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## ROB CALLS IT A DAY: COMMITTEE APPOINT NEW CHAIR

After a stormy October branch meeting at the Old Spa, Derby branch Chair, Rob Davison, has decided to call it a day. In his resignation letter he said “Words were used during the meeting that cannot be retrospectively erased. No matter how much the whole situation was in reality alcohol fuelled by prior attendance at the Nottingham Beer Festival, I am not prepared to be addressed that way.”

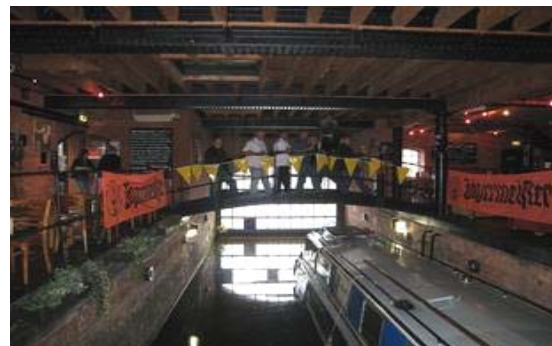
At a special meeting of the branch committee on Oct 21st no member of the existing committee was prepared to take the vacancy, which was then offered to Daniel Cramp, previously Derby Branch chair in 2006. Daniel was the unanimous choice of those present. This change will be formally announced at the next branch meeting on 12th November.

Julian Tubbs, Regional Director, said of the decision, “Nobody is claiming it is a triumph for democracy, but it does mean the branch now has a chair who has some experience of the job until the AGM or a SGM.” The earliest date on which an SGM could be held is January 2010.

Rob’s loss will be keenly felt in an already overstretched organisation. It is a poor reflection on the branch that a few loudmouths have had such a debilitating effect. Rob, until taking the chair in April, had been running a very successful series of social trips that were much appreciated by those lucky enough to participate. He had also served previously as Secretary on the 2007, and 2008 Summer Beer Festival committees.

## Derby Branch Meeting & Social - Canalhouse, Canal Street, Nottingham – Thursday 12th November – 8pm

The November Branch Meeting & Social will take place in Nottingham, the first time a Branch Meeting has been held there we believe. The Good Beer Guide listed Canalhouse on Canal Street will be the venue for this historic event and we encourage all Branch members to attend. A free bus will run from the X3 stop on Full Street in Derby at 7.30pm or you may wish to take public transport as there are excellent links by both bus and train to Nottingham.



The Pub itself lies on the canal and is unique in having the canal basin running through the pub. The meeting will be held in the upstairs function room beginning at 8pm and the agenda is printed elsewhere. There will be a selection of different Real Ales on from Castle Rock and elsewhere and it is hoped that Winter-Fest T-shirts will also be on sale. So why not pop along if you get the chance, as the meetings are usually good social occasions as well. Further information can be obtained from *the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: [ianforman@btinternet.com](mailto:ianforman@btinternet.com)*

## Amber Valley Sub-Branch Next Meeting

The next Amber Valley Sub-Branch Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th November** in the **Queens Head, Marlpool** and all interested members in the region are encouraged to attend. It will begin at approx. 8.30pm.

The area the Sub Branch covers includes: DE5, DE55 1, DE55 4, DE55 7 and DE56.

For further information *contact the Chairman, Pete Hounsell on 07830 308533 or the Social Secretary, Nathan Dilley on 01773 570675.*



## Membership of Derby and Amber Valley Branch

CAMRA branch areas are determined on the CAMRA membership system by postcodes, and by default a member belongs to the branch whose area includes the member's home postcode. Members can choose to be a member of any other branch of CAMRA with the approval of that branch. All normal CAMRA meetings are open to any member of CAMRA, especially the Derby branch AGM which is also a social occasion, but members can only serve on the committee and should only vote at meetings in their own branch.

