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Seasons Greetings



Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and we hope you will attend one of the many social events organised over the forthcoming weeks. We have the classic and unmissable Christmas Show at the Flowerpot as well as Branch Meetings, Socials, Survey Trips and Beer Festivals. Just check out the Diary Page to see what's on around the area during December. All in all then plenty to keep you occupied so we hope you have a great festive season.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social - Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Road, Derby - Thursday 3rd December - 8pm.

The December Branch Meeting will be held in the Lounge of the Alexandra Hotel on Siddals Road in Derby beginning at 8pm and the agenda is printed elsewhere.



The Alex was the original birthplace of Derby CAMRA and it has been a Good Beer Guide regular for many, many years now serving a wide range of well-kept Real Ales, draught continental beers and a selection of bottled beers. It is also quite easy to find lying on the apex of Station Approach and Siddals Road, a short walk from the City Centre or Railway Station. 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.

For further information contact *the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: 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 and 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**

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 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 Thursday evening and all day on Friday and Saturday and will remain open until Midnight on the Friday. There will also be a discount for the under 30's. For the full details check out the Winter-Fest website at <http://www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk>



Winter Festival Tee-Shirts (in both yellow and black) and Rugby Tops (black only!) will be available at the Derby December Branch Meeting and the Xmas Show at a pre Festival special discount price of £7.50 for anyone that attends. The Rugby shirts will also be at a special price of £15 at the Meeting. It's will also be possible to pay for them using "brown festival tokens" if you have any stored away from previous Festivals.

Posters and Flyers should hopefully be available at the Branch Meeting as well, so please collect some and get the Pre-Festival publicity kick started in pubs, clubs, shops, offices, etc.

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 for this purpose went out with the last M&B and another is attached to this one or you can volunteer online via the website.

Finally, the next meeting of the Festival Committee has been arranged for **Monday 14th December** 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*

Winter-Fest Derby Drinker

Will all distributors please note that the all important Winter Beer Festival edition of Derby Drinker should be ready for collection from your usual supplier quite soon. There will also be Winter Beer Festival posters to deliver to each pub on your round so please endeavour to get them out asap so that we can get the advance publicity going.

Also, if you know you are unable to do yours this time then please give *the Distribution Manager, Joy Olivent a ring on 07766 306985* so that an alternative distributor can be arranged, otherwise copies will be left lying around for weeks and their vital Winter-Fest publicity potential lost, costing the Branch money.

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 next committee meeting for **Thursday 7th January, 2010 in the Alexandra at 8pm.** However there are a few vital committee vacancies that urgently need filling as follows:-

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Festival Manager

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.*

Derby Branch Webmaster and Survey Trip Organiser Wanted

Derby CAMRA is actively seeking a new Branch Webmaster and Branch Survey Trip Organiser.

Steve Crispin is stepping down as Webmaster after a few years in the role and Stewart Marshall is giving up the job of Survey Trip Organiser. We therefore require anyone who is interested in these roles to come forward and volunteer.

The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining and updating the Branch website and the Survey Trip Organiser is responsible for organising and booking the survey trips around the Branch area pubs to check on beer quality for the Good Beer Guide.

If you would like any further information on these jobs or would like to volunteer then please contact *the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: ianforman@btinternet.com*

New 2010 Good Beer Guide

The new 2010 Good Beer Guide is now out and copies are available from selected local Real Ale outlets around the area. They are on sale in the Brunswick, Flowerpot and Mr Grundy's in Derby and the Cross Keys - Belper, Royal Oak - Ockbrook, Cliff Inn - Crich and the Old Oak - Horsley Woodhouse. They are disappearing fast though so be quick or you might miss out as all Branch copies have now been sold.



Lincoln Christmas Market Social Trip

Derby CAMRA Social Secretary, Simon Tankard has arranged a trip to Lincoln on **Saturday 5th December** to take in the delights of the pubs and the Christmas Market.

From Derby catch the 10.23 or 10.40 train which will cost £12.50 return or cheaper if 4 go on a groupsave. Once in Lincoln meet at the Treaty of Commerce pub on the High Street for the start of the crawl. The return train back is at 19.35 arriving Derby at 21.42 or the 20.45 arriving at 22.48. For further information contact *Simon Tankard on 01332 772704.*

Derby December 2009 Pub Survey Report

December Surveys

GBG candidates by minibus – Friday 4th 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. To join this free mini-bus survey, please contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737 or 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.

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

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 Canalhouse, Nottingham on Thursday 12th Nov 2009.

PRESENT: (39) Daniel Cramp spoke about his new position of Chair and Rob's resignation. He explained that this was to be with branch approval which he sought. There were no adverse comments. Les Baynton expressed his approval of Dan. Dan thanked Rob personally for his dedication to the campaign. He had spoken to Rob.

APOLOGIES: Sue and Chris Rogers, Steve Crispin, Julian Tubbs.

NEW MEMBERS: Steve Cooper and John Larmer were welcomed. Trevor/Terry Holmes was also welcomed to the meeting as a new member. He made a statement apologising for his "outrageous" outburst at the last meeting. He assured members that it would never happen again.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Quiz prize. Rob had sent a prize for the winners. There was no recollection of the team name winners so the prize money would be returned to Rob.

