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Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year awards for Smalley's Bell and city's Dolphin



The Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year Awards for 2002 have honoured two different pubs from both city and country.

The Country Pub award goes to the **Bell** at Smalley (above). This popular watering hole also picked up the Overall Winner title. The Bell always has six or seven beers on sale and features two fine beers from Derbyshire's Whim - Hartington Bitter and Hartington IPA, Mallard Duckling, Glentworth Brewery ales, London Pride and Adnams Broadside, all at very competitive prices starting at £1.68 a pint for the Mallards beer.

The pub has two rooms and serves good value food but it is its championing of local micro-breweries beer that has gone a

long way to securing this prestigious award and bringing in visitors from far and wide. Landlady Sarah Jayne Fletcher deserves commendation for the beer policy and for simply running a superb local village inn of tremendous character. Accommodation is available at the Bell all year round in a converted stable block.



The City Pub of the Year this time out is the **Dolphin** (above) on Queen Street, run by the incomparable Terry Holmes. He has succeeded in bringing this old inn back to its best. Beer choice is good with Adnams bitter, Deuchers IPA, Black Sheep bitter, Bass and London Pride always on offer. To mark the award the Brunswick Brewery have brewed a special ale, Terry's Tipple, a 4% beer.

The interior has an upper and lower lounge, a beamed bar and characterful snug just off the

corridor, which was once a tiny street in its own right.

Each summer the Dolphin beer festival is a hugely-popular event which showcases many beers from up and down Britain. One of the events of the year in the city centre. The pub also stages a special Burns Night evening.

Runners-up in the country section were the Bentley Brook Inn at Fenny Bentley, which has brewed great beer and staged numerous beer festivals over the last few years. In the city the Rowditch and Brunswick were runners-up. The Bell will now go through to the prestigious National Pub of the Year competition.

Annual Derby Beer Census total rises

The **BEER CENSUS** to find the number of different real ales on sale in the city on one particular night, revealed an increase in the total. 120 different real ales were on sale in the city on 1 February.

The last time this survey was undertaken, a little over a year previously the total was 106.

In all 85 pubs were surveyed, one more than last time, and in more than half of them Marston's Pedigree, on offer in 44 of these, remains Derby's most available beer, at an average pint price of £1.97. Next was Bass with 36 (£1.94). Prices are rising alarmingly lately and CAMRA is monitoring the situation carefully. The city-wide average price of a pint was £1.95 (it was £1.86 in November 2000) with the cheapest beer at the Standing Order and Babington Arms (Theakston Best @ £1.25) and the most expensive at The Fat Cat, £2.30 for Springhead bitter.

The Flowerpot, with 19 cask ales, had the most variety of beers on offer, followed closely by the 15 at the Brunswick.

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The beers feature 23 breweries from Yorkshire, including Abbeydale, Goose Eye, Kelham Island, Linfit and Osset; 15 from Suffolk (St Peters, Lidstones, Earl Soham and Kings Head among them) and seven from Norfolk, the likes of Buffys, Reepham and Blue Moon Brewery's Liquor Mortis (6.2%). Cambridgeshire and Essex beers are also well represented. Many more micros will be on sale and of course all Leatherbritches own brews.

Other features of this huge event include World Cup coverage of England's opening game on two big screens in the large

marquee on the lawns outside the pub. Food will be available all day and commemorative festival glasses have been ordered.

It has been all go for Leatherbritches and the Bentley Brook lately. The pub, north of Ashbourne on the A515 where the road to Bakewell forks right, won Restaurant of the Year and assistant-chef Craig Francis won Young Chef of the Year in competitions run by Heart of England.

A restored Victorian kitchen garden growing organic vegetables has been opened on their land, a craft shop is to follow and

an outdoor long-skittle alley is already proving popular.

On the brewing front they are looking to extend capacity very shortly, with new equipment being installed.

The brewery was started in 1994 by Bill Allingham, and Leatherbritches Head Brewer Dave Corby uses malt from Fawcetts floor maltings, hops from Farhams and Derbyshire water from the local spring. The

Hairy Helmet, a 4.7% brew is the best seller and inroads into London have recently been secured for the beer. The other brews are Goldings 3.6%, Bespoke a little stronger at 5% and Ashbourne Ale 4%. Bottling has taken off here after the Allinghams acquired a bottling plant from Bass Museum. In addition to the regular cask range Ale Connor's Porter a 5.5% brew has been bottled.

