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## Wolves survive Pubmaster bid in close call

**AFTER A PROTRACTED BATTLE** with Pubmaster, lasting a year, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries have survived the hostile takeover bid, albeit by the slenderest of margins. W&D shareholders ended the affair by rejecting Pubmaster's cash offer in August. Pubmaster's bid received the support of only 47 per cent of shareholders voting in favour of the 513p per share offer - just short of the necessary 50 per cent.

Mike Benner, head of campaigns and communications at CAMRA, said: "This is great news for beer drinkers in the Midlands and for the real ale industry as a whole." However, he added that the directors of W&D should take action to protect the company from further hostile bids. For the time being this is good news for Marston's as Pubmaster would have sold the brewery and brewed Pedigree

elsewhere, although 200 jobs at the Burton brewery will still be lost as the distribution centre closes. However, long-term commitment to Pedigree and the Union System at the brewery is essential and the proposed management buyout of Mansfield Brewery has now fallen through. Another factor to bear in mind is that there are other predators out there who could cast their eyes towards W&D. Watch this space.

## King William back on Milford throne in Real Ale enclave

**AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS AS THE MILFORD INN & RESTAURANT**, the King William IV at Milford has returned to being a real ale pub in the Milford/Makeney cask ale enclave. Licensee Linda Hodgkinson has refitted the original floor and installed an oak-top bar to the listed inn and has four different cask ales racked in what was the kitchen.

Pedigree, Landlord and Adnams will be permanent ales with hopefully a local microbrewers beer



also. London Pride and Shepherd Neame Spitfire have also featured in the first week of reopening. The beers will be juggled from the cask and the range may increase as time goes by. Basic but wholesome snack food will be the order of the day and a roaring fireplace is guaranteed in Winter.

The King William (left) will be firmly on the real ale circuit which takes in the Holly Bush, Makeney (below right) - only a few hundred yards away with its eight real ales - and the Holbrook clutch of fine pubs. The Holly Bush is a national classic, popular as ever, and stages a beer festival in October.

Derby CAMRA are running a public transport social to the Holly Bush and King William on Tuesday September 18th. We will catch the 7.35pm R63 Belper bus, leaving Derby Bus Station via Allestree and Duffield. It arrives at Milford at around 7.55. The



## New brewery for Derbyshire as Leadmill moves to Denby

Derbyshire has a new brewery. Richard Creighton of Leadmill Brewery in Selston has relocated to Park Hall Farm, Park Hall Road, Denby. The micro, which he began in February 1999, produces distinctive-tasting beers, named with a Vietnam War theme. Beers include *Arc-Light* 4.2%, *Rolling Thunder* 4.5%, *Linebacker* 4.6%, *Sidewinder* 4.8%, *Agent Orange* 4.9%, *Niagra* 5% and *Apocalypse Now* at 5.2%. Many of Richard's outlets are in the Derby area, including the Flowerpot, Crompton, Rowditch and a regular outlet at the Liversage on Old Nottingham Road, while in the Shardlow area the Old Crown, Red Lion at Kegworth and Jolly Sailor, Hemington all often have Leadmill ales. The Denby plant will also give Richard the extra capacity he has been seeking. At the same time as the relocation Richard ran the Liversage beer festival at the Old Nottingham Road pub on the August Bank Holiday weekend. The whole range was on offer over the weekend, in a tent in the back courtyard of the pub.

Says Richard "I always intended to start the brewery in Derbyshire and the Leadmill name reflects the county's lead mining past. I am optimistic for the future, I've stuck at it for three years now and I'm determined to make Leadmill a success. Although I have twelve beers at the moment I don't want to go down the road of bringing out a new beer every week or so, as some micros do. I shall probably stick with seven

main beers, and I like to brew the stronger stuff, 4.5% to 5.2%. I really would like to brew a strong mild." We wish him well.

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## Vanished Pubs of Derby

### 4.Globe, Sacheverell Street

The Globe was a Hardys & Hansons pub, famed for its tasty good ale, it's jukebox-free atmosphere and the resident pianists. Once a beerhouse and built by 1874 the pub survived until the summer of 1979, another victim of the supposed ring road extension.

This editor remembers drinking a pint of something whilst standing on the pavement outside the Globe, one of dozens of teenage punks catching a quick bevvy before the Stiff Little Fingers gig at the Ajanta opposite.

By then the end was coming quickly. Landlady Vera Brown had run the Globe for 12 years, and was due to stay until January 1980. Both the Globe and nearby Sitwell Tavern had been due for demolition for some years and were the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order, but the council offered the pubs back to the breweries. Shipstones accepted the deal and the Sitwell remains, but Hardy & Hansons stated the Globe "was not a sound commercial risk" and its fate was sealed. The brewery even refused to sell



the pub to CAMRA Investments.

