

Derby: A City Tour - Saturday 26th July 2014



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What to say about Derby? Well. Let's start with a quick timeline shall we?

AD 50 - First settled by the Romans

1967 - Brian Clough becomes manager of Derby County FC

1973 - Brian Clough leaves Derby County FC

Pretty impressive huh?

No? Ok then...well you know some pretty famous people have come from Derby....

What about actor Kevin Lloyd who played Detective Tosh Lines in The Bill?!



Tosh Lines

Unfortunately Kevin was sacked from the Bill in 1998 because of his poor punctuality and his inability to remember his lines. Kevin, a chronic alcoholic, died in 1998 aged 49.

Still not impressed Andrew? Well, nor are some other people apparently. I've done quite a few minutes research into Derby and have found some dissenters and some of their comments are somewhat disparaging:

- The lack of Subway sandwich stores. I had a 45 minute wait between buses once and wandered round to find one but had to settle for a Burger King instead.
- Too close to Loughborough
- Everything. Derby is the worst place I have ever been unfortunate enough to end up in. I have lived here for two years now and seriously could not tell you one good thing about the place.
- A poor man's Nottingham which has an alarming affection for sheep.

Having read all that you may not be initially impressed with Derby.

But the reason why I have chosen this city as our 2014 place of pilgrimage is that it has been described as the **"best place to sample real-ale in the world"** by Lonely Planet. And my CAMRA monthly magazine is always on about it.

So without further ado let's have a pint and have a look at where we're going! I've selected pubs that are of the non-chain variety with a bit of "character" so no Wetherspoons or the like. I've also included some choice customer reviews with each pub to whet your appetite.

Derby 2014 Pub Itinerary

Station Inn
12 Midland Road
Derby, DE1 2SN

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Number 1

"There are two handpumps but the Draught Bass is only available FROM THE JUG"

"Quite simply the best pint of Bass I have ever had the pleasure of drinking"

Brunswick Inn
1 Railway Terrace
Derby, DE1 2RU

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Number 2

"To the snotty get of a barman in The Brunny, this is my "goodbye" back to you, told you I'd call back"

"Full of character and characters"

The Alexandra Hotel,
203 Siddals Rd,
Derby, DE1 2QE

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It might look like either of these....

Number
3



“...the barman despite being busy knocked us up some massive cheese rolls”

“I’ve encountered the landlord Ralph a few times and he is extremely rude, smug, arrogant and completely disinterested in the running the place”

Exeter Arms
13 Exeter Place
City Centre, Derby
DE1 2EU

Map ref: 3E 5

Number 4



“...the Ex has just been voted Derby's Pub of the Year for 2013”

“...expensive at £3 a pint”.

Peacock Inn
87 Nottingham Road
City Centre
Derby, DE1 3QS

Map Ref: 1D 4



Number 5

Stayed for 2 pints of top notch pedigree landlord very unfriendly

nothing to shout about ,very miserble landlord and staff

Little Chester Ale House
4a Chester Green Road
Little Chester
Derby, DE1 3SF

Map ref: 1D 4



Number 6

"Apparently it used to be a dry cleaners"

"There's nothing quite like this place, it's unlike any old pub, just stacks of character, comfortable and welcoming"

Coach & Horses
Mansfield Road
Little Chester
Derby, DE1 3RF

Map ref: 1D 4



Number 7

"Doing well from the overspill who can't fit into the Little Chester Ale House".

"OK Bass"

Furnace Inn
Duke Street
Derby, DE1 3BX
Map ref: 1D 4



Number 8

"plain, uninteresting pub in a grotty location, with poor customer service"

"What a find!! Over 500 beers on sale in first year of opening. Home to Shiny brewery as well"

Five Lamps
25 Duffield Road
Derby
DE1 3BH



Map ref: 1B 4

"it didn't live up to the billing".

"we ate lunch"

Number 9

Flowerpot
23-25 King Street
City Centre
Derby, DE1 3DZ

Map ref: 1B 4



"the one way system to and from the toilets is a good idea"

"Immediately felt at home here and dived straight into the ale brewed on the premises"

Number
10

Silk Mill Cider & Ale House

(formerly Old Silk Mill)

19 Full Street
City Centre
Derby, DE1 3AF

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Number
11

"Disappointing to see the beer range cut from 9 to 5 ales, making way for 4 ciders"

"Bit squeaky clean since its refurb"

Rowditch Inn
246 Uttoxeter New Road
Derby, DE22 3LL

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Number
12

Lovely friendly place which brews its own beer on the premises

theres no yobs, no pool table and no trouble.

The Brewery Tap
1 Derwent Street,
Derby, DE1 2ED

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Number
13

"...used this pub a couple of times whilst on Marzipan Haters peaks piss-up tour 2012"

"...poor catering for us dirty smokers"

Reserve pubs...they might be a bit far away...

Falstaff
74 Silverhill Road
New Normanton
Derby, DE23 6UJ

Map ref: 1C 36



Reserve

"a bit of a time warp to what local pubs used to be like before the pressure to continually make increasing profits destroyed most of them".

"The Falstaff range of beer was truly excellent and there was a warm hubbub of chatter from groups of locals".

Horse & Groom
48 Elms Street
West End
Derby, DE1 3HN
Map ref: 2B 28



Great back street local. Exactly what a pub should be,
It is purely a drinking pub and music pub

New Zealand Arms
2 Langley Street
New Zealand
Derby, DE22 3GL

Map Ref: 4H 27



This one is exactly what a back street pub should be, a gem
Excellent little corner pub in the T-O-C houses