Six ciders are always available at the pub, all brewed at Saxons, in Batley, Yorkshire by a well-rounded Italian cidemaker, using Italian apples! These strong delights are named Purple Haze (6.2%) Ruby Tuesday (6.3%, and pink in colour due to added raspberries!), Moody Blues and other such rock-inspired brews. Handle with care these ciders have been known to have claimed the odd victim and they are available in third pint measure.

Back on the festival front it will run over five days opening at 7.00pm Friday 31st May and closing 12 noon Tuesday 4th June. Families are welcome, free camping is available in the garden and there is a hog roast on the Sunday.

Entertainment is provided every session with Blues on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Glam Rock Monday with As Near As Damnit. Tuesday lunch winds down with some jazz.

Anyone wishing to help out at the event can contact Ed Allingham on (01335) 350278, he says volunteers will be most welcome.

Stylish inn sign vandalised

The White Hart at Duffield had, until recently, a rather stylish ornate sign at the front of the pub car park. This has been amended now and replaced with an unlovely signboard of modern design, with the words Eat, Drink and Enjoy emblazoned upon it. Rural vandalism and another chip away at our pub heritage, drip by drip.

Cask ale back at Saracens

A welcome Real Ale Gain is the return of cask beer (Pedigree) at the Saracens Head in Victoria Street. After some time in the keg wilderness, and with various aliases, this popular old town pub is returning to something like its old self.

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Dear Editor,

You may remember I wrote to you a little time ago about the difference in prices between Derby and London. This message has nothing to do with it! But I thought you might be interested in the following review of the Pivni Galerie, which was mentioned in the winter *Derby Drinker*. The article is by my semi-partner, (semi as he lives in London and I live in Derby!) Clive Hewson, who managed to get to visit the Galerie at Christmas - I didn't because I was waiting for him in a different bar! He writes as follows:

The Pivni Galerie in Prague certainly deserves a visit - essentially, the premises are neither pub nor bar but more of an exhibition of the many beers produced by the small breweries of the Czech Republic. There are tables and chairs and plenty of breweriana in addition to the huge range of beers. Peter Varek is the owner and speaks perfect English. He is a genuine enthusiast and aware of the problems facing individual quality brewers. The British and Czech experiences seem very similar. I had four beers during my all-too-brief visit - each one was distinctive and excellent. The most unusual was a Romanian draught, which

Drinker! But he asked me to spread the word, which is the least I can do. Readers of the *Derby Drinker* would be most welcome - even 'frauds' from London, such as myself. Go to Prague - go to the Pivni Galerie! Get more from the Web. FREE MSN Explorer download:<http://explorer.msn.com>

Rhian Owen
<rhianowen@hotmail.com>

Dear Editor,

Having just completed a business trip in Birmingham and travelling back to Leeds my boss and I decided a pub lunch was well deserved, calling into a pub very near to Derby, sorry do not know which one now, however they had a copy of the *Derby Drinker* which we looked at while waiting for our food.

Having booked a break to Prague with a group of friends it was good to read the article in the publication by Ian Jakeway, "*Beer Break - spring into Prague.*" Well we made the effort and well worth the visit, we got there at about 7.00pm and they close at 8.00 but Peter & Olga were perfect hosts and they would have stopped open as long as we stayed there but we had not eaten so we did not outstay our welcome. I was about to tell Peter how we knew about the bar but he told me before I could mention your publication.

I would highly recommend a visit to Prague and if there definitely make a trip to the Pivni Galerie.

Keith Watson
Leeds, West Yorkshire

How far does the word spread?

I know that each issue of the *DD* has long been sent to Newcastle Upon Tyne by an avid Chellaston drinker, but following on from free beer in Prague, long-serving Derby landlord David Foulk of the Tiger told me the other week that a copy of *Derby Drinker* has been spotted in the British Embassy at Bangkok. Now that we have a truly trans-global publication the editor wonders if anyone can document any further-flung sightings?