Despite a petition, the Globe closed on July 28th 1979, although as this memoir of Ivor Clissold, penned shortly afterwards, reveals there were some beers drunk into the 29th!

"It's no pleasure attending funerals and I wasn't looking forward to the Globe's last night: but the nasty bit was over in a few minutes of stumbling speeches. The rest of the evening/morning was more like an Irish wake, a sing-songy night we had come to equate with pubs like the Globe....At four in the morning I retrieved my bike from the darts room (where it was being ridden round) and wobbled off into the sunrise. They were still serving .... but not any more."

## 22nd Burton Beer Festival

This year's event will again be held at Burton Upon Trent town hall from 20-23 September. For those who have been before there will be much that is familiar.

However, with an intention to appeal to more drinkers a change of opening hours sees a Sunday lunchtime replacing the former Thursday lunchtime. All beer prices will be reduced for the Sunday!

All admissions on opening night (Thursday) will receive a free raffle ticket. The two special prizes are a chance to spend a day with Burton's newest breweries, Old Cottage and Tower and brewers Kevin Slater and John Mills respectively.

For those attending Saturday lunchtime, in addition to the Wurlitzer and Morris dancing, there will be the fierce competition for the World Barrel Rolling Championships outside the town hall.

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## Route Beer



A SERIES designed to promote public transport and rural pubs in the area. Trevor Spencer discovers the joys of the Bell at Smalley.

Quality and choice are two words that can be accurately used to describe the Derby Real Ale scene with upwards of 100 different beers on offer throughout the week. However, as this series will hopefully show there are some real gems just outside Derby that are easily reached by public transport. Take for example, the Bell at Smalley, on the Derby to Heanor route. Reached by the 125 and H1 bus services for only £2.60 return the pub has 3 rooms, an attractive beer garden and has 6 or 7 quality real ales on offer, priced between £1.62 and £1.86 a pint. Adnams, Whim and Mallard are always on the menu, with a different beer from Glentworth

each week - one, *Dizzy Blonde* was named after landlady Sarah-Jayne Fletcher! There's also a couple of changing guest beers. The food's not bad either!

So if you fancy a change from the local or the city tour, jump on a bus to Heanor and give the Bell a try. It's a quality pub, a *Good Beer Guide* regular with excellent beers at competitive prices. Well worth a visit at any time.

### BUS SERVICE: H1

Evening buses Mon-Sat. Departs Derby bus station Bay 14: 19:05, 19:35 then 35 past each hour. Arrive Smalley Rose & Crown 19:21 then 51 past hour. Return from Smalley 09 past each hour until 12 past midnight. Arrives Derby bus station 27 past the hour.

## A landmark decision

On Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> a blow was struck for Derby when the city license magistrates refused Regent Inns permission to obliterate the name of Market Place pub the *Jackie Stamps* in favour of Walkabout Inn. The case for retaining the existing name was made by Derby CAMRA and Richard Felix. They argued that although Regent Inns had a legal right to alter the pub's name without consultation, in this particular case they should be sensitive to local needs and maintain the name of the footballing hero in a football conscious city.

Regent Inns argued that the re-branding as (yet another) Walkabout Inn was aimed at giving the 'Jackie Stamps' a makeover into an Aussie pub with a sporting image. The objectors countered that if a sporting image was required 'Jackie Stamps' was a perfect name, noting in particular that the premises concerned had strong personal associations with Derby's 1946 two-goal FA Cup hero.

The bench decided that the name 'Jackie Stamps' should be retained on the frontage in addition to 'Walkabout Inn' and made this a condition of the new licence. It was also agreed that a plaque honouring the footballer should appear on the building and that a permanent display about his career maintained on the premises. The objectors conceded that whilst the judgement didn't meet their whole demand this was probably the best that could be expected. It was, in any event, a landmark decision in that this was the first time a pub name change had been successfully resisted. Real ale may still disappear here however and although the pub only offers Pedigree and Bass, were this to happen it would be another straw on the back of the cask ale camel.

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# THE BAG



## ALE

Dear Editor

### Ruddles Remembered

There has been correspondence in CAMRA's national organ *What's Brewing*, regarding drinkers first experience of supping Ruddles County in a sort of 'where were you when Kennedy was shot' context.

I can well recall my introduction to this wonderful brew. It was at the Chequers, Ticknall (see *Route Beer in DD 84*) in 1975, which the late Ted Mather kept. The radio behind the bar was broadcasting the Rams

European Cup tie (how times change) and I purchased my first pint of the Rutland nectar for the princely sum of 26p. Ted was an

introvert landlord but, more importantly, a master cellarman.

I also had the good fortune to visit the brewery, near Oakham, on a couple of branch trips which were a veritable feast of food and fine beer.

The last time I drank County in its original form was at Derby Beer Festival in the mid-1980s. It was cloudy but retained the characteristic flavour which made, it, for me, the East Midlands premier beer.

