Wye Valley HPA, Old Speckled Hen and Doom Bar which can be enjoyed outside on grassed/gravelled areas enhanced by pretty floral displays. A little further along the main road is the **Coach and Horses** where the right-hand bar has a pool table and the lounge on the left has been extended, opening out into a very pleasant block paved patio picked out by fairy lights at night. The pub held a beer festival at the end of June but generally you'll find Wye Valley HPA and Doom Bar complemented by changing guests which were Mad Goose, Purity, and Tim Taylor's, Boltmaker. If you're into live music, then there's an impromptu jam night on the last Tuesday of every month. Carry on past the magnificent Victoria Mill (now flats), and the delightfully designed **Olympic** hoves into view. Its architectural appearance is suggestive of being contemporaneous with the first modern Olympic games held in 1896, and Robinson's, Dizzy Blonde



Toby Carvery



Happy Place



Nag's Head



The Hoptmist



Victoria



Coach and Horses



Olympic

by to Notts to visit some fine Pubs

and Taylor's, Landlord can be consumed in quirkily configured rooms. The former, nearby but long-gone railway station is featured on one of several time-piece photographs and the astro turfed garden is ideal for children to play safely.

Heading into desirable Breaston, our first stop is the bustling **Chequers**, opposite the church, which has a commodious bar and smaller lounge with leaded windows and classic wooden wall panelling lending an authentic olde-worlde ambience. Theakston's Lightfoot, Fuller's London Pride and Pedigree were the beers of choice. Like the Olympic, this also had an astro-turfed sun-trap garden complete with climbing frame and swing for children. Not far away, towards Long Eaton is the **Bull's Head** dining pub, much extended from its original self. It serves Wainwright Gold and Pedigree which on a Monday is £2.80 a pint and £2.75 for a half! Unsurprisingly I opted for a pint of Pedigree which was good and the food menu is wide ranging.

Alighting from the Indigo in Derby Road, Long Eaton, the newly established **Looking Glass** wasn't open but here is a quote from the CAMRA website: "Opened April 2026, this micro pub is inspired by *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll. A spacious, single roomed, glass fronted premises. A mixture of seating, includes a comfy sofa. Ripped pages, from the aforementioned book, decorating the walls, provide a calm and relaxed drinking environment. There are up to five gravity fed cask ales on the bar

including selections from Wilsons of Warslow microbrewery. These are brewed by the licensee's father. Normally a range of all beer types on offer. Canned craft beers, wine, prosecco, spirits, soft drinks and hot drinks are also on sale. Beer reduced to £3 pint after 6pm on Sundays. Last orders are 10.30pm".

In the town centre, close to The Green bus stop, is the friendly, Grade 2 listed **York Chambers**, formerly a bank but now a cracking micro pub boasting a fabulous Art Nouveau façade. High ceilinged, myriad beer mats attest to the gargantuan selection of ales sold in the recent past. When I called 4T, Session IPA; Little Critters, Spot on; Front Row, Prop's apprentice; Little Critter, Slojam and Tower Brewery, Ale to the King were brought from the stillage. The latter is a nod to King Charles's visit to the Burton brewery a year or two ago. Reluctantly leaving the York, I reflected on the sad loss of the Hole in the Wall as I walked past Regent Street, but undeterred, I carried on to High Street where the grandly named **Rowells Drinking Emporium** awaited. Good Beer Guide listed, it's named in deference to the long-established draper's shop which it occupies and retains some artefacts, adding charm to a deep interior. I could choose from the following: Riverhead Brewery, Blakeley Pale; Acorn, Hazelnut Porter; Nethergate, Sufflok County Best; Dartmoor, Legend (rare in this area) and that old favourite Oakham Citra. These are changing all of the time.

There are, of course, other pubs and bars in the town but space precludes their inclusion here. **The**

Indigo runs late into the evening making Long Eaton and places en-route easily accessible.

Join us for Part 2 in Notts in the next issue.

Paul Gibson



Chequers



Bull's Head



Looking Glass



York Chambers



Rowells Drinking Emporium

Remembering DBA with Reverence

50 years ago in 1976, Derby was twinned with the German city of Osnabruck; Rams' defenders, Roy McFarland and Colin Todd, were pulling on England shirts; and Derbyshire all-rounder, Geoff Miller, debuted for England in a scorching summer. Two Burton beers, Marston's Pedigree and Draught Bass were popular but they were soon to have a new Burton-brewed rival, Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale.

