



Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003



Welcome

As this newsletter is written, the Covid threat is still real and we are still restricted in our movement. Most importantly the pubs are still shut. The latest hope is that some may start to open on the 4th July. The Derby (Stay)Inn is still open on Zoom every Wednesday and the newsletter is still being produced to keep you entertained and thinking about Real Ale, Real Cider and Real Perry. The branch member's publication, Mild and Bitter, is still continuing.

This is the third issue which will be available from the website and distributed using the usual social media channels and also via email. Feedback, constructive or otherwise, should be sent to chairman@derby.camra.org.uk
Happy drinking and stay safe!

Real Ale, Real Cider and Perry Availability

The most important issue for most readers is the availability of our favourite drinks during the lockdown period. Of course, Brew2You lists many establishments, but to give a more personalised touch here are what is believed to be available either in the Derby area or delivering to Derby. Checkout the Derby CAMRA website for more details and links on the Pulling Together page.

Breweries

Dancing Duck, Littleover, Leatherbritches and Muirhouse.

Pubs

- Allestree: No189
- Derby: Brunswick Inn, Creaky Floorboards, Furnace Inn
- Melbourne: Harpers.
- Mickleover: Hole in the Wall and Mickleover Sports Club.
- Ockbrook: Cross Keys
- Repton: Bulls Head.
- Willington: Dragon.

Others near Derby CAMRA's area are: Brickmakers at Newton Solney, Draycott Tap at Draycott, Burnt Pig in Ilkeston and Holy Bush Inn at Makeney.

If have more information please send it to pubsofficer@derby.camra.org.uk.

Nationally CAMRA have also set up the Brew2You app for Apple, Android and standard web platforms.



Brew2You is free to download and allows people to access a list of supplies nationally who are active during the lockdown. Suppliers can join as a Partner (for a one off £2 fee) to allow their services to get publicised.

Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003

Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival Cancelled Until 2021

By Greg Maskalick and Mark Fletcher

The Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival 2020 completely been scrubbed from this year's calendar. The organisers originally postponed the annual May event and were hoping to run it in August. However, they have just announced that it seems very unlikely that government guidance will allow for large crowds to be able to gather in August. Barrow Hill is a former railway depot near Chesterfield and was famous for being the last operational roundhouse in the country. People familiar with Derby's own roundhouse and venue of the Derby Beer Festival, will see the similarities though the building at Barrow Hill is of course square! For the non-railway minded of you, a roundhouse is a depot based around a turntable and popular in the days of steam when locomotives were principally design to go in one direction. The Barrow Hill Festival normally features a demonstration of the turntable. The normal entertainment and food delights we all associate with beer festivals is supplemented by train rides making this a special event.

On a brighter note the organisers have decided to make the May 20201 a massive occasion and tickets will be on sale from December 2020. Just follow the link below for more information because there are local Derby pubs where you can purchase your ticket.

<https://railalefestival.com/tickets.html>

Website

Almost all Derby Drinkers have now been sourced and these are being scanned and loaded onto our website on the Derby Drinker page. A number of erly editions from 1988 and 1989 have recently been uploaded – see the article below. The menus have also been updated to try and make the whole site easier to navigate. Fans of the RuRAD newsletter (Rural Real Ale Drinkers), which is still being produced, can now find copies at the Loughborough and North Leicestershire CAMRA site. A link is provided from the Derby CAMRA Newsletter page.

The Pulling Together / Covid-19 page, which can be access from the home page or articles menu, has again been updated with information of ideas to help re-opening that Derby CAMRA have been made aware of.

We will endeavour to keep this as up to date as possible but if you have any information please send this to: pubsofficer@derby.camra.org.uk or text on 07712 669581.

Derby Drinking in 1989

Looking through the Derby Drinkers (see website) for 1989, it is pleasing to see many features that are familiar to 2020 drinkers; after all Real Ale is not a modern invention. After the 30 odd years that have passed, many of the adverts are just as valid today. The Brunswick Inn, Old Silk Mill, Dog & Duck (Shardlow) and Ye Olde Dolphin are all fighting fit in the 2020s (Covid excepting). One advert of note is the Corner Pin in Chellaston, which is currently shut but promised a new lease of life in the hands of Derby Brewing Company. Let us hope that is still on the cards. DD 28 carries a small article “New Brewery for Derbyshire”; yes, plans were afoot to build a

Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003

brewery at the Brunswick Inn spearheaded by Trevor Harris. Well the Brunswick Brewery did come into existence and is still going strong even through the lockdown. Trevor stayed at the Brunswick for some years but is now known as the man behind the Derby Brewing Company. Another article that 2020s drinker may find amusing is the "Beer up almost 10%" piece which urges you to "settle your nerves" after a 9.5% increase in beer prices over the previous year. Quite a contrast to recent times, when we have seen a more modest increase in prices. But of more note is that the price per pint had broken the £1 barrier. Oh, for a pint of Pedigree for £1.02! Special mention is made of Hardy & Hansons of Kimberley who owned many pubs in the Derby CAMRA area but sadly were taken over by Greene King. The brewery name is of course still used by Greene King, but few would argue it is the same beer. The front page of DD 28 carries an article about another brewery that opened in Derby on 16th December 1987, that being the Flamingo & Firkin on Beckett Street. Who remembers Dogbolter? This was part of the homebrew chain of pubs started by David Bruce in London and using the "Firkin" brand name. At the time, the pub in Derby was only the second outside London, the other being the Fleece & Firkin in Bristol. Today the building lies empty to the side of the Hairy Dog. Derby did gain a second Firkin pub for a while when the White Horse on Moreledge joined the chain but never gained a brewery.