Paul Gibson  
Darley Abbey

## Hands-on brewing by CAMRA members at Brunswick



J o c k Arguile, B i l l Dudley and Jim Suter were the three intrepid brewers that, assisted by Trevor produced *Inky*

THE BEER DOESN'T JUST TURN UP ON ITS OWN at the Derby Beer Festival. A great deal of work goes into its brewing. And for one of the special brews for 2001 some members of Derby CAMRA got down to the serious matter of brewing beer for their own festival, courtesy of Trevor Harris at the Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace.

J o c k Arguile, B i l l Dudley and Jim



*Black*, a dark delight in the Porter style which proved a great success at the Beer Festival at the Assembly Rooms.

In these pictures at the Brunswick brewery we see Jim poking his head out of the copper (above left) whilst above, Bill is immersed in his job. To the left Jock joins the others for some serious sampling.

Brewing can be quite good fun, as indeed is working at the Beer Festival, so if you'd like to volunteer for 2002...



## Ashbourne Round-up

The latest pub and beer news from the Gateway to the Peak and the villages of West Derbyshire.



There are interesting moves in the pubs of this mainly rural district. Guest beers are at last beginning to appear alongside the staple Pedigree and Bass.

Here's a round-up starting at the **White Lion**, Buxton Road, change of licensee to Tim Bramhall & Tracy Sutton, emphasis on Brassiere dining but still intends to serve cask beer; The historic **George & Dragon**, Market Place, recent change of licensee to Jim Quigley and Tracy Beaufoy, now selling a locally-brewed cask guest beer.

The **White Hart**, Church Street sees a change of licensee to Michael Rhodes (Mark Dalton has left), now selling Mansfield Cask Bitter.

Further afield at Boylestone's **Rose & Crown** Pete Kirkland has another new beer from Museum Brewery, cunningly called *Boylestone Pedigree!* Also

*Hedgecutter* is available and a beer festival is planned for September.

There is a new face at the **Three Horse Shoes**, the villagers consortium pub. Steve Allen is the incoming host and he has a good track record, winning a CAMRA merit award for commitment to real ale at a previous pub, the White Swan, Great Sutton, Wirral. He intends to increase the guest beer range and is currently selling London Pride & a guest beer.

New licensees also inhabit the **Shire Horse** at Wyaston - Steve Bradder & Andrea Murray, who have a monthly-changing guest beer and the **Blenheim Inn**, Etwell.

Guest ales also now available at the **Bowling Green, Smith's Tavern, White Lion**, - all Ashbourne and the **Blue Bell** at Kirk Langley.

Tony Beech

## Cask Ale Week

The Independent Family Brewers of Britain has launched a nationwide initiative to boost the profile of Real Ale. Cask Ale Week runs from September 17-23. The aim is to tempt new drinkers to try cask ale and to halt the decline in the cask market, which according to Anthony Fuller, chairman of the London brewer "stems from lack of investment in national brands. Fuller added that most family brewers were bucking this larger trend with growing cask ale sales. The IFBB's member companies will promote mini-beer festivals and samplings and promoted with beermats and posters.

## Sadler Gate up for grabs

FIVE PUBS IN THE SADLER GATE AREA were placed on the market in July. The **Old Bell, Shakespeare, Vines, Saddlers and Seymours** were all owned by the Thompson brothers.

The first two are venerable old inns in the town and it would be good to see them restored to glory. The Bell in particular, dating from around 1680, should be the classic town centre coaching inn it once was. To look down the cobbled entrance past what was the Dilly Bar to the Tudor Bar is enough to make a lover of great inns weep and not to be able to drink a pint of traditional ale in such a pub is almost criminal. The Shakespeare also has the potential to be a good city centre pub and does serve Tetley on handpump. A true freehouse would be great and a welcome buck to the trend in this ancient city thoroughfare

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The column where members of the licensing trade have their say. This issue features *David Foulk*, who celebrates 20 years at the Tiger Bar in Lock-up Yard in November, a remarkable feat in these times of ever-changing licensees. From this editors point of view, I love the Tiger. It may not have an array of independent beers on offer, but what it gives us is a sense of continuity, a proper market pub and a base clientele which has been using the boozier for all of Dave's reign. Weekend nights the Tiger bustles and you're sure to meet somebody you know if you hang around long enough. It's a home in town.

The Tiger is a traditional town centre bar. The pub was even

smaller before its tasteful extension in the 1993, bringing inside the former covered courtyard and utilising more rooms for dining. It has a six-day license, so no Sunday sessions here, but opens at ten each morning.