After its launch in May of that year at the Roebuck, Burton on Trent, the full bodied, dry hopped, bitter-sweet DBA (4.8% abv) was distributed to 600 pubs tied to the Ind Coope brewery in Romford, Essex. In the autumn of '76 it was announced that 250 pubs in the East



Midlands, including Derby, would stock DBA, some of which hadn't sold cask beer for years. It had a recommended public bar price of 31p, dearer than its competitors.



In 1978, 4 in 10 of the Derby pubs listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide served DBA, indicative of its quality, but sadly six of them have subsequently closed.

In the 1980s, The Spa Inn, Abbey Street, run by Pete and Margaret Frame, shifted eight 18-gallon casks a week making it one of the highest barrelages of DBA in Britain. The pub still trades today. During this decade, the White Horse on the Morledge, run by the genial John Barnes, was a fixture in the Good Beer Guide and John belonged to the Guild of Master Cellarmen, a scheme introduced by Ind Coope in 1985. The scheme recognised those licensees maintaining high standards of cellarmanship, a forerunner of

Cask Marque if you like. Help, however, was at hand for those licensees who required advice in cellaring skills. The commerciality of DBA was evident in "The Burton Club" which enabled devotees to buy dedicated merchandise such as etched pint glasses.

DBA underwent some subtle changes over the years but won CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain in 1990, the only beer from the "Big Six" to win this award.

The last great pint I had was from a new cask put on by Phil Ashley (ex-Wardwick Tavern) in the Broadway, Derby, in 1995, and much to the chagrin of employees, the Ind Coope brewery closed in 1999. Tetley (Leeds) and Lees

(Manchester) weren't alone in struggling to replicate the unique flavour of DBA, confirming that provenance in brewing is important.

In 2015, former Allied Breweries' employees Bruce Wilkinson and the late Geoff Mumford, of Burton Bridge brewery, had the brainchild of brewing DBA, sourcing ingredients to match Ind Coope's recipe. A group of local, long-standing CAMRA members, namely John Arguile, Les Baynton and Dave Evans, collectively known as the Beer Lovers, were aware of the beer's legendary status, duly locating pubs in Derby, Birmingham and Sheffield to stock Burton Bridge DBA.

For me, though, there will only ever be one DBA – the original.

Paul Gibson

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World Cup Wanderings - Time For a Swift One

Continuing a theme started in 2012, it was time for a tournament football shirt walk and ale day (aka stumble) in the countryside. Any kind of football shirt was welcome, however anything red from the city of Nottingham, was of course, actively discouraged!

The Swift bus between Ashbourne and Derby runs every half an hour during the day, and every hour in the evening, making it perfect for a day out walking and quaffing some ale in the lovely country pubs along the way. Getting off the bus at Yeldersely, there



is a walk of a mile or so across the fields to the first stop; the picturesque village of Osmaston. Sadly the duck pond is no longer full of water and thus not housing ducks at the moment, but with its

thatched cottages this pretty village is always enjoyable to wander around. There is The **Shoulder of Mutton** pub too of course, which was our first stop. There has been a pub here for around 250 years; the



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earliest known record of a pub on the site dating back to 1783. The current owners have been here for the last 30. On handpump were Bass, Pedigree, and a guest American Pale called Oligo Punk from Hollow Stone Brewing co in Basford. We enjoyed sampling these in the garden before walking along the bridleway through Osmaston Park to Shirley. Along the way you pass an old waterwheel and lake, before a steep climb through the woods. After a while on a flatter section, we arrived in Shirley village and The **Saracens Head**. This pub was founded in 1791, so closely matches that of it's near neighbour in Osmaston. Timothy Taylors landlord and Blue Monkey BG Sips were



being served, and Brunswick White Feather was soon to be added. The ale was on fine form, as we again sat outside and enjoyed the summer weather.



Next, another couple of miles, walking on paths and small, quite lanes to the village of Hollington and The **Red Lion**, home of the pie menu - have a google! Here we drank Bass and another American Pale, this time from Wilson's of Warslow, again taking advantage of the beer garden.