The Amber Valley sub branch of Derby branch has been allocated postcodes in DE5, DE55 1, DE55 4, DE55 7 and DE56 with the possibility of other postcodes to come. If you live in those postcode areas you have been assigned to the Amber Valley sub branch, and if you are not already actively taking part in Amber Valley activities please do think about it. If you would rather remain as a member of Derby branch then please let the branch and the membership system know. You can write but the easiest way is to send an email to [committee@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:committee@derbycamra.org.uk) and [membership@camra.org.uk](mailto:membership@camra.org.uk) quoting your membership number and asking to be assigned to the DER Derby branch. *Julian Tubbs - E M Regional Director.*

## East Midlands Regional Meeting – Dronfield Woodhouse

The next East Midlands Regional Meeting will be held on **Saturday 28th November at 12 noon in the Hearty Oak, Dronfield Woodhouse** and Branch members are encouraged to attend.



The meetings themselves are held every few months and represent a chance for all the CAMRA Branches in the East Midlands region to get together and discuss policies and ideas at the Regional level instead of just the Branch level.

The day itself is not just about CAMRA business though but represents a chance to socialise with fellow members from around the region. After the meeting there will be an opportunity to visit a few other pubs - those returning to Dronfield station can do the two GBG listed pubs in the town - Jolly Farmer and Coach & Horses,

those returning to Sheffield station have plenty of choice in Sheffield City Centre.

To get there catch the **10.28am or 10.44am train** from Derby Railway Station to Sheffield. Exit via the main concourse and take a 5 min walk across the square with the water features and cross the road at the traffic lights outside the Howard pub. Walk up the hill by the side of the pub to the bus stop on Arundel Gate, where TM Travel bus 293 will pick up at 11:30am and drop you off directly outside the Hearty Oak (by request to the driver) at 11:58am. A Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket will suffice for both train and bus. For any further information *contact the Regional Director, Julian Tubbs on 07962 267743 or e-mail [RD.EastMidlands@camra.org.uk](mailto:RD.EastMidlands@camra.org.uk)*

## New 2010 Good Beer Guide

The brand new 2010 Good Beer Guide is now out and copies are available from the Branch and selected local Real Ale outlets around the area. So far they are on sale in the Alexandra, Brunswick, Falstaff, Flowerpot, Mr Grundy's, Old Silk Mill, Rowditch, Royal Standard and Smithfield in Derby and the Green Man – Ashbourne, Cross Keys - Belper, Green Man – Willington, Royal Oak – Ockbrook, Pattenmakers – Duffield, Cliff Inn – Crich and the Old Oak - Horsley Woodhouse.



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special members offer price of £9.50 is available if bought from the Derby Branch at forthcoming Branch Meetings. A little bit more if bought from one of the pubs.

## Derby Winter-Fest 2010

The **9th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival** will run from the **4-6th of February, 2010** in the Darwin Suite of the Assembly Rooms on Derby Market Place.



The Festival will be open all day Friday and Saturday and will remain open until Midnight on Friday night which may be a first for a Beer Festival but then again the Winter-Fest is no stranger to firsts having introduced many such innovations since its inception, another next year being the discount for the under 30's.

Winter Festival Tee-Shirts (in both yellow and black) and Rugby Tops (black only!) will hopefully be available at the November Branch Meeting at a pre Festival special discount price of £7 for anyone that attends. The Rugby shirts will also be at a special price of £17 at the Meeting.. It will also be possible to pay for them using "brown festival tokens" if you have any stored away from previous Festivals.

But of course a Festival could not run without its staff so the time has now come to appeal for volunteers to work at the event. A staffing form has been attached for this purpose or you can volunteer online via the website.

Finally, the next meeting of the Festival Committee has been arranged for **Monday 16th November** in the upstairs Boardroom of the Brunswick Inn, Derby from 7.30pm and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. For further information contact the *Winter Beer Festival Chairman, Ralf Edge* on **07739 967465** or e-mail:- [winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk)

## Urgent Derby Summer Festival 2010 Committee Vacancies

Martin Roden has been appointed as the new Chair of the 2010 Derby Summer Beer Festival and has organised his first committee meeting for **Thursday 19th November in the Alexandra at 8pm.**

However there are a few vital committee vacancies that urgently need filling as follows:-

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Festival Manager
- Publicity Officer

The first three positions are key roles for the festival, if these positions are not filled then the festival can not go forward.