Happy hour is another 80s term that has stuck in here with Pedigree and Bass at £1.60 a pint Monday-Thursday 10am-12 and 5 till closing time. Friday and Saturday it runs until 7.30. Says Dave "The Knotted Snake had a happy hour so I thought I'd better start one. We sell more beer Monday to Thursday at happy hour prices than at any other time." The pub doesn't shut out its old-time clientele either like many have these days. As Dave says "Two of the staff have just been invited to a customers 90th birthday." He continues "Before I took over the pub had been closed for 12 months and had a less than savoury reputation. I decided that had to change and in the first fortnight I barred about 50 people. From then on most of



my customers have stayed with me for the 20 years. Back then in 1981 Bass was about 55p a pint and lager 60p."

Dave has had guest beers in the past, once being an outlet for the lamented M&B Springfield bitter. He has also staged mini beer festivals, stillaging the ale in the old courtyard. But Pedigree and Bass are the staple choices. "I can't afford to take one of these off to put in guests as they are my customers drinks of choice", says Dave. "I largely support the aims of CAMRA and they deserve credit for what they've achieved but it's a great regret that I can't hold annual beer festivals. The interest wasn't there. A great deal of CAMRA types don't see Bass, for example, as a big draw so we don't get too many of them in here. That's not to say the beer isn't well kept. I shall always have two trad beers on the handpumps as long as I'm at this pub.

"The Tiger is a regular on the ghost walk tour and I have

encouraged Richard (Felix). It is good for trade and I reckon I hold the record for the number of film crews in my cellar. At least five, including Jet from *Gladiators*, Russell Grant and the Discovery Channel - although the title of their show was a little worrying - *The Scariest Place On Earth!* It was watched by 35 million Americans though, and some have even been over for a pint.

One big change is that more women drink in pubs than they did. We get lots of groups

of girls in here."

Dave looks round at a packed Tiger bar, and this on a Thursday evening at 7.30: "The three previous licensees had financial problems here. I noticed the safe was placed close to the bar, a bit of a security risk, so I moved it somewhere safer. About 16 years later I went to a lecture a chap was giving about Feng Shui. I was highly sceptical but he said that bad positioning of financial details is bad for business, and that I had moved the safe to a 'neutral' position. Anyway things have gone well since day one so you could say I put my success down to Feng Shui!"

And the future? Dave says: "Officially I'm a pensioner now, well I've had my first cheque. And there is a rumour going round that I'm leaving. All I can say is the rumour has been going round for about 19¼ years!"

Well, 20 not out is a pretty fine innings for cricket lover Dave, at the welcoming Tiger Bar.

A home in town.

## Tale of Woe at the Ox

**EVER THOUGHT OF GOING INTO THE PUB TRADE? If so recent events at the Durham Ox in Derby may cause you to proceed with caution. The latest in a long line of tenants at the Ox were John and Diane Davers, who took over last November, and whilst it is some time since the Ox has been a fantastically busy pub, they were making progress.**

However, Diane gave birth to a daughter in July and within a fortnight their employers, President Taverns from Castleford had written saying they were now considered unsuitable to run the Ox, or indeed, any other pub. According to President John "Does not inspire" and would not succeed in "any pub". This is based on seeing him in action even though they only visited the Ox ONCE in 8 ½ months, and then not in opening hours!

When the Davers took the pub they were virtually abandoned by President and advised to make the best local deals they could. Thus the Ox became a regular

outlet for Shardlow ales, John made a couple of changes to keep the keg fans happy and unlike the previous tenants who came and went, they committed themselves to making the Ox a success. Then President dropped their bombshell just weeks before the Davers had completed 2 years service for the company, after which they would have been entitled to a refund of their bond money!

Whilst President are within their rights to transfer the management of the Ox to another company there can be no doubt that the family have been treated shabbily. They face an uncertain future but we wish them well. As for President Taverns, they have received some adverse publicity over the affair - front page news on the *Derby Evening Telegraph*, national newspapers and *Central News*, to whom they refused to comment. One cannot help but feel that they deserve every word of condemnation after their callous treatment towards John and Diane Davers.

Trevor Spencer

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## The lost pubs of our time

What do the following pubs have in common?

Miner's Standard, Bolehill, Coach House at Milton, Queen Adelaide, Snelston Common, Sir Francis Burdett, Crew & Harpur (Melbourne), Cubley Stoop where Roy Wood hasn't been such a Wizzard for local drinkers, French Horn at Rodsley, the Lime Kiln and Holly Bush at Breedon-on-the-Hill, New Inn at Duffield, Horseshoe at Yaveley, Blue Bell at Farnah Green (restaurant) and the Knife and Steel at Horsley Woodhouse.

The answer is that they are just a few of the village locals which have closed in recent years. The Wheel at Ticknall could be next. You don't know what you have until it's gone, so drink in your village local and make it as indispensable as it should be to the community it serves.

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## Join the campaign and help keep Derby 'Beer City'

You might be wondering why you should join CAMRA in this city of choice regarding

beers. Things these days however are in an almost permanent state of flux. One minute a pub is a thriving free house, the next it can

be at the mercy of a dangerous predator, watering down the range of cask ales on the menu to a safe and comfortable catch-all few. So the battle for your traditional pint is never over.