Vanished pubs of Derby 6. Derwent Hotel, London Road/The Spot



Situated at the Spot about where Woolworths now is, and on the corner of narrow Devonshire Street, which ran down off the east side of London Road, stood the Derwent and Commercial, a very stylish hotel in the late Regency style, probably dating from c.1820 and rebuilt in the late 19th century. A distinctive triple arcade was incorporated into the façade.

This was a Bass pub with prominent brewery advertisements adorning the exterior and was a popular meeting place for societies, including the Derby Trades Council until the 1920s. Many senior drinkers have fond memories of the place with its' corridor and rooms, nights on the piano and simply great atmosphere and superb beer.

The Derwent closed on 22 March 1970 to make way (along with much else) for the Eagle Centre. It was the subject of a compulsory purchase order and the license put into suspense. Bass removed some of the fittings.

The Derwent had its' share of minor celebrity licensees. From 1952 until his move to the Half Moon at Littleover, the landlord was former Derby luminary George Jackson Rawlings - the former manager of the Grand Theatre. He was succeeded by William King who presided until 1962 when Derbyshire and ex-England test cricketer Bob Berry was at the helm. Dennis Booth ran the pub from 1964 to 1968 and Wilfred Wright was there until closure.

The *Derby Evening Telegraph* reported, short-sightedly, at the time of its closure that the pub with the ornate granite grapes on marble pillars and Victorian glass

in its doors, was a "remnant of the sawdust generation".

Out with the old was certainly the feeling of the times and battles to save old gems were much rarer than one could expect these days. Indeed final licensee Wilf Wright said "It is a pity to knock it down, but you cannot stop progress"! What a great shame. The pub had a huge banqueting room, bedrooms and guest rooms, public bar with mirrored fittings, snug, lounges, darts room and a grand piano, and served beer from the wood until the end.

25th Derby Beer Festival dates

If you enjoyed yourself at the Winter-Fest this February then make sure you get these dates in your diary for when the main event of the Derby drinking calendar hits the town.

This year is the **25th Derby Beer Festival** and will hopefully be something special. Planning for the event is an ongoing saga and much work goes on behind the scenes by CAMRA volunteers to ensure the festival hits the spot. The **Rattlers** have reformed for the event and **Rolling Stoned** also appear.

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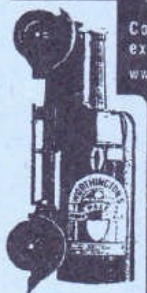
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Route Beer



A series dedicated to promote the use of public transport as a means to visit real ale pubs. Trevor Spencer heads off up to Alfreton to sample some of its cask ale delights.

Despite being one of the most northerly outposts of the Derby Branch area, Alfreton is reasonably easy to reach, lying on the Derby-Mansfield bus route as well as having its own railway station.

Apart from a few Alfreton beer festivals in the late 1980s and early 90s, it has not perhaps been a place noted for good quality real ale over the years, but even so there are a couple of pubs worth the bus fare.

In the town centre, on King Street, there is the Devonshire, a Barnsley tied house which always serves decent Barnsley Bitter at a very competitive price, and occa-

sionally other beers from the Barnsley range - worthy of attention if you are in town.

Just away from the town centre, on Nottingham Road is the Victoria Inn. The 'Vic' is currently in the *Good Beer Guide* and has a varied beer choice. There is a skittle alley, outdoor drinking area and a summer beer festival which makes it particularly attractive in the summer months, however it is worth a visit any time of the year. It is conveniently situated on the Derby-Alfreton bus route.

BUS No 92 from Bay 15 at Derby Bus station at 35 minutes past the hour.

Drink for England! Derby's annual St Georges Day celebrations gather momentum

If there is anything as English as St. George's day then it has to be English ale! The last few years have seen a gathering of momentum locally in regard to the celebration of England's patron saint day each April 23rd.

Derby Trader heritage columnist and real ale fan Ron McEwan has been organising the St. George's celebrations in Derby for the last four years and it has started to grow. Says Ron "What I would like to see is the equivalent of Paddy's Night which seems to go down very well in Derby. There is no reason why St. George's Day cannot be a festival of fun, something like St Patrick's Day, which is a great excuse to drink a lot of Guinness! I would like to start a 'Drink for England' campaign to encourage English ale to take on the same resonance".