At this point, it's worth stating how refreshing it was to see these three independent pubs all having guest ales from small/medium local breweries

- Hollow Stone, Blue Monkey, Brunswick, Wilsons - as well as the more 'established' ales from the larger breweries. The food on offer in each pub also looked very good, and whilst this was an ale day, the writer will be returning for food at some point, and hopefully will be driven, such that more fine ale can be consumed.

The final stop, after another very pleasant couple of miles of footpaths across the fields, was The **Rose and Crown** at Brailsford. This is a Marstons pub, where a pint of two of Pedigree completed a splendid day out, before jumping back on the Swift bus which stops right outside the pub.

Tim Mackervoy



AmberValley CAMRA Branch



Derbyshire CAMRA Branches

Derbyshire is covered by a number of different CAMRA Branches 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 or facebook pages for details or see diary dates:-

Good Beer Guide 2027

Coming soon the brand new edition of CAMRA's best selling Good Beer Guide.

It will feature all of Derbyshire's best pubs as well as those from all over the Country and a brewery section featuring all of Derbyshire's breweries. It will be out late September and copies will be available to buy around the area's Pubs as well as online and at various bookshops. Don't miss out, you can pre-order your copy now on CAMRA's website.



Amber Valley

Sat 22nd Aug - Social – Beeston.

Sat 26th Sep - Social - Matlock.

Tue 29th Sep - Branch Meeting - Venue TBC - 8pm.

Belper Beer Census

Our annual Beer Census of the Belper area took place at the beginning of August and we will publish the results in the next issue. Thanks to all those that took part this year.

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Home Brewers' Competition at Melbourne Produce Show

Beer lovers and budding brewers are being invited to put their creations to the test in a Homebrew Beer Competition at this year's Melbourne Produce Show, taking place at Melbourne Parish Church on Saturday, 5th September.

The competition features two classes: Light Beers (including ales and lagers) and Dark Beers (such as milds, stouts and porters). Brewers may enter up to three beers in each category, giving them the chance to showcase the full range of their brewing skills. Entry costs just 50p per bottle, with all proceeds going to charity. Competition entries can be delivered to the Produce Show on the morning of the event (8:30 to 10:30) or dropped off in advance at the Spirit Vaults pub on 1st September.

Whether you're an experienced home brewer or trying your hand at your first batch, organisers are encouraging local people to take part and celebrate the popularity of homebrewing. For more information, please email

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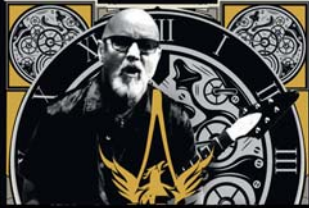
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Ever since the Assembly Rooms closed in 2014, the Cathedral Quarter's economy has taken a hit, although the new Vaillant Arena is aiding a recovery. Another venue that will positively impact the area is The Tannery, Sadler Gate, which opened in June.

The former Carnivore restaurant has been tastefully stripped back on three levels by Ashover Brew Co who, aided by a grant from Derby City Council, have a three-year lease with an option to extend. The place's antiquity lends a certain ambience and Chris Sherratt is the manager, serving 4/5 Ashover beers, including a 6.0% abv stout,

brewed by Janine Shorrock, which complement a brace of changing guests. The informative electronic screen aids selection but if you're uncertain what to drink, you can order a paddle, and on Wednesdays cask beers (only) are £3 a pint. Better still, CAMRA members receive 10% discount when presenting their card. I can vouch for the quality of the Owen Taylor Huntsmen pies and The Tannery opens from noon each day until late into the evening, except Monday and Tuesday when it's closed. A cordoned off area at the front of the Georgian building is a great spot to watch the world go by. Ashover Brew Co is ambitious

and is seeking to open further outlets in Clay Cross, Lincoln and York.

Buxton Brewery is reopening and renaming the once popular premises known as Vines wine bar as **Dukes**, also on Sadler Gate, and with the much-loved neighbour the Old Bell Hotel on the historic street, let's hope they and the Bustler Market once again make Sadler Gate thrive.

Local author, Roger Smith, has published a book "Sadler Gate" which reflects on its vibrant shops and bars over the past 60 years. It's available from Poynton's in the Derbion Centre.

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