On a more light-hearted note, there are many local CAMRA branch activities from trips to classic country pubs and crawls around other towns and cities to special events like Shrovetide.

The local minibus trips to survey outlying pubs are a very cheap way of visiting country pubs without having to drive.

All this plus a free newspaper *What's Brewing* each month and a free local monthly newsletter, *Mild & Bitter*. Members also get free entry to most CAMRA beer festivals and the chance to get involved at lively branch meetings and weekly Tuesday socials in local pubs.

So if you want to make a difference to the local pub scene, drink some great ale and have some fun, why not fill in the membership form in this newsletter and join CAMRA today?



## Guitar pickers and Pictish ales at the Smithfield

Acoustic entertainment has moved from the Friargate, which is shortly to change hands, to the Smithfield, Meadow Road. Wednesday is the night for this entertainment. Roger at the Smithfield is currently a strong supporter of Pictish brewery of Rochdale. They are probably the only regular local outlet for these distinctive beers. These include *Brewers Gold 3.8%*, *Celtic Warrior 4.2%* and *Pictish Porter 4.5%*.

## Fate of Wheel still unclear

You don't have to own or occupy a building to make a Planning Application to change it. All the same it came as a big shock to Ashley Harlow of the The Wheel at Ticknall, when he found a notice pinned up outside the pub which he leases from Enterprise Inns, stating that an application had been made for change of use to a private house.

Local residents and CAMRA launched a vigorous campaign to oppose the closure of The Wheel. The applicant, a private individual, seems to have been deterred by the strength of local opposition, but in the meanwhile Enterprise have put the pub up for sale as a going concern for £175,000 making it unlikely that Ashley will be able to renew his lease when it expires in September this year.

*If your pub is threatened with closure please contact CAMRA (details back page) or telephone 01332 701152 if you hear of a planning application that affects your local pub.*

## Winter Beer Festival moves a step closer

A long talked-of and much-mooted idea has long been for a Derby Winter Beer Festival. With 2002 seeing the 25th Derby Beer Festival, the plan for a winter event has gathered momentum. Provisional dates for this are 7th-9th February 2002, in the Darwen Suite of the Assembly Rooms. More news about this in the next *Derby Drinker*.

As for the regular summer festival, attendances were up and the range and choice of beers received plaudits from all quarters. There certainly wasn't much left by the close on the Sunday!

## New pub for Etwall

Hardy & Hansons brewery of Kimberley are building a new pub at Etwall, close to the A 516 and A50. Work is nearing completion and we can expect a finished product catering for the sort of trade the Bonnie Prince at Chellaston attracts, with the full range of cask Kimberley ales.

## Windmill in full ale sail

The Windmill, Breadsall Hilltop, is featuring guest beers these days. Landlord Duncan Wren has been here for about nine months and recent visiting beers include London Pride, Everards Tiger and Thwaites Hammer. There is always one guest plus Draught Bass at this pub.

## June Calls Time



The modern pub trade is not characterized by continuity of service. It is rare nowadays, rather than the rule, for a licensee to be running the same pub for most of his working life, and even rarer for succeeding generations to take over.

Licensees come and go, pubs are bought and sold, restyled or re-themed in the continual tussle to capture the newest wave of new drinkers.

Against this unstable background it is not surprising that bar-staff move around like migrant workers and seldom stay in the same place for long enough to learn more about their customers than whether or not they can count their change.

That's what makes June Lomas unusual. She has been serving Derby drinkers for 34 years, the last 27 of them at the Furnace up from St Mary's Bridge.

She started at the Royal Standard in the 'swinging sixties', not pulling pints but waiting on with a tray. That was when the Standard had a fish-tank over the bar with a pike in it and a Virgin's Corner with a couple of them in it. Both are scarcer today than they used to be.

The first pint June actually pulled was in the Seven Stars on King Street, before breaking off for a bit to have the first of three daughters and a son. Resuming her barwork she served at the Sherwood Foresters, the Chesnut and St Helens before settling in at the Furnace in 1974 when it was run by Ray Watson, known to his regulars as 'Watto'.

She was still there twenty years later when he was succeeded by John Barnes, who had the good sense to keep her on.

Says June "You wouldn't want to do this work just for the

money, which isn't much of an incentive, really. You have to like it. It's not the money I'll miss when I go, it's the people."

But not half as much as they'll miss her. After three and a half decades, June finally pulled her last pint last month. Thanks, June, and Cheers!

## New Brewery in Nottingham

A new micro full-mash brewery is set for launch. Nottingham Brewery Company, situated behind the Plough in Radford, set up by an ex-Castle Rock team, the brewery now owned by Tynehill.

