



Derby CAMRA Branch

Derby Drinker - It's Great to be Back

Hello and Welcome Back to all you Readers & members.

It's so nice to be able to put together a new magazine once again after all this time, we've missed being in pubs, clubs, beer festivals, etc all over Derbyshire and beyond. We hope you'll find it a good read once more and something you can enjoy over a quiet

pint in your local and we encourage everyone to submit articles, adverts, pub & brewery news, events, etc by sending it to us at the contact details listed on the back page.

Also if you have some free time on your hands and you fancy distributing the mag in your area then please get in touch. This first issue is a bit

conservative in terms of page numbers but we felt we just had to get one out there and back in the public eye once more. So I hope you enjoy it and here's to many more of this delightful, long running beer magazine.

Gareth Stead
Derby Drinker Editor

Royal Oak Receives CAMRA Golden Award

The Royal Oak in Ockbrook is in a select band of 32 UK pubs across the Country to receive a CAMRA Golden Award marking 50 years of the organisation's campaigns.

The successful cohort included five pubs that have appeared in all 48 editions of the Good Beer Guide, the longest standing community-owned pub in the country and the current National Pub of the Year title holder. Nominations for the Golden Awards were made by CAMRA members and locals and over 240 pubs submitted were whittled down to the 32 awardees. These pubs were chosen for their successes in standing the test of time; for being convivial, characterful and community-focused, and of course for consistently pouring great pints.

It was nice then that the Royal Oak was recognised in this manner, a pub which has been in the same family since the early 1950's and has featured in the Good Beer Guide more than any other pub in the Derby Branch area. To mark this magnificent achievement a presentation was held at the pub in mid August and acting Branch Chairman, Kevin Hepworth was on hand to do the honours and present a certificate to the family (see photos). A good turnout of both Branch members and locals witnessed a unique social occasion with one highlight being the display of many previous Camra certificates that the pub had received over the years (see photos). Congratulations to the Pub then and here's too many more years of continued success.