Various pubs put on special entertainment during the day including the Royal Standard, which normally stocks Charles Wells Bombardier as a one-off guest beer. The City Inn, Albert Street, has a St George's Day disco also.

This year there is the usual wreath-laying ceremony in the Market Place at 12 noon. The wreath has traditionally been supplied by the Royal Society of St George and laid by the Mayor. Then The Three Shires Medieval Society perform the Mummers play, *St George*. This is to be followed by a medieval re-enactment including sword fights. In

the evening the event room at the Flowerpot is pencilled in for some live English music and hopefully a liquid celebration of England's best. There may be a medieval banquet at Derby Heritage Centre.

"I think it could be a real event for Derby and interest is definitely growing," said Ron.

For more information on the St George's Day festivities contact Ron McKeown (Mobile 07930 560 007).

Win some dim Sun?

A Real Ale Gain is the **Marquis of Ormond** at Denby. It now serves Pedigree plus a guest beer. The Rising Sun at Marehay is to become a Chinese restaurant. Perhaps they won't have to change the name then.

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The hunt is on for the most extraordinary pub sign in the area. Here's a piece of floral novelty in Derby city centre. The Flowerpot sign was erected in the 1990s after John Evans took over the pub and turned it into the free house with all the beers we know and love, A bright yellow sunflower and its greenery atop its pot advertises the name of the establishment.

Unusual Local pub signs

The Flowerpot King Street, Derby

Pub signs have a long history in the U.K. dating back to the pilgrims. A branch of greenery tied to a pole and placed outside a building would identify it as a tavern and the sign was called an alestake or a bush - hence perhaps the oldest pub name, The Bush. This kind of sign survived at some pubs until comparatively recent times but to find an unusual sign these days is a refreshing change.

Derbyshire Classics Holly Bush Inn, Makeney

This new series looks at our local classic pubs, either inns that make the CAMRA National Inventory for classic interiors, or other local gems worth visiting for the experience alone. We start with the Holly Bush at Makeney.

Licensee is John Bilbie, who has run the pub since 1979. Before him George Flint was mine host for almost 30 years. They don't go in for many changes at the Holly Bush and there are few if any concessions to modernity - thank goodness.

Bar manager Andy wanted to give the pub a lick of paint recently but John was having none of it: "Just wash the paintwork down" were his instructions! The fire in the snug (right) is a focal point and the pub has its own red telephone box.

The pub perpetuates the rumour that Dick Turpin was

once a visitor, as it did stand on the old Derby Turnpike (read more about this in Peter A. Elliott's recent book *Dick Turpin in Derbyshire?*) and was formerly a farmhouse with its own brewhouse. The Holly Bush has, however, had no shortage of proven famous callers with both Timothy Dalton and Sean Bean known to pop in for a pint of real ale, not to mention Mr. George Bateman of the Lincolnshire brewery fame.

Two beer festivals are run each year at the Holly Bush, the most recent one was the Spring event from 14-17th March. Around 20 beers were on sale including some strong stuff in the form of Lees Moonraker 7.5%, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby at 6% and Tower Brewery's Tower of Strength a 7.6% beer. Leadmill Brewery brewed a festival beer, the 5.1% Holly Bush Special.

The whole event, which featured live bands, was a huge success with the Saturday proving particularly popular at this classic old inn.

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Head up the A6 to Belper to sample the latest Real Ale Mecca

Belper is fast becoming a buzz place for real ale. A recent CAMRA transport social party traversed the old industrial revolution town with some pleasing results.

The **George & Dragon** (once the George) on the A6 (Bridge Street) has four guest beers, ample seating and a light, airy feel. Luckily the only Elvis impersonator present was the Springhead brewery beer **Olivers Army**.

Back on the same road the **Devonshire** is enjoying a renaissance until new licensees. Two guest beers are currently outselling keg and two more handpumps are on the way. This in a Heritage Pubco boozier in which the licensee was told could never sell cask ale!