## Punk Aid proves a hit at the Vic

The Victoria Inn in Midland Place held a charity music marathon in August. 18 bands, many with local connections played over two days. The Punk Aid event raised £800 for the Macmillan continuing care unit.



## City Pub of the Year Presentation



Derby CAMRA Branch Chairman Julian Tubbs (left) is pictured presenting the Derby City Pub of the Year 2001 certificate to Jan and Steve Birkin, mine hosts at the splendid Rowditch Inn, Uttoxeter New Road.

## Baynton's Beerlines

Local beer bard Les Baynton penned this piece at Derby Beer Festival as a tribute to Robert Bage, the theme of the glass design and the current Derbeian who has brought him back to the public's attention.

### Beer and Bage

An ancient Derby writer - Robert Bage,  
A wizard with words on the page,  
Had an irascible brother - Reg  
Whose rhyme scheme was always correct  
Whose metaphors were hard to detect  
And his iambic pentameters  
Would know no perameters

When Robert completed HERMSPRONG  
Reg thought it a little wrong  
He penned a classic ballad  
Entitled..... BIRDSPONG

So let's toast the writer and poet again..  
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## Was Charlie the first campaigner?

Derby CAMRA member Charlie Pratt of Shelton Lock, can lay claim to being involved at one of the earliest protests against 'gassy' beer replacing real ale.

As a drinker at the Seven Stars, King Street in the late 1960s Charlie and his pals at Derby Mercury Cycling club were aghast when home-brewer Philip Henry sold the Stars to McEwans. Regulars soon noticed this 'gassy' beer that had replaced the cask stuff, and didn't like what they tasted. A petition was sent to Scottish & Newcastle in complaint in 1969. The short reply came as a full endorsement of keg ale as a direct replacement for cask, hoping that "this new keg beer will prove popular and induce you to continue your patronage."!!!

Charlie wonders if this was the first complaint to a major brewery about this situation. As this was two years before CAMRA was formed, does this mean that the campaign against keg beer began in Derby. The *Ale Bag* awaits.

## Gold for Oakham JHB

Oakham Brewery of Peterborough landed two awards at the Great British Beer Festival in August. Its JHB standard bitter was named Supreme Champion Beer of Britain and it also picked up a gold award for its White Dwarf wheat beer in the speciality category. Sup it locally at the Flowerpot and Smithfield.

# NEWS

In Belper the **Thorn Tree** has reopened, still serving cask ale. Kevin Neale, who did such a splendid job at the **White Swan**, Littleover, has moved to the **White Hart** at Duffield. The **Peacock** on Old Notts Road has a new licensee. 'Towny' Dave and Barb have left after doing a terrific job over the last few years at this most traditional of Pedigree pubs. There have been a few changes in the Wiberly Inns empire. Paul and Wendy Weston have come from the **Swan** at Draycott-in-the-Clay to take over at the **Patternmakers**, Duffield with Keeley from the **Corner Pin** at Chellaston replacing them at the **Swan**. Meanwhile Gill from the Silk Mill has taken over at the Pin. Hope you've got all that.

Bramwells has changed its name back to the **Osmaston Park Hotel** after a customers plebiscite and following the trend Sgt Peppers is to revert to the **Duke of York** after a tasteful refit. Pedigree & Bass are on the bar. A real ale gain is at the **Waterfall**, Railway Terrace, Derby. The former keg/smooth-only bar now has Pedigree and Theakston bitter. The Chesnut Tree on Portland Street is closed but the **Gisborne Arms**, Franchise Street has reopened with Pedigree. The **Swan** at Milton now has Banks' seasonal ales as well as 'Morrells' Varsity. The **Duke of Wellington** at Middleton-by-Wirksworth is closed for refurbishment.

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# Derby Drinker Bottled Beer Special

## Bottle-conditioned beers in off-licence stores and supermarkets in and around Derby

Bottle-conditioned beer (BCB) is real ale's closest relative. The brew is bottled together with a sediment of living yeast and undergoes further fermentation. Unless you live in a real ale desert (those places do exist and - yes, we are spoilt for choice in the City of Derby and in Derbyshire) you might not see a point in having your pint (minus 68 ml) in the comfort, peace and quiet of your home. This view might apply to popular real ales like Summer Lightning, but not all BCBs mean competition for their brothers and sisters in the cask. MARTIN CLAUSEN has been surveying the availability of BCB's in the Derby area.

Try White Shield, probably the most famous bottle-conditioned beer (and not usually available in the cask) and find out why. Cask-conditioned, hoppy (India) Pale Ales (IPA) like this one are very hard to find (many of the IPA's are rather interpretations than representatives of the original style). Some BCBs in their cask version are rarely seen outside beer festivals (e.g. Station Porter), others were not really intended to be served as a draught beer - many of the available British BCBs are rather strong and can or should be laid down for a year or even longer as they will mature in the bottle, e.g. Fuller's Vintage Ale or Harvey's Imperial Extra Double Stout.