All interested parties should contact *Martin* on **07814 776337** or e-mail: [martin.roden1@ntlworld.com](mailto:martin.roden1@ntlworld.com) by 19th November.

## The Great Pubs of Birmingham Trip – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Birmingham has some great pubs and great beer in and around the centre. We will follow a planned route, with approximate timings and mobile phone numbers, so you can drop in and out as you fancy. One sideshow could be the Birmingham Christmas Market (even if you are not interested in stocking up on Christmas knick-knacks, there's good German food and beer to be had).

This is a joint social with "Derby Paul" and Birmingham CAMRA, who will show us their finest. If possible, please let Les or I know if you intend to come; we can then look out for you and give you an itinerary. Otherwise meet in the Derby railway station foyer by 12:40 to catch the 12:53

(buy your own ticket, it should be £11.70); first stop "The Welly". There are several alternative trains back, but the 22:10 gets back to Derby at 22:55. There is also a 22:49. *Tim and Les Williams* 01332 381358; 07803 546496; 07981 924883.



## Derby Christmas Show & Social



The Annual Derby CAMRA Christmas Social and Show is one of the highlights of the Branch Year and much looked forward to by members both old and new.



This year's event will take place as usual at the **Flowerpot, King Street, Derby on Thursday 10th December from 8pm** and all the usual fun and excitement is promised as the University of Spondon Footlights Review make their annual appearance on stage. With a wide selection of Real Ales and sumptuous buffet it should be a great night and tickets priced at £6.50 will be available at future Branch Meetings or from **Ian Forman on 01332 882996**.

## **Derby November 2009 Pub Survey Report**

### **November Surveys**

#### **Hatton, Scropton, Boylestone & Church Broughton by minibus – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

There has been a public transport survey trip to Hatton on a Saturday afternoon but that found the Castle Hotel closed. Hopefully a Friday evening visit will find it open. Hatton has several peculiar naming anomalies. Hatton does not have a castle, the Castle Hotel is named after the castle in Tutbury. Hatton has a railway but no station. Tutbury has no railway but it does have a station and it is located in Hatton. To make up for this Hatton has two pubs called the Railway. Confused? Come along and see for yourself! The final destination is the Rose & Crown. It is one of those pubs that usually serves only one real ale (Pedigree). There may be a lack of variety but concentrating on doing one beer really well certainly has its merits.

To join this free mini-bus survey, please contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737 or [beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk) to reserve your seat. The mini-bus will depart at 19:00 from the X3 bus stop on Full Street, Derby and aims to return back to Derby by 23:45.

- Railway Tavern Hatton (arr. 19:25, dep. 19:10)
- Railway Inn, Hatton (arr. 19:55, dep. 20:20)
- Castle Hotel, Hatton (arr. 20:20, dep. 20:45)
- Forresters, Scropton (arr. 20:55, dep. 21:15)
- Holly Bush Inn, Church Broughton (arr. 21:25, dep. 22:00)
- Rose & Crown, Boylestone (arr. 22:10, dep. 23:10)

#### **GBG Selection Meeting/Social, Falstaff, Derby – 8pm, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The aim of this meeting is to pick candidates for the 2011 Good Beer Guide. Note that Amber Valley are responsible for their own selection process of 10 pubs, leaving Derby to choose 26 Pubs. All current GBG entries will automatically be candidates for the next guide unless there are circumstances that rule a pub out. In addition, another 26 candidates will be chosen at this meeting, based on surveys from the last 12 months. The 52 candidates will then be put to the branch for continued surveying until the final selection meeting at the end of January.

Hopefully the business part of the evening will be wrapped-up quickly, leaving plenty of time for socialising. All Derby CAMRA members welcome.

#### **Derby the Garden City – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

A request for survey ideas has yielded this one from Keith Normington. The Garden City is a recent real ale gain and can be reached using the AMB, H1 or 9.2 bus, all leaving from the city centre at 18:35.