The **Railway** on King Street has two regular guest beers and the **Imperial Vaults** has a monthly guest and M&B Mild, rare in this area these days.

Off the Market Place the **Cross Keys**, the Batemans tied house has 6 beers including three changing guests, three Batemans bottled ales and a bar-billiard table as well. April will see a Leadmill Brewery Month at the Cross

Keys, another inroad for Richard Creighton and his Denby brewery in his new homeland.

Up the hill the revamped **Thorn Tree** also boast two changing guest beers. Salopian, Holdens, Archers and Oakhill are recently-featured breweries and last but certainly not least the **Queens Head** on Chesterfield Road is another cask ale emporium extraordinaire. Dorothy Goodbodys Wholesome Stout is a recent favourite at this pub alongside many more varied guest beers.

Other pubs in the town include the **Lord Nelson**, **Old Kings Head** (which has just lost its folk club) and **White Swan** making a journey to Belper something of a Real Ale trip to Mecca.

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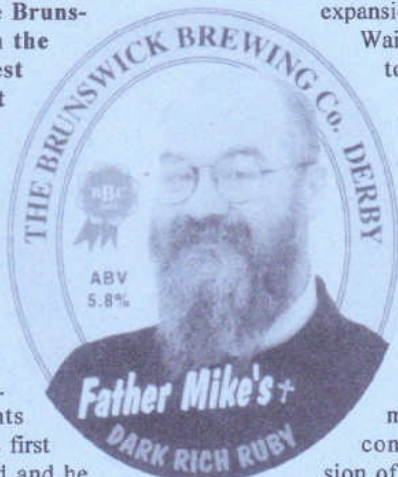
Top brewing award for Brunswick Father Mike's at West Yorkshire festival

FATHER MIKE'S DARK RICH RUBY, the 5.8% beer from the Brunswick has won the award for Best Strong Beer at the Bradford CAMRA Beer Festival.

It beat off 117 other beers, receiving more votes than any other brew. This represents Trevor Harris's first brewing award and he acknowledges a debt to Bate-

man's Head Brewer Martin Cullimore, who put aside his expansion plans at the Wainfleet brewery to talk to Trev about the recipe he was seeking. Bateman's yeast was used in the brew.

Now the Brunswick brewery are considering making a bottle-conditioned version of the victorious holy brew.



Vine memories as Offilers birthplace is closed

The Vine Inn on Whitaker Street has been boarded up for some time. The pub which in 1877 was the birthplace of Offilers Brewery, has declined since the Rams moved from the Baseball Ground in 1997.

A decade ago it was one of the best places to sup Bass and Highgate Mild in Derby and matchday lunchtimes saw it packed with anyone who was anybody on the Derby County supporters scene. It survived the onslaught of Sheffield Wednesday fans one afternoon as the customers successfully defended their territory and was the inspiration behind this first Rams prototype fanzine *Up The Vine*, in 1990 - one of this editors earlier projects. It is a great shame to see it in decline.

Checkmate at Chequers

Down in Ticknall the Chequers remains open as a pub. Licensee Dennis Hylton has had his application for a change of use to a dwelling rejected. At the moment he is trading as usual with no immediate plans to appeal although he wishes more of the people who objected to the closure would use the pub.

CAMRA is supportive of Dennis's situation and we do realise that nothing is as clear-cut as it might seem to some of us city drinkers who enjoy the odd country pint or two in summer and therefore expect that pubs such as the Chequers will always be there waiting for us to drop in.

The reality is that licensees have to make a living, so whilst we are delighted that an inn with the fabric of the Chequers is still with us, let us give it some support.

Dennis and Eileen are super hosts and serve a rather tasty pint of Timothy Taylor Landlord as well. Pay them a visit and hopefully Ticknall can keep its most characterful old inn for future generations to drink in.