RCH Ale Mary: The Champion bottled beer of Britain at this years GBBF.

The choice is not limited to British beers alone: Belgian, Bavarian and Australian (Cooper's Sparkling Ale and Best Extra Stout) beers are also available.

Numerous supermarkets and off-licence chains stock a few BCBs. Until early 2000 Tesco even had its own (Marston-brewed) bottle-conditioned IPA and Stout. If you are lucky you will find promotional offers (e.g. 4 bottles for £5 or buy 4 bottles and save £2).

Tim(othy) Williams, one of the Derby CAMRA branch members shared his enthusiasm about the range of BCBs in his local off-licence (see if you can spot it) at

a recent meeting which prompted us to survey what's available in stores in the City and suburbs in early July 2001. As you can guess this is a snapshot and new beers might be added while others disappear. To our latest knowledge Tesco will stock a product at your request if you have seen it in other supermarkets of the chain and cannot find it in your local store.

The beers listed are only the tip of the iceberg, there are a lot more from regional and microbreweries available in dedicated off-licences (Lincoln, Sheffield, York) and also via mail order (which is an expensive pleasure). It is worth keeping your eyes open.

For more information regarding BCB check the CAMRA publications *Good Bottled Beer Guide* by Jeff Evans and the most recent *Good Beer Guide* (brewery section). **Bottle sizes are 500 ml unless indicated:**

Brewery	Name	ABV (%)	Bottle size (ml)	Price
<b>Tesco (Littleover)</b>				
Hop Back	Crop Circle	4.2		1.45
Duvel		8.0	330	1.39
Hoegaarden		5.0	750	2.99
Tesco	Hefeweiss	4.9		1.35
<b>Wine Rack (Burton Road)</b>				
Morland	Hens Tooth	6.5		1.89
RCH	On The Tiles	4.0		1.67
RCH	Old Slug	4.5		1.49
RCH	Firebox	6.0		1.75
Skinnars	Cornish Knocker	4.5		1.75
Titanic	Stout	4.5		1.95
Wickwar	Station Porter	6.1		1.69
Youngs	Special London Ale	6.4		1.95
Chimay	Red Label	7.0	330	1.65
Dentergems		5.0	330	1.26
Hoegaarden		5.0	330	1.35
Hoegaarden		5.0	750	2.99
Karmeliet	Tripel	8.0	330	1.59
Lucifer		8.0	330	1.67
Westmille		7.0	330	1.65
Schofferhofer		5.0		1.39
<b>Asda (Spondon)</b>				
Fullers	1845	6.3		1.65
Morland	Hen's Tooth	6.5		1.75
Worthington	White Shield	5.6		1.69
Duvel		8.0	330	1.39
Hoegaarden		5.0	330	0.99
Hoegaarden		5.0	750	2.79
Weihenstephan	Cloudy Wheatbeer	5.4		1.29

# A Wicked bottled ale collection

The editor wishes to thank Sean and John at Wicked Hathern Brewery for sponsoring this bottled beer special page. All its four ales are available in bottle-condition and the **Hawthorn Gold** (3.5%) is particularly popular as a summer drink. It is light and refreshing you could sup it all afternoon. For those who prefer a darker drop at a similar strength **Dobles Dog** is a sweeter beer with a burnt aroma and taste coming from the blend of malt, hops and barley. The breweries strongest to date **Soar Head** at 4.8%, is a distinctive beer, an acquired taste, with a rich fruity finish. the standard **WHB Bitter** is also available in bottle form

WH are brewing a special for Christmas, and another for the QE2 Golden Jubilee. Brewing will commence on both in the near future and they will be laying down bottles for a year/six months.

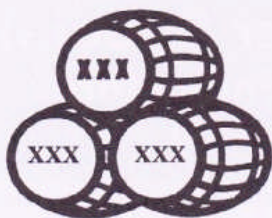
The beers are available via The Offie, Clarendon Park Rd Leicester and Cross Street Stores in Hathern or via the Brewery with a special discount if buying two cases of more than 12 bottles per case.