Alight at the Coach & Horses, cross the road towards Vivian St. cul-de-sac, where the Garden City can be found.

- Garden City (arr. 19:00)
- Coach & Horses (arr. 19:30)
- Duke of Clarence (arr. 20:30)
- Bridge Inn (arr. 21:00)
- Furnace (arr. 21:30)
- Five Lamps (arr. 22:00)

- Horse & Groom (22:30)

## December Surveys

### GBG candidates by minibus – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Following on from the results of the GBG selection meeting, this survey trip will take in some of the hard to get to GBG candidates. More details next month, but do not wait till then to reserve a seat.

To join this free mini-bus survey, please contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737 or [beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk) to reserve your seat. The mini-bus will depart at 19:00 from the X3 bus stop on Full Street, Derby and aims to return back to Derby by 23:45.

## Future Surveys

- Do you have any other suggestions? If yes, please email to [beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk).

## How to Submit Surveys

Remember that surveying for the Good Beer Guide is not confined to organised survey trips. It should be carried out by any CAMRA member when they visit a pub.

The preferred method of submitting surveys is via the Nation Beer Scoring System website. You can also submit surveys on behalf of other CAMRA members.

Go to <http://www.beerscoring.org.uk>

CAMRA ID: your CAMRA membership number without leading zeros.

Password: same as that used on the National CAMRA website, default is your postcode in uppercase without spaces.

A printable survey sheet can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website:

<http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/documents/Survey%20Forms.pdf>

Paper surveys for the Branch Area can be given to me at branch meetings or sent to me in the post.

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## Derby CAMRA's e-group

Derby CAMRA has an e-group service and it's only open to members of CAMRA. Its purpose is to augment the information about real ale, pubs and consumer rights in the Derby area beyond what is already in Derby Drinker and Mild & Bitter. It also sends you reminder e-mails of upcoming events a few days beforehand.

You can communicate with all the members of the group by sending to a single email address and will receive all replies made by other members of the group. For that reason it is important to join if you are at all interested and it is also important that you stick to the subject and remain polite. Although small the previous group regularly circulated information about pubs, beer and beer festivals. If you want to join please send an email to [derbycamra-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:derbycamra-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

You will then receive an e-mail from Yahoo asking you to confirm your request to join. Once you have done this an e-mail will be sent to the moderator, Julian Tubbs to confirm who you are. If he doesn't know who you are he might ask for your CAMRA membership number before accepting your membership to the group.

### Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting held at the Olde Spa on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 09

No new members present.

Rob Davison asked for any AOB to be registered at this point.

**Apologies.** Simon Tankard, Blue Monkey speaker who had won SIBA award which was being awarded tonight, Stewart Lawson (arrived later), Terry Morton.

**Minutes of last meeting.** M&B had not arrived in all quarters. Investigations will take place. Gareth had sent it out on time.

**Matters Arising.** Terry Holmes asked questions to the chair about some personal matters relating to the last committee meetings. Chair felt this was not an appropriate topic for the meeting, and moved onto other matters.

**Officers' Reports.**

**Chair.** Was going to Eastbourne Beer Festival. We now may have a Young persons' officer - subject to committee approval. Old Oak in Horsley Woodhouse is into regional finals. Hosting beer consumers meeting may happen.

**Treasurer.** Jok gave a full and detailed report. Append Jok's report. Branch committee had approved transfer of funds to HQ whilst retaining what we need for the winter festival. Amber Valley budget requested. Move to independence is planned.

**BLO Talk.** Kate Neale spoke of her role of Derby Brewing Co. She spoke of Trevor Harris' history of brewing and pub ownership in Derby and Burton. The Brunswick was the major jewel in the crown - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1987 together with the late John Evans.

2002 retired then re-emerged in 2004 at the former Mason's paint works. 2007 bought the Royal Standard. Now no compulsory purchase order on the pub.

They brew twice a week including bottled beers (not bottle conditioned). Many non pub outlets sell DB bottled beers and 53 Tesco and Asda outlets. 50 pubs sell his beer from Wales, Oxfordshire, Kent.

Numerous SIBA awards had been won. Five fermenters will be increased to seven soon.

