

MILD & BITTER

Newsletter of Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA



Edition 407

Happy New Year

Derby CAMRA would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year and we do hope you all had a good Festive Season.



This year as usual we have loads of social events lined-up and all are worth attending so please try and come along to one or two if you can.

The first big one is the **Annual Beer Census** around Derby followed closely by the **9th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival** in the Darwin Suite which we desperately need more staff for so please volunteer.

We also have the the superb **Shrovetide Social**, the **33rd Derby CAMRA Summer Beer Festival** in the Assembly Rooms, the fantastic **Christmas Show** and all the normal socials and trips. Just keep an eye on the Diary page of M&B for all the latest offerings.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social - Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby - Thursday 14th January - 8pm

The January Branch Meeting will be held in the rear function room of the Station Inn on Midland Road in Derby beginning at approx. 8pm.

The Pub itself is quite easy to find being a short walk from the City Centre, lying near the Railway Station and opposite the main Post Office buildings. It has been a past Good Beer Guide regular thanks to the erstwhile cellar skills of landlord, Dave Lalor who always gives the Branch a warm welcome. With superb Bass served straight from the jug, Deuchars IPA and two others, it's always a pleasure to have a meeting there and the agenda can be found elsewhere in M&B.



Winter-Fest T-Shirts, Posters and Flyers should also be available. For further information please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: ianforman@btinternet.com**

Derby Branch Pubs of the Year - Selection Time



The January Branch Meeting at the Station Inn, Derby will see the Branch Pubs of the Year short-listed and once again there will be a City and Country Pub of the Year Award with one overall Branch Pub of the Year Award from the two winners.

Last year saw the **Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse** take the overall award and the **Royal Standard in Derby** the City award and this year's contest is sure to be as keenly fought.

The Branch Committee has reviewed the POTY selection procedure and amended it as follows:-

- 1) Long List to be created from top 100 pubs according to NBSS scores (available at the meeting).
- 2) A Short List finalised by branch members choosing 5 city and 5 country pubs from Long List at January Branch Meeting. (Branch Committee cannot vote).
- 3) Branch Committee then judge Short List based on re-weighted National Camra Scoring System.

The overall winner of this judging will then go forward to the County Pub of the Year competition where it will stand a chance of entering the Regional and National competitions as well.

Amber Valley Sub-Branch Next Meeting



The next Amber Valley Sub-Branch Meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th January** in the **Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley** 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.*

Derby Annual Beer Census - The ABC pub crawl

The Derby CAMRA Annual Beer Census has developed into one of the best social nights out of the year with members young and old crawling around most of Derby's pubs in the name of Beer Science and a pint or three. This year's event to determine how many different beers are on sale in the City on any one given night will take place on **Friday 29th January**.

The mega crawl will also see us try once more to make a challenge for the title of 'Beer Capital of Britain', which we have held on a few occasions in the past. Last year's results were impressive just falling short of our previous best total by 12 (252 Real Ales with 147 different ones) but we are hoping to do much better this time.

The ABC crawl itself will involve 8 different routes and about 70 different pubs in and around the City Centre culminating at the Flowerpot at the end of the night where the number of beers will be totalled up and the results announced. The details of the pubs and routes are published below so why not join us for this fun social evening and see if we can recapture that title once again.



(Start times are approx between 7:00pm - 7:30pm - Contact the Crawl Leader for exact start time, most will have a mobile phone with them should you wish to join them on route)

Route 1 - Crawl Leader - Julian Tubbs (Tel. 07962 267743) - Florence Nightingale, Crown & Cushion, Station Inn, George, Merry Widows, Victoria, Waterfall, Brunswick Inn, Alexandra Hotel, Flowerpot.

Route 2 - Crawl Leader - Eric Streets (Tel. 07946 714728) - Smithfield, Royal Standard, Exeter Arms, Tavern, Peacock, Liversage, Furnace Inn, Flowerpot.

