



THE PRINCESS VICTORIA, *Matlock bath* – *Becomes the third outlet for Ashover Brewery*



Matlock bath, well known for its spectacular views, challenging walks and of course boasting a seaside town's atmosphere, is the new home for Ashover Brewery's latest addition to its estate. The Princess Victoria, in keeping with Ashover brewery's other pubs (*the award winning Old Poets' Corner at Ashover and the Poet and Castle at Codnor*) will be offering the best of old fashioned pub values;

traditional real ales and ciders, draught continental and fruit beers, country wines and a range of single malts.

Kim & Jackie Beresford continue to expand their business by offering new pub opportunities to the experienced staff from the Old Poets' Corner at Ashover and at the same time giving Roy & Jannine Shorrock at the Brewery yet more beer to brew.

The Princess Victoria used to be a great locals pub and hopefully it is destined to return to its former success and beyond. Bateman's brewery operated the pub for several years and during this time a modern refurbishment was carried out. This did not gain much local support and the business slowed down quite dramatically. Ashover Brewery is attempting to return some of the pub's old Victorian charm and it will not be open for business until the 11th of June to facilitate this.

A deal struck with Bateman's allows Ashover Brewery to operate the outlet as if it were its own, free of tie on cask ales, with Bateman's as an 'invisible' partner much along the same lines as the Everard's 'Project William' pubs.

Managing The Princess Victoria will be Tom Bramley and Lauren Lees who have a combined experience of over 7 years at The Old Poets' Corner at Ashover, having worked both bar and kitchen. They are very enthusiastic about their new venture and will strive to provide the quality service and standards you have come to expect from Ashover Brewery's Public Houses.

Six hand pumps will offer a range of real ales; regulars will be Bateman's XXXB, Ashover Brewery's Light Rail and Poets Tipple plus there will be a guest from Ashover Brewery and two other guest beers from various local and non local small brewers. These will range from Stouts, Porters and Milds to Light, Hoppy and Session beers. Leffe blond & Kriek will also be on draught together with Westons Stowford press and several traditional ciders.

There will not be any Keg or Nitro/smooth bitters on there are no TVs , Pool tables, Games machines or Juke boxes.

As well as great beer The Princess Victoria will be serving traditional home-cooked food, using produce from local suppliers where ever possible. There will be a good range of no nonsense traditional pub food available such as Bangers & Mash, Meat & potato Pie with real Chips and mushy peas or you can try a big bowl of Beef stew, speciality Chilli-Con-Carne or just snack on a hot baguette or jacket potato. Real ale will feature in much of the home made cuisine and a specials board that incorporates traditional and seasonal dishes all worth trying!

Tables can be booked in the comfortable upstairs dining room which has a more of a restaurant feel to it. This is very good for scoring a few brownie points with the family while you still get to enjoy the liquid pleasures of a proper pub (a bit like the OPC really).

It is planned for regular music sessions to take place with an open mike night, Wednesday night quiz night and live music playing on some weekends.

The Pub will be open for business from 10am (for breakfast) to 11:00pm every day during peak season and will offer a holiday apartment accommodation that will sleep up to six people

The Princess Victoria will be opening on the evening of the Friday 11th June lunchtime with entertainment from Please Y'Self Skiffle Band in the evening, so why not go and support Tom and Lauren and enjoy a pint of proper beer in yet another proper English pub!