Soon to open a new pub in the Derby area. Trevor had offered a branch tour of the brewery and a talk to the branch. Questions were taken and answered. The role of publicity and BLOs was mentioned.

Terry Holmes felt her report was partisan. Various members of the committee explained that it was not and was only part of a committee sponsored programme of informing the branch of the activities of BLOs and making them more accountable to the branch which they serve. A frank exchange of views ensued.

**National Poetry Day.** As it was National Poetry Day we enjoyed/endured Les Baynton's poetry!

**Quiz.** After the beer break there was pub quiz in place of the Blue Monkey speaker.

#### **Festivals.**

**Summer.** Martin Roden was not at the meeting. We still require a treasurer. Unless we get one we can't run the festival 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July. A decision will be made at the December meeting. Summer festival accounts about to go to the auditors.

**Winter.** Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm. Things progressing nicely. Ralf thanked the branch for sponsoring the under 30s. Blue Monkey sponsoring the festival. Kevin questioned the legality of not charging the under 30s. Jok assured members that this had been checked.

**Information Exchange.** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Birmingham joint social meet 12.30pm at Derby station. Return 22.10pm. More information from Tim or Les Williams on 01332 381358, 07803546496, 07981924883.

Wild Walker has been sold. Derby Brewery had won SIBA gold award.

**Other Officers' report.** Transport - Peterborough meeting Saturday 10th.

**Diary.** As published in M&B.

**AOB.** Cut off point for DD, M&B and WB suggested.

Questions were asked about the Social Secretary. Jok and Rob were to have discussions with him to resolve the issues. Rob reiterated that he was pleased that he had volunteered in a climate where very few people volunteered for anything. He felt that he had not been given enough information about the job.

Questions were asked about the problem of not being able to contact the social secretary easily.

A frank exchange of views took place about the wisdom of running a quiz etc in preference to branch business.

Tim Williams felt that we had spent some of the meeting, kicking ourselves and expressed regret at the negative attitude amongst some factions. **Meeting closed at 10.13pm.**

## Derby Branch Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Officers' reports - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
5. Other reports - Beer Festivals, Campaigning, Derby Drinker, Good Beer Guide & Surveys, LocAle inc Liaison Officers, Membership, Mild & Bitter, Pubs Officer, Publications, Pub Preservation, Regional, Sales, Sub-Branch, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website, Etc
6. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery and Technical

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| 7. Committee Meeting Report Back.   |
| 8. Diary - Meetings, Socials, Trips and Events.                                   |
| 9. Any other business (give notice to Chair prior to meeting commencing meeting). |

# VALLEY VIEW

## News from the Amber Valley sub-branch

### HEANOR REVIVAL CONTINUES

The Market at Heanor, in the shadow of St. Laurence parish church, has reopened following a major refurbishment by a small, Leeds based pub company.



Originally named the King of Prussia, the name being dropped during the Great War owing to connections with the enemy, the Market is alive again having been styled in contemporary, but restrained, fashion with a black and brown theme. Front and back rooms are retained, and on the bar former Champion Beer of Britain, Greene King IPA is accompanied by its Bury St Edmunds stable mate, “Ruddles” Best. Perhaps of more interest to beer buffs is the changing guest beer, which has seen Derventio, Shardlow and Falstaff breweries featured, all at a bargain £2.20 a pint. Outside is a well-designed patio, which found drinkers basking in the recent “Indian summer” and this area will be the backdrop to a pre-Christmas beer festival with 20 beers plus ciders on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### PUB NEWS

The Spotted Cow, Holbrook is now free of tie and Blue Monkey of Ilkeston was the first in a line of interesting breweries to be espied at the Town Street hostelry. Look out for imminent changes at the Thorntree, Waingroves, which we understand is to be sold to a local businessman, and thereafter likely to be of considerable interest to the real ale fraternity. Our roving reporter in Belper tells us that the town’s real ale scene continues to flourish with Blue Monkey’s 99 Red Baboons and Abbeydale Moonshine spotted at the Lion Hotel. At the time of going to press, the Cross Keys beer festival was welcoming its first customers. Less happily, the Strutt Arms, Milford and Bulls Head, Belper Lane End have been closed, although it’s understood this may be a temporary situation. Steve Marshall, the former landlord of the Steampacket, Swanwick, is returning to oversee the reopening of the erstwhile GBG pub on Armistice Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### EVENTS

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November** - free survey trip to Codnor and Riddings, departing Ripley Market Place at 7pm.