PORK PIE, PART TWO

By Greg Maskalick

Continuing on from the last newsletter item on Pork Pie And A Pint... I wanted to talk to you about making your own pork pies. I am sure some of you have and I would encourage you to share your recipe in future editions of this newsletter. After all we cannot have too many pork pie recipes.

At my micropub we feature my wife Gail's Pork Pies every Saturday. They seem to go like hotcakes! There is a difference in her pork pies as there is no jelly. Sorry jelly lovers but Gail and I are not all that fond of it quivering in our pork pies. LOL. Of course, there are other differences as well.

Here is her recipe:

CRUST

Hot water pastry for sure.

FILLING

2/3rds Lean Mince Pork (Get from Butchers So It's Top Quality)

1/3 Smoked Bacon (No rind or fat) chopped finely

Sage (A good amount but not overpowering)

Salt/Pepper Season to Taste

100 Years Ago In The USA What Happened To Beer?

By Greg Maskalick

Beer was a part of American life from the colonial period until the passing of the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1919 which resulted in the prohibition of alcoholic beverage sales. This forced nearly all breweries to close or switch to producing non-alcoholic drink.

Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003

So, when we complain about not being able to go to the pub just imagine in 1920 all bars in the USA were closed and you couldn't find a drop to drink! Well, at least legally that is but that is a story for another time.

Information Exchange

The Mitre on the junction of Osmaston Road and Harvey Road reported on in the last issue has now been reduced to a pile of bricks. The following photos courtesy of M. Bennett show the pub in all its glory and what is left now. The "after" picture is taken more to the side of the pub.



The Yarn Spinner in Spondon has now completely disappeared under housing which is now occupied. The photograph below shows the Yarn Spinner bus stop, which is the only remaining clue. There are many examples around the country where the last clue to a pub's existence is the bus stop name. The pub itself stood back from the bus stop on a generous plot of land. The picture on CAMRA's WhatPub is taken from the right hand side of this photograph under the trees.



Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003

Quiz Corner

Anagrams

Here are ten pubs from the Derby CAMRA area shown in anagram form. All are taken from the full pub name without “the”. For example Derby (Stay)Inn not The Derby (Stay)Inn.

1. Prim lapel
2. Crowded
3. Legit funny oaf
4. Or dig hay
5. Serves ants
6. Gods honor mare
7. Ok, man rate
8. Tell rat servers
9. Dawn learns maze
10. Coal house wreck

The answers for issue 002 are as follows:

1. Psalm five – Five Lamps, 2. Two parent test – Town Street Tap, 3. Errant spam markets – Pattern Makers Arms, 4. Corpses roam – Coopers Arms, 5. Ill Milk Sold – Old Silk Mill, 6. Let up beer – Blue Peter, 7. Cocoa ink pen – Peacock Inn, 8. Tallish cheese roulette – Little Chester Alehouse, 9. With heroes – White Horse, 10. His babies slops – Bishops Blaise.

What Pub am I?

Here are eight pubs from the Derby CAMRA area given as a description.

1. Once a club, I sit next to the park and close to the hydrangea collection. Some say my friend across the road looks better than me!
2. Little pub in a big estate, that is me! My name I almost a famous dart score. Enjoy beer in my single room or sit on the terrace outside.
3. For a city pub, I have had several names over recent years. The tattoo on my side will delight transport enthusiasts but the railway nearly next to me has gone.
4. I have a cosy spot by the river but still a short walk from the town centre. I have a small brewery on site but also stock beer from many other breweries.
5. I should live in Amsterdam really. Sunken down from the main road, I actually live near a large estate, which is getting bigger.
6. I am the big boy of the village sitting on a large plot right in the heart of the action. A little upstart has appeared diagonally across the mini-roundabout. Mis-spell pickle for a clue to my location.
7. I believe I had the last house brewery in Derby before these modern versions. Now just outside the ring-road I look like I have sunk. Well, well, well, what can I say about my bar.
8. You will find me on the very edge of Derby overlooking the A50. Quite new and often busy with families my name has royal connections.

Answers will be given in the next newsletter or at the next opening of the Derby (Stay)Inn.

Derby (Stay)Inn Newsletter

Issue 003

The answers for issue 002 are as follows:

1. Blue Jay, 2. Brunswick Inn, 3. Nags Head, Borrowash 4. Queens Head, Little Eaton, 5. Nelson, 6. Neptune, 7. Navigation, 8. Half Moon, Littleover, 9. White Swan, Spondon, 10. Dolphin.

This newsletter is edited by Mark Fletcher. If you have any queries, comment etc., you can make contact at: pubsofficer@derby.camra.org.uk.

Or come along to the Derby (Stay)Inn – see the Socials page on the website.