Route 3 - Crawl Leader - Gareth Stead (Tel. 07900 407086) - Wardwick, Tiger, Old Bell, Shakespeare, Jorrocks, Standing Order, Thomas Leaper, Old Dolphin, Old Silk Mill, Flowerpot.

Route 4 - Crawl Leader - Ralf Edge (Tel. 07739 967465) - Rowditch, Great Northern, Bedford, Dog & Partridge, George Cross, Old Spa, Dunkirk, Kensington, Bishop Blaise, Flowerpot.

Route 5 - Crawl Leader - Stewart Marshall (Tel. 07944 163737) - Falstaff, Durham Ox, Bell & Castle, Duke of York, Sitwell Tavern, Babington, Neptune, Crompton, Metro Bar, Flowerpot.

Route 6 - Crawl Leader - Chris Rogers (Tel. 07745 576923) - Crescent, New Zealand Arms, Travellers Rest, Waggon & Horses, Mr. Grundy's, Brick & Tile, York Tavern, Union Blue, Number 5 Bar, Flowerpot.

Route 7 - Crawl Leader - Les Baynton (Tel. 01332 206734) - Jonty Farmer, Horse & Groom, Maypole, Ram, Woodlark, Five Lamps, Seven Stars, Blessington, Flowerpot.

Route 8 - Crawl Leader - Steve Crispin (Tel. 07831 803749) - Markeaton, Red Cow, Broadway, Abbey, Garden City, Coach & Horses, Duke of Clarence, Bridge Inn, Flowerpot.

Derby Winter-Fest 2010

The **9th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival** is only a few weeks away and 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 at 6pm on Thursday evening and all day on Friday and Saturday and will remain open until Midnight on the Friday. For the full details of beers, bands, etc, check out the Winter-Fest website at

<http://www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk>

STAFFING – HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED

We are desperately short of staff at the moment for most sessions so please, please help out, as without volunteers to work at the Festival the event wouldn't run. Whatever time you can spare, even if only for a few hours, will be much appreciated. It doesn't have to be behind the bar either as there are plenty of other tasks that need doing both beforehand on set-up, during the Festival itself or on take-down after the event. And don't worry if you've never helped out before as somebody will be on hand to show you what to do. Working at a Festival can be real fun and you are rewarded with tokens to spend on beer or food as well.

So please volunteer by filling in the attached staffing form or online via the website or **contact the Staffing Manager, Janette Edge on 01332 347601 or e-mail:- winterstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk** with the sessions you are available to work.

PUBLICITY – PLEASE HELP GET IT OUT

The posters and flyers are now out so please help with the publicity drive by taking them around all the usual outlets:- pubs, clubs, shops, work places, other Beer Festivals, etc. In fact anywhere you can think off. Every little bit of publicity we can get out there will greatly help the chances of the event being a success. Posters and Flyers will be available at the January Branch meeting or **contact Ralf Edge** to get hold of some.

PUBLICITY PUB CRAWL - CHANGE OF DATE

The Winter Festival's very own publicity pub crawl will feature 4 publicity distributing crawls, all starting from outside the central library at **19:30 on Tuesday 19th Jan** (please note date change from Mon 18th). Please come along to help spread the word and see inside some of the cities less frequently visited establishments.

TEE-SHIRTS – GET YOURS NOW

Winter Festival Tee-Shirts (in both yellow and black) and Rugby Tops (black only!) will be available at the Derby January Branch Meeting 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.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Finally, the next meeting of the Festival Committee has been arranged for **Monday 11th January** 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**

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

These 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

Membership - Are you Up-to-Date?

Have you checked your personal membership details recently on the National website? It's very easy to do. Visit www.camra.org.uk and log in. Your login name is your membership number, without any leading zeros. Your password is your postcode, without the space, so DE95 9EX becomes DE959EX.