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November** - branch and first Good Beer Guide selection meeting at the Queen’s Head, Ilkeston Road, Marlpool starting at 8.30pm. Please note that this is the deadline for Amber Valley Pub of the Year nominations.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - free survey trip to Denby and Kilburn, departing Ripley Market Place at 7pm.

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December** - branch meeting starting at 8.30pm at a venue to be decided in Alfreton.

**18-20 December** - Amber fest at Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich, Ripley.

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas crawl of Belper. Meet in the Cross Keys, Market Place between 7.30 and 8pm.

For Alfreton and Belper pick ups on survey trips, please ring *social secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675*.

**MINUTES OF THE AMBER VALLEY SUB-BRANCH MEETING AT THE  
GEORGE AND DRAGON, BELPER ON 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009.**

Meeting started at 8.50pm with 27 attendees.

**Apologies for absence** from Gus Manning, Carl Brett and Robert Charlton. Thanks were due to Alison Cox for raising £30 in a raffle.

**Minutes of the last meeting** Accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising** Steve Marshall, former licensee of the Steampacket, is returning to oversee the stewardship of the Swanwick pub, which reopens on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Andy Brett was finding the landlord of the Blue Bell, Alfreton elusive so Andy may have to book the December branch meeting at the Victoria instead.

**Officer's reports** Chairman, Pete had nothing to report. Secretary, Paul thanked those members who had submitted Pub of the Year nominations and reminded the meeting that 26<sup>th</sup> November was the deadline for nominations. Derby branch has a committee meeting on Monday, which Pete volunteered to attend. Social Secretary, Nathan gave details of two survey trips, the first on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November to Codnor and Riddings, and the second on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December to Denby and Kilburn. Gus was absent so there was no membership report.

**POTY update** Paul reaffirmed the procedure whereby the 8 pubs receiving the most nominations would be identified at the November branch meeting, and volunteers would then be sought to survey the pubs on CAMRA's established scoring formula. POTY and 3 "highly commended" pubs will be announced in February. Paul added that, to date, 20 individual pubs had been nominated by 10 members.

**Beer festival** Considerable interest was shown in staging a festival and Regional Director, Julian Tubbs said a budget showing the event's viability would have to be submitted, six months prior to the festival, to scrutineer, Francis. Jok Arguile had already availed Pete of the scrutineer's requirements. A festival committee was provisionally formed of Gareth Rees, Peter Webb, Andy Brett, Paul Eydon, Alison Cox, Nathan Dilley, Andy Pearson, Pete Hounsell, Jok Arguile and Paul Gibson.

**AV CAMRA on tour** Pete proposed that we have an ale weekend within 3 hours driving distance in a mini bus. We would leave Saturday morning and return Sunday teatime. Please see Pete if interested.

**AV Planning Dept** Jayn Hounsell had spoken to Amber Valley's Planning Department regarding the delicensing of pubs and AV said we could be a sounding board and lobby for licence retention. Julian had been involved with the Blue Bell, Farnah Green change of use application that AV had refused. He added we should monitor our pubs as AV is disposed to keeping them as licensed premises.

**GBG pubs discount to members** Andy had contacted Ray Kirby who revealed that pubs approach Nottingham Drinker to offer discounts in return for ND publicity. Andy had a few of our pubs already interested and he hoped that Derby Drinker might be able to provide similar exposure.

**Pub info** Blue Bell, South Wingfield open again with GK IPA and Pedigree. Strutt Arms, Milford and Bulls Head, Belper Lane End had been seen closed. Thorntree, Waingroves likely to become a real ale freehouse. Spotted Cow, Holbrook purchased from Punch and has served Blue Monkey. Market, Heanor open with micro guest beer policy.