Brewery	Name	ABV (%)	Bottle size (ml)	Price
<b>Safeway (Belper)</b>				
Brakspear	Live Organic	4.6		1.69
Fuller's	1845	6.3		1.89
Hop Back	Summer Lightning	5.0		1.59
Morland	Hen's Tooth	6.5		1.89
Pilgrim	Springbock	5.2		1.69
Wood's	Shropshire Lad	5.0		1.59
Young's	Special London Ale	6.4		1.95
Dentergems		5.0	330	1.05
Duvel		8.0	330	1.49
Hoegaarden		5.0	750	2.99
Karmeliet	Tripel	8.0	330	1.49
Liefmans	Frambozenbier	4.5	375	2.09
Liefmans	Kriek	6.0	375	2.19
Westmalle		7.0	330	1.45
Schneider	Weisse (cloudy)	5.4		1.59
<b>Morrison</b>				
Fuller's	1845	6.3		1.79
Morland	Hen's Tooth	6.5		1.79
Young's	Special London Ale	6.4		1.79
<b>Somerfield (Belper)</b>				
Hop Back	Crop Circle	4.2		1.49
Hop Back	Summer Lightning	5.0		1.49
<b>Sainsbury (Littleover)</b>				
Fullers	1845	6.3		1.89
Hop Back	Summer Lightning	5.0		1.59
King & Barnes	Corucopia	6.5		1.89
Morland	Hen's Tooth	6.5		1.85
Chimay	Red Label	7.0	330	1.59
Duvel		8.0	330	1.59
Sainsbury	Hefe Weissbeer	4.9		1.35



## Microbrewery Corner

Taking a look at what's happening at the small independent breweries in and around Derby.



**BRUNSWICK** The latest new beer from the Trevor Harris stable is *Triple Gold* a 4.5% summer beer in the Exmoor Gold style. Brunswick Beer Festival runs from 4th to 7th October.

**BURTON BRIDGE** New regular outlet at Bulls Head, Repton (see below).

**LEATHERBRITCHES** Beers have been available at the Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton this summer.

**LLOYDS** The Ingleby brewers were proud to display their ales for the first time at the Great British Beer Festival at London Olympia in August.

**MUSEUM** The Octoberfest at the brewery takes place 18th-20th October 2001. Next year sees the 25th anniversary of the Bass Museum. Many special events are scheduled. Beers on the Wolftric

theme are likely as it is also the 1000th anniversary of brewing in Burton. Wolftric Spot was the patron of the first brewing at Burton Abbey in 1002. *Wolftric* (5%) is available in bottled-condition at Tesco. *P2* stout and *Bass Nol* may soon be available in this form.

**SHARDLOW** The Brewery continue to brew the Dead Poets house beers at Holbrook.

**WHIM** Bottles of the Hartington brewery beer *Old Issak* has made the supermarket trade of late, featuring at Asda at Spondon.

**WICKED HATHERN** Royal Oak at Ockbrook and The Smithfield are the most regular stockists in Derby at present, Royal Oak planning on taking most of the WH beers for their October Beer festival.

## New city pub guide launched this month

The 2001 edition of *REAL ALE IN DERBY* is set for a September launch. The 36-page guide comprehensively details the whole pub scene in 'Beer City' after the massive switch of pub ownership from the breweries (Bass and Allied Domecq) to the pub companies (Punch Taverns, Nomura and Enterprise Inns) and the epic battle for control of Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries.

Derby was last fully surveyed in 1999 since when there have been 12 real ale gains, 19 losses and many other changes. It also differs from the previous edition in that it now includes those pubs close to, but outside, the city boundary.

Whilst there has been a net loss of Real Ale pubs since 1999, it is worth noting that most (17 of the 24) of the new pubs in Derby (over the last ten years) now serve real ale. As regards beer choice, the 150 pubs with real ale (71% of the total) serve 60 different regularly-available beers. Supplemented by guest beers, a recent branch survey shows this can take the total variety on offer at any one time to well over 100 brews.

As well as pub descriptions, beer listings, illustrations and gazetteer information on the city and surrounding villages, it contains 11 clear maps showing the location of each and every licensed house. Despite the extra information it still comes in a handy pocket size (105 x 210 mm) and the price is still about that (on average) of a pint of bitter.



*REAL ALE IN DERBY* is obtainable from John Arguile, 71 Elms Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 6FB. The price is £1.90 (inc postage and packing). All cheques should be made payable to 'the Derby Branch of CAMRA'.

## Guest ale bullseye hit at Repton pub

REPTON, THE OLD CAPITAL OF MERCIA, with its public school and ancient history has been lacking in genuine beer choice for some time now.

Most of the inns at the large village have served Bass or Pedigree for as long as one can remember and it has always been a thought that if someone could provide a little selection of guest ales they may be on to a winner.

Such is the case at the Bulls Head in High Street opposite the whimsically-named chippy Good

Buy Mister Chips. Once an Ansell's house it is booming at present as current licensee John Carter will testify: "We do food but I can fill this place with drinkers at weekends, so they come first".

John took over at the Bulls Head in Spring and wasted no time in supplanting the Marston's Pedigree and Leeds Draught Burton Ale with Adnams Broadside and Burton Bridge Bitter as permanent guests.

John's plans include a Chinese eatery upstairs as food is usually served in the oldest part of the inn where old beams are well-supported in what was once the old bakery. The ample and well-appointed pub garden would be an ideal venue for a beer festival.

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Royal Oak, Ockbrook  
12th/13th October.  
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real ale weekend  
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least eight beers.  
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