Check your date of birth. If you are approaching or over 60 and pay by annual direct debit, and we do not have your date of birth on record, you will be charged the full subscription instead of the reduced concessionary rate. If it is on record, the adjustment will be made automatically when the time comes. So, do it now while you're reading this, even if you're only 27, and no longer receive the young person's discount!

If you have any membership queries, please contact **Konrad Machej** on 01773 827281 or 07976 749671 or konradmachej@yahoo.co.uk. Alternatively if you are an Amber Valley Member then you could have a word with Gus Manning.

Derby Branch Webmaster and Social Secretary Wanted

Derby CAMRA is actively seeking a new Branch Webmaster and Branch Social Secretary.

Steve Crispin is stepping down as Webmaster after a few years in the role and Simon Tankard is giving up the job of Social Secretary after a brief stay at the helm. 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 Social Secretary is responsible for organising Branch Social events and trips.

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

Derby January 2010 Pub Survey Report

January Surveys

Oakwood to Smalley by public transport – Saturday 9th January

To join this survey from Derby, catch the H1 bus from the J2 bus stop (opposite Council House) at 17:50. A zigzag ticket at £4.60 will be required due to the multiple bus journeys. Alternatively, join in anywhere along the route, pub arrival and departure times are given.

- Windmill, Oakwood (arr. 18:00, dep. 18:35)
- *Catch 18:42 bus*
- Morley Hayes (arr. 18:55, dep. 19:30)
- *Catch 19:45 bus*
- White Post Inn, Stanley Common (arr. 20:05, dep. 20:30)
- *Catch 20:47 bus*
- Bell, Smalley (arr. 20:50, dep. 23:00)
- *Catch 23:09 bus back to Derby*

Spondon, Melbourne, Ingleby & Repton by minibus – Friday 15th January

- Malt Shovel, Spondon (arr. 19:15, dep. 19:45)
- Alma, Melbourne (arr. 20:15, dep. 20:45)
- John Thompson, Ingleby (arr. 21:00, dep. 21:45)
- Bull's Head, Repton (arr. 22:00, dep. 23:00)

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.

Thulston to Shardlow by public transport – Saturday 23rd January

To join this survey from Derby, catch the Skylink bus from the L2 bus stop (Morlege) at 19:10. Multiple single tickets totalling £6.40 will be required due to the multiple bus journeys. Alternatively, join in anywhere along the route, pub arrival and departure times are given.

- Harrington Arms, Thulston (arr. 19:40, dep. 20:20)
- *Catch 20:30 bus*
- Shakespeare, Shardlow (arr. 20:40, dep. 21:15)

- Malt Shovel, Shardlow (arr. 21:30, dep. 22:30)
- Old Crown, Shardlow (arr. 22:45, dep. 23:50)
- Catch 00:00 bus back to Derby

Wirksworth by public transport – Saturday 30th January

To join this survey from Derby, catch the 6.3 bus from the X6 bus stop (Full Street) at 19:05. Alternatively, join in anywhere along the route, pub arrival and departure times are given.

- Black's Head (arr. 19:45, dep. 20:15)
- Hope & Anchor (arr. 20:15, dep. 20:45)
- Royal Oak (arr. 20:50, dep. 21:40)
- *Catch 21:50 back to Derby*

Future Surveys

Willington to Boylestone by minibus – Friday 12th February

GBG Selection Meeting, Venue TBA - Monday 15th February

- Do you have any other suggestions? If yes, please email to beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk.

