

## Trail Guide:



*In 2006 no fewer than 127 public houses were serving real ale within the city of Derby. Today 60 different brews are permanently available and more than 40 "guest" beers are available alongside these stalwarts. Such a fortunate situation contributes to the growing success of Derby's biannual CAMRA Beer Festival established in 1978 which now regularly attracts over 12,000 visitors, putting it in the top five beer festivals in the UK.*

### THE TRADITIONAL ALE PUBS

There are two separate Ale Trails in this series. A map is provided to help the keen follower to pick and choose their route and choice of public house!

Trail One is **The Midland Friar** and Trail Two **The Full Crompton**. **The Full Crompton**, this one, is a more compact selection of real ale pubs largely in the city centre.

### Old Silk Mill, 19 Full Street

Neither old nor a Silk Mill [in fact this is a nearby building which houses Derby's Museum of Industry and History], this impressive stone-faced pub immediately catches one's attention due to its end wall which is completely covered by a flamboyant mural depicting the 1833 Derby Lock-out, the first significant action in England in support of workers' rights.

**Serves:** Draught Bass, Deuchars IPA, Abbott Ale, Old Hooky, Old Speckled Hen and four guest ales

Food: served all day

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 10.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 369748

## Trail Key:



Walking



Car



Bus



Cycling



Scenic



Historic



2hr



40<sup>km</sup>  
25<sup>miles</sup>  
Distance

## Difficulty Rating for walks:



Easy



Moderate



Strenuous

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## **Ye Olde Dolphin Inn**, 6-7 Queen Street

Although much restored, this is the oldest and most picturesque of the city centre pubs built in 1530 at the same time as the nearby 'Gothic' tower.

The interior consists of a bar, two snugs, two lounges and an upstairs steak bar. Outside, drinkers may enjoy their beers on a newly-built patio.

**Serves:** Southwold Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter, Deuchars IPA, Bass, Abbott Ale, Pedigree and guest ales

Food: Lunchtime, evening and bar meals

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 10.30-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 267711

## **Standing Order**, 32 Iron Gate

Like some vast auditorium, this former bank was converted and wittily named in 1995 with no expense spared, setting new standards in both style and facilities. The wide, high ceiling looks down upon a cavernous interior served by a central bar but outer seating behind partitions provides for the intimate. A refreshingly simple no music, no smoking pub which organises its own beer festivals twice per year

**Serves:** Directors Ale, Abbott Ale, Marston Bitter and Pedigree, Spitfire, Theakston Bitter and guest ales

Food: Lunch, evening and bar meals

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 10.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 207591

## **Jorrocks**, 41 Iron Gate

Beside Foulds music shop with which it once formed part of the vast George Hotel, the once disreputable "Globe" was renamed after a character in a novel by R S Surtees. This busy pub has a raised lounge to the rear and features in a city centre "ghost walk" with its macabre contribution of "Sally", a 400-year old skull unearthed during excavation work.

**Serves:** Marston Pedigree and a guest ale

Food: Home-cooked. Lunches, early evening meals and bar food

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 346852

## **Blue Dog**, 16 Sadler Gate

A 17th century tavern alongside Blacksmith's Yard, this pub has a deep interior leading away from a narrow frontage. It has been sympathetically renovated and preserves an old-fashioned flavour.

**Serves:** Marston Pedigree, Taylor Landlord and a guest ale

Food: None

**Open:** Monday to Saturday 12.00-23.00  
Sunday 14.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 348106

## **Fat Cat Café Bar**, 19-20 Friar Gate

With its blue-tiled front, the Fat Cat is part of an expanding nationwide chain. Good food is served in the raised and railed dining area to the rear of the premises.

**Serves:** Draught Bass, Greene King IPA, Wadsworth 6X and guest beers

Food: Lunches, evening and bar meals

**Open:** Monday and Wednesday 11.00-23.00  
Thursday 11.00-00.00  
Friday and Saturday 11.00-01.00  
Sunday 10.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 206790

## **Bishop Blaise**, 114 Friar Gate.

A Victorian tavern once known as "The Rising Sun", Bishop Blaise [the original bishop and the patron saint of woolcombers] is a free house which has been both extended and upgraded and now regularly serves a selection of interesting ales.

**Serves:** Draught Bass, Oakham JHB, Whim Hartington IPA and guest beers

Food: Lunches and bar food

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 11.00-00.00  
Sunday 12.00-00.00

Telephone: (01332) 297065

## **Wardwick Tavern**, 15 The Wardwick

Housed in an early eighteenth century building with a carriage entrance leading into a cobbled courtyard. This house was formerly a private residence, subsequently used as a boardroom for the directors of Alton's brewery and then as the headquarters of Ind Coope before its conversion to a pub in 1969, with bare floorboards, wooden settles and an original stone fireplace. A plate on the front of the building indicates the high water mark of the great flood of 1842.

**Serves:** Draught Bass, Deuchars IPA, Marston Pedigree, Tetley Bitter and guest ales

Food: Lunches, early evening and bar meals

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 332677

## **The Tiger**, Lock-up Yard, Cornmarket

Located at the western entrance of the Market Hall opposite a row of fishmongers, this is a congenial tavern whose narrow entrance opens into a spacious, multi-angled interior in which to drink out of sight, in peace. Meals are served in a separate room. The pub is the starting point for city "ghost walks". The Lock-up Yard itself is so-called as it once contained a prison, four of whose inmates were charged with plotting to kill Lloyd George in 1917.

**Serves:** Draught Bass, Marston Pedigree and an occasional guest beer

Food: Lunch

**Open:** Monday-Tuesday 10.00-22.00  
Wednesday-Saturday 10.00-23.00  
Closed Sunday

Telephone: (01332) 362936

## **Babington Arms**, 11-13 Babington Lane

A first-class Wetherspoon's pub thanks to the sterling efforts of its landlord and some low-priced beers. The pub stands in the grounds of the former Babington House, appropriately once the home of a Derby brewer (Hepworth Alton). With a verandah for mild weather drinking, this haven of real ale is the venue for no less than three beer festivals each year, the first featuring mild beers and the third dark beers.

**Serves:** Marston Bitter, the wondrously named Wyre Piddle and several guest ales

Food: Lunches, evening meals and bar food

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 10.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 383647

## **The Crompton Tavern**, 46 Crompton Street (off Green Lane)

The former Queen's Hotel is tucked away on the right-hand side of a cul-de-sac. Both the Bar and Lounge doors lead into opposite sides of the U-shaped room, each of its sides being on two levels. A garden at the rear overlooks the city.

**Serve:** Taylor Landlord, Marston Pedigree and guest ales

Food: None

**Open:** Monday-Saturday 12.00-23.00  
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 733629

*Grateful thanks are offered to the authors of "Real Ale in Derby" [June 2005], CAMRA's own guide to those Derby pubs which continue to serve traditional beers, and in particular to Les Baynton whose encouragement and enthusiasm helped so much towards the content of this leaflet.*



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