**AOB** Konrad announced that Derby CAMRA Xmas show tickets for sale at £6.50 each. AV Christmas crawl Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December meet at Cross Keys, Belper between 730 and 8pm. RD, Julian said our northern end engages with Chesterfield and we may have to look at the division of members within the same postcode. We could write to them asking which branch they wished to be affiliated to. Pete Hounsell to review situation. Julian also reminded us that we could make a Club of the Year award and said that nominated clubs do not have the same eligibility criteria as GBG pubs.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm.**



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## Derby Branch Diary

### BRANCH MEETINGS - 8pm

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Canalhouse, Canal Street, Nottingham. Free bus from Derby stop X3 on Full Street at 7.30pm.

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Alexandra, Siddals Rd, Derby.

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Station Inn, Derby.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

### COMMITTEE MEETING - 8pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Brunswick Inn, Derby.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

### BEER-FEST MEETINGS

WINTER – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Brunswick Inn, Derby – 7.30pm. Contact the Chairman, Ralf Edge on 07739 967465.

SUMMER – Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Alexandra, Derby – 8pm. Contact the Chairman, Martin Roden on 07814 776337.

### REGIONAL MEETING - 12pm

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Hearty Oak, Dronfield Woodhouse. Contact Regional Director, Julian Tubbs on 07962 267743.

### TRIPS

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Birmingham by train at 12.53pm. Contact Tim Williams 01332 381358.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Lincoln Xmas Market.  
Contact Simon Tankard on 01332 772704.

### SURVEY TRIPS

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Hatton area by minibus.

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - GBG Selection Meeting/Social – Falstaff, Derby – 8pm.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Derby Garden City crawl.

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – GBG candidates by minibus.  
Contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737.

### WEEKLY SOCIALS - 9pm

#### NOVEMBER

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> – Canalhouse – Nottingham – 8pm.

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> – Falstaff, Silverhill Rd, Derby–8pm

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Flowerpot, King Street, Derby.

#### DECEMBER

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> - Alexandra, Siddals Rd, Derby -8pm

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> – XMAS SHOW, Flowerpot – 8pm.

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> – Rowditch Inn, UNR Rd, Derby.

## Amber Valley Diary

### BRANCH MEETINGS– 8.30pm

Thu 26 Nov - Branch and GBG selection meetings, Queens Head, Ilkeston Rd, Marlpool. 5 mins from Heanor Market Place.

Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Branch Meeting TBA at a venue to be decided in Alfreton. Contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

### SURVEY TRIPS

Fri 20 Nov - Codnor and Riddings. Free bus from Ripley Market Place at 7pm.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - free survey trip to Denby and Kilburn, departing Ripley Market Place at 7pm. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups, ring Nathan.

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas crawl of Belper. Meet in the Cross Keys, Market Place between 7.30 and 8pm. Contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

## Beer Festivals

#### NOVEMBER

1-15 – Wetherspoons BF – All pubs.

5-8 – Canalhouse BF – Nottingham.

6-7 - Alfred BF - Burton-on-Trent.

6-7 - Derby Tup BF – Chesterfield.

6-8 – Little Acorn BF – Ilkeston.

11-15 – Johnson Arms BF – Nottingham.

12-14 – Harlequin BF – Sheffield.

12-15 – Lady Bay BF – West Bridgford.

12-15 – Hockey Club BF – West Bridgford.

19-22 – Criterion BF – Leicester.

26-28 – Royal Standard BF – Derby.

26-28 – Dudley BF – Concert Hall.

#### DECEMBER

3-6 - Good Old Days BF – Ilkeston.

11-13 - Fishermans Rest BF – Broadholme.

17-20 – Old Oak BF – Horsley Woodhouse.

18-20 – Amber BF – Asher Lane, Pentrich.

#### JANUARY

20-23 – National Winter-Fest – Manchester.

#### FEBRUARY

4-6 – Derby Winter-Fest – Darwin Suite.

5-6 – Chesterfield BF – Winding Wheel.