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The **Black Horse**, Hulland Ward is axing Bass and Pedigree in favour of four guest beers. **Old Talbot** at Hilton has guest beers. They are outselling big brand brews with beers from Orkney Brewery amongst popular regulars. New licensees at **George & Dragon**, **Cary's Wine Bar and Coach & Horses**, all Ashbourne. **Strawberry Tree** now run by Gail Davis, Bass replaced Pedigree. No real ale at the **Crown** on Curzon Street and **Norman Arms**, Village Street but the **Gisbourne** has reopened and should have real ale back in due course. Sad news from Mick-leover where Mick Bowes, a long-standing licensee in every respect, left the **Vine** in December. Mick championed the cask ale and cracking atmosphere in this great old pub for many years, he will be sorely missed. There has been a licensee turnover at the former **Festival Ale Houses**. Michael Thompson is at the **Wardwick Tavern** while Brendan Donohue is at the **White Swan**, Littleover. Sharon Riley moves from the **Swan** to the **New Zealand**. Now Punch taverns we have seen a restriction of beer choice with **Beer Seller** in the cold and the **Carlsberg-Tetley** list in its place. Good quality ale is reported at the **Roe-buck** on Amy Street where Craig Brierey has taken the

Changes at Crich

All change at Crich where the **Red Lion** at the Museum opened at Easter. Once a pub in Stoke it has been painstakingly rebuilt over a number of years.

Beryl and Roy Calladine leave the **Cliff Inn** at the end of April. They will be retiring to near Darley Dale. The **Cliff** has been in the **Good Beer Guide** for 26 years and they have been tremendous hosts that will be greatly missed.

Adding to the flux in the village Mr & Mrs Killer have left the **Jovial Dutchman** after a long stint dating back to 1977. The replacement is Adrian and Jayne Worthy who moved in during February.

The **Black Swan** also saw new licensees at Christmas.

Four beer themes for Dead Poets Beer Festival

THE DEAD POETS INN at Holbrook stages its 4th Anniversary Beer Festival from Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th May 2002. There are to be several themes, with beers named accordingly in four separate drinking areas at the pub.

Come and sample 40 different ales from all over the country. You could start in the main bar where the ales have a feminine quality and pick up a 'Mae West' or 'Dorothy Goodbody'; then move onto the entertainment bar and sample the 'Beach Boys', 'Cream' or 'Genesis'. You can then move to the rear innuendo bar for a bit of 'Up and Under' or go for the 'Easy Rider'. After all that you have to really finish in the confessions bar where you could be given an 'Ale Mary' by the 'Archbishop Lee' or

'Reverend Eaton' for your sins. A festival special ale is being brewed with John Mills of Tower Brewery.

Whichever route you choose I'm sure it will be a fantastic experience, just like the live music every night, including Alan Woolley and Leavon Archer on Thursday 9th and Crossfire on Saturday 11th.

With BBQ and hot roast cobs available during the festival to soak up some of that beer.

Another David Brown Loss Making Promotion !!

Barrow Hill Roundhouse Beer Festival

A beer festival is being held at Barrow Hill Roundhouse Railway Centre, near Staveley, north of Chesterfield on Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June. Barrow Hill Roundhouse is the last operational railway roundhouse in the country and houses a large collection of Steam, Diesel and Electric locomotives. This promises to be one of the most atmospheric beer festivals of the year. Throughout the event a free shuttle bus service will be operating from Chesterfield Railway Station (calling outside the comet showroom, which is in the town centre) to the Railway Centre. There will be over 60 beers plus several ciders, Perry's and fruit wines.

Food is on sale throughout. Entertainment on Friday night by Leavon Archer (acoustic folk and blues) and on Saturday night by Crossfire (Classic rock duo). Opening times are Friday 6pm - 11pm and Saturday 1pm till 11.00pm Admission is £4.50 including commemorative glass.

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Beer festival at Spondon pub

The Malt Shovel on Potter Street, Spondon has a beer festival over the May Bank Holiday. Twenty different cask beers feature and the festival runs from 3rd-6th May, open all day.

CAPTION COMPETITION



Nothing stands in the way of progress. Or does it? It's the end of the line for the Grandstand Hotel in Derby as close of play has arrived. The Banks's pub near the county cricket ground has been demolished. No more will the green dome at the front dominate the summer game at Derby-

shire's home. Our photographer Eric Streets managed to get this snap before the Grandstand left the crease for the final time. The wittiest captain, in the opinion of the editor, wins a Derby Beer Festival T-Shirt. For email or mere postal entries to the editor, see panel top right of this page.