CHAIR: Still a vacancy for Young persons' officer to be discussed at next committee.

SECRETARY: Nothing to report. Xmas social tickets on sale for £6.50.

TREASURER : Trading: - DD 131 (Dec / Jan) is 62% funded and DD132 (Feb / March) is 25% funded.

Expected DD surplus for 2009 is £1328. - 142 copies of GBG 2010 (out of 144) have been distributed and monies received for the sale of 57 copies. Discounted GBGs at meeting for last time. *Future known*

liabilities: M&B print and postage bills for July, August, Sept, Oct and Nov (£?) DD131 print bill £2015.

The refurbishment of 6 hand pumps @ £65 - c £390 (out of 10). GBG 2010 bill of £1296. - JLA reported that HM Customs & Excise changes mean that future VAT payments can only be paid online. This means that the branch account authorisation will need to be changed to a single authority, but in so doing it will allow online banking and will reduce bank charges.

WINTER BEER FESTIVAL: 12pm finish on Fri night to combat the entertainment next door from Ocean Colour Scene. Budget approved. No Tee shirts at this meeting due to production problems. Staffing forms had gone out in M&B. Everything going to plan. No container yet.

SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL: Martin Roden not at meeting. Meeting imminent on 19th Nov? 8pm at the Alex. All support called for.

DERBY DRINKER: Deadline 20th Nov. Calls for copy and pictures.

SURVEYS: Stewart gave details of forthcoming events. Candidates for GBG to be chosen on the 17th Nov. Derby Garden city 21st Nov. Minibus 4th Dec destination to be decided to finally check GBG entry proposals. Stewart to retire from organising surveys from March 2010. Situation vacant. Dan thanked him on behalf of the branch. Job spec in next M&B.

MEMBERSHIP: One year since Amber Valley had cost us members but the figures had recently increased with things going well.

M&B: Some problems with electronic copies?

AMBER VALLEY: Successful AGM had been held with good attendances throughout. Surveys are very buoyant. Sub branch is looking to become self sufficient. New pub of the year competition to be held. 2011 GBG entries to be considered. Things are going well.

TRANSPORT: Next meeting Feb 15th. Bus time changed to Old Oak at Horsley Woodhouse.

WEBSITE: This had been revamped and improved. Need new web editor? Steve Crispin wishes to step down. Volunteers needed.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE: Pub closures (12): *Junction* (Oct 25th), *Anglers Arms*, Spondon (Nov 12th) *Grange Hotel* has been sold / is due to close but is yet to happen. *Blue Pool* (supermarket), *Chestnut* (Asian restaurant?); *Cock & Bull*, *Gallant Hussar* (flats), *Haslams*, *Osmaston Park* (old peoples home?); *Masons Arms* (flats), *Napier* (flats), *Swan & Salmon* (flats),

A great many other Derby pubs are up for let / sale; eg Bedford Arms; Crown & Cushion; Ram; Sherwood Foresters, Spinning Wheel; Sun, and the Woodlark. George, Ripley **Real Ale gains (12):** Barracuda; Bell Old; Crescent, Kingfisher (Chad); Garden City, Noah's Ark; Number 5 (George St); Royal Telegraph; Slug & Lettuce; Thomas Leaper (Yates); Waggon & Horses; White Swan (Spondon); Yarnspinner (Spondon). **Real Ale losses (8):** Bell & Castle; Castle & Falcon; Crown (Spondon); Dog & Partridge; George Hotel; Malin; Shakespeare; Union Blue. **Other changes:** The **Greyhound**, Friar Gt has been bought by Derby Brewery - subject to contract. **Pack Horse**, Kings Newton to reopen soon. **Fat Cat** has Thornbridge Wild Swan. **Silk Mill** new real ale bar to be opened in the pub, The John Lombe Bar.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Mostly about Rob standing down. Role of Social secretary had been discussed. Dan was to discuss matters with him.

DIARY: Sat 14th Nov trip to Birmingham - Joint trip with Birmingham branch. Trip to Lincoln at Christmas was doubtful.

AOB: Terry Morton asked for clarification of the under 30s subsidy for the beer festival. Dan explained the reasoning about the decision. Ralf Edge felt it was a national campaigning issue to widen membership. Reps from Notts were asked for their views on this issue. The decision had been made by committee. Terry felt very strongly that this was discriminating against older members. It was, however, national policy to attract young members. A discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Guest Speaker: Terry Locke spoke to members about the European Beer Consumers Union. He gave a history of the organisation and why it was needed, its ethos and aims. 13 countries are now involved. There were

problems eg in Germany. There had, also been much progress. Denmark now has 120 breweries when they had only one (Carlsberg.) Italy now has 100 brew pubs. There are still major challenges eg. duties.

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
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

AMBER ALES' ACQUISITION

Amber Ales, the Pentrich brewery whose award winning ales include Chocolate Orange Stout, has purchased its first pub, the Talbot Inn in Ripley (pictured), at the apex of Butterley Hill and Pentrich Road. Proprietor, Peter Hounsell, looked at a number of potential sites, including the Cross Keys, Heanor, before plumping for the Talbot.

