

A DULL HOBBY? HE GETS HIS ROUND IN THOUGH



With Adrian Tierney-Jones

Author of 1001 Beers To Try Before You Die and editor of beer magazine Original Gravity, gives us his verdict on the best pint he's tried this week. Follow @ATJBeer on Twitter.

STEADY ROLLING MAN

Key facts....

ABV: 5.2%

DEYA Brewing

Description: an exceptional pale ale from genteel Cheltenham

Available: shop. deyabrewing.com

CHELTEMHAM might be better known for the spy centre GCHQ and its posh Ladies' College.

But for beer lovers the genteel town is more important as the home of DEYA, whose brewery also has a popular tap room conveniently close to the railway station.

Naturally, the bar is closed at the moment but its online shop demonstrates that there's no reason why you should miss out on DEYA's sublime and very drinkable pale ales and IPAs.

Steady Rolling Man is one of its most popular beers, a lemon-gold coloured pale ale with oodles of tropical fruit aromatics on the nose (think mango and lychee).

There's more tropical fruit with each gulp, followed by a Sahara-like dryness that encourages you to keep tasting.

One of the best pale ales around at the moment.



ONE ALE OF A COLLECTION!

★ BEER mad Richard Percival has built up a "lager than life" collection... of beer trays.

The pint fanatic has amassed a total of 1,200 over the past 40 years.

He said: "I keep 350 of my best pre-Second World War

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trays displayed on the wall of a converted garage. It's like a mini-museum in there."

★ And Richard, 50, who pays up to £500 a time for the trays, isn't throwing in the bar towel yet - there's one left to find to make his

collection complete. The retired company director is asking for help to find a tray from now defunct brewery Thomas Salt & Co Ltd.

★ "This particular tray would be my absolute Mecca," said Richard, from Rutland, Leics.