The stylish former Shipstone's house occupies a "flat-iron" site, and in its new life as the Talbot Brewery Tap, it will serve six Amber Ales, two guest beers and three traditional ciders. In keeping with the brewery's policy of innovation, the Talbot will offer discount to CAMRA members and free mineral water to drivers. With the Nags Head, opposite, and the Good Beer Guide listed George on nearby Lowes Hill, an increase in north Ripley footfall is anticipated with consequent benefits to the area's on-trade. Doors should be opening to the public during the middle of December.



DERBYSHIRE ALES FESTIVAL

Declan Nixon, the enterprising licensee of the Fisherman's Rest, Broadholme, near Belper, has arranged with Marston's to fly the Derbyshire flag for our county's breweries during a three day promotion of many of our craft brewers' beery delights. Traditional cider will also be available during 11th, 12th and 13th December and it promises to be an event not to be missed.

AGM

The George and Dragon, Belper was packed for the inaugural Amber Valley AGM which saw the serving committee re-elected unopposed. Everyone appreciated the fine beer that included 99 Red Baboons from Blue Monkey, the burgeoning Ilkeston micro and East Mill, the pub's tasty house beer that belied its 3.5% strength.

PUB NEWS

Andrew West-Hunt has bought the freehold to the Spotted Cow, Holbrook and is promising an interesting guest beer policy. Blue Monkey Original has already been espied. The Thorntree, Waingroves is reported to have been sold and new owner, Chris Buxton, will seek to offer a range of reasonably priced real ales, including mild. The Blue Bell, South Wingfield is serving Greene King IPA and Pedigree. The Four Horseshoes and the Plough, both in Alfreton, are for sale.

EVENTS

Thursday, 26th 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.

Friday, 4th and Saturday, 5th December - Beer Festival, Market, Heanor.

Saturday, 12th December - free bus surveying pubs in Denby and Kilburn, and then a surprise finish. Leaves Ripley Market Place at 7pm. Telephone Nathan to reserve seat from Belper or Alfreton.

Thursday, 17th December - Branch Meeting at Victoria, Nottingham Road, Alfreton, starting at 8.30pm.

18th to 20th December - Amber Fest at unit A, Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich, Ripley.

Wednesday, 30th December - Christmas crawl of Belper pubs, starting 7.45pm at the Cross Keys, Market Place. *Contact Social Secretary, Nathan 01773 570675.*

MINUTES OF THE AMBER VALLEY SUB-BRANCH MEETING AT THE GEORGE AND DRAGON, BELPER ON 29TH 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 11th 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 26th 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, 20th November to Codnor and Riddings, and the second on Saturday, 12th 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, 30th 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 3rd Dec – Alexandra, Siddals Rd, Derby.

Thu 14th Jan – Station Inn, Derby.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

COMMITTEE MEETING - 8pm

Mon 4th Jan – Brunswick Inn, Derby. Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

BEER-FEST MEETINGS

WINTER – Mon 14th Dec – Brunswick Inn, Derby – 7.30pm. Contact the Chairman, Ralf Edge on 07739 967465.

SUMMER – Thu 7th Jan – Alexandra, Derby – 8pm. Contact the Chairman, Martin Roden on 07814 776337.

REGIONAL MEETING - 12pm

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

TRIPS

Sat 5th Dec – Lincoln Xmas Market. Contact Simon Tankard on 01332 772704.

SURVEY TRIPS

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

WEEKLY SOCIALS - 9pm

DECEMBER

Thu 3rd - Alexandra, Siddals Rd, Derby -8pm

Thu 10th – XMAS SHOW, Flowerpot – 8pm.

Tue 15th – Rowditch Inn, UNR Rd, Derby.

JANUARY

Tue 5th -Waggon&Horses/MrGrundys,Derby

Thu 14th – Station Inn, Derby – 8pm.

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 17th Dec - Branch Meeting - Victoria, Nottingham Rd, Alferton. Contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

SURVEY TRIPS

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

Wed 30th Dec - Christmas crawl of Belper.

Meet in the Cross Keys, Market Place at 7.45pm. Contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

Beer Festivals

NOVEMBER

25-2 Dec – Bunkers Hill BF – Nottingham.

26-28 – Royal Standard BF – Derby.

26-28 – Dudley BF – Concert Hall.

DECEMBER

3-6 - Good Old Days BF – Ilkeston.

3-6 – Queens Head BF – Watnall. Notts.

4-5 – Market BF – Heanor.

8-13 – Lion Inn BF – Basford, Nottingham.

11-13 - Fishermans Rest BF – Broadholme.

17-20 – Old Oak BF – Horsley Woodhouse.

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

19-20 – Harlequin BF – Sheffield.

19-24 – Fat Cat Xmas Ales BF – Sheffield.

31-3 Jan – Coach&Horses BF – Dronfield.

JANUARY

20-23 – National Winter-Fest – Manchester.

29-31 – Victoria BF – Beeston.

FEBRUARY

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

5-6 – Chesterfield BF – Winding Wheel.

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