Good Beer Guide 2011 Candidates

At the GBG selection meeting held on 17th November at the Falstaff, the following candidates were selected (shown in alphabetical order by place name):

Green Man & Black's Head, Ashbourne, Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne, Rose & Crown, Boylestone, Olde Gate Inne, Brassington, Bell & Harp, Coxbench, Alexandra Inn, Derby, Babington Arms, Derby, Brunswick Inn, Derby, Crompton Tavern, Derby, Exeter Arms, Derby, Falstaff Tavern, Derby, Flowerpot, Derby, Horse & Groom, Derby, Metro Bar, Derby, Mr Grundy's Tavern, Derby, Old Silk Mill, Derby, Peacock Inn, Derby, Rowditch Inn, Derby, Royal Standard, Derby, Smithfield, Derby, Standing Order, Derby, Station Inn, Derby, Thomas Leaper, Derby, Ye Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby, Hawk & Buckle, Etwell, Coach & Horses Inn, Fenny Bentley, Old Talbot, Hilton, Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse, John Thompson Inn, Ingleby, Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton, Alma Inn, Melbourne, Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne, Royal Oak, Ockbrook, Sycamore Inn, Parwich, Bull's Head, Repton, Malt Shovel Inn, Shardlow, Shakespeare Inn, Shardlow, Bell, Smalley, Malt Shovel Inn, Spondon, White Post Inn, Stanley, Common, Harrington Arms, Thulston, Cherry Tree Farm, Willington, Green Man, Willington, Hope & Anchor, Wirksworth, Royal Oak, Wirksworth.

Remember, these pubs are only candidates. There is no guarantee at this stage that a pub will actually make it into the Guide. Of these 45 pubs, about 26 will be chosen at the selection meeting on 15th February for entry into the 2011 GBG. Please make a concerted effort to submit surveys for these candidates during January and beginning of February, especially those pubs outside Derby City Centre.

Survey Trip Organizer required

The job of Pub Surveys Officer has several roles:

- Organise Pub Surveys,
- Collect Pub Survey Data
- Organise selection of pubs for the GBG
- Organise and edit pub entries in the GBG

When the GBG 2011 has been put to bed at the end of February 2010, your current Pub Surveys Officer will be taking a sabbatical. It is vital that one or more members take on this role of organising pub surveys. Without it, it is doubtful whether enough pub surveys would be carried out to produce a set of data useful enough for selecting entries for the GBG.

A brief description of the role is to organise pub surveys in the Derby Branch area by a variety of transport methods including walking, cycling, public transport and minibus. These surveys need to be planned about two months in advance to allow enough time for them to be published in Mild & Bitter, Derby Drinker, What's Brewing and the Derby CAMRA website. Any changes or new information about the pubs visited and the beers surveyed need to be returned to the Pub Surveys Officer.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Stewart Marshall or any committee member.

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.

Contact Details

Stewart Marshall, 07944 163737, beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk, 98 Woods Lane, Derby, DE22 3UE.

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.

Derby Branch Meeting minutes held at the Alexandra on 3rd Dec 2009

Present: Martin Holmes new member. **Apologies** Brian and Val Burks, Les Baynton, Bill Dudley

Mins of last meeting Accepted as a true record

Matters arising Social secretary talks are to take place with Simon.

Chair

National membership is 100,000 we are 1% of that. However, we still need more involved in the campaign. Dan called for as much help as possible and asked for ideas to get people involved.

Treasurer Jok gave a report. Offer discount extended beyond meeting

Secretary Nothing to report.

Winter festival

Ralf spoke about preparations. Tee shirts for sale at meeting. Sponsorships in place. Posters for distribution at meeting. 18th Jan Keg run for publicity. 14th Dec next meeting in the Brunswick.

Summer festival

Nothing heard from Martin Roden. Last year's accounts had gone to the auditor.

It was not known if the new treasurer was in post or if the vacancy had been filled.

DD Ready for distribution. Photos of the late Ray Watson at the Furnace? Contact Pip.

Surveys.

Stewart had published details of future surveys. 18th Dec Derby Pubs starting Peacock 7pm Jan surveys to catch up. 45 GBG candidates had been chosen. Final choices to follow. As much information as possible needed especially outside Derby. Help needed for write ups. Stewart is still giving up the role of organising the surveys. Therefore we need a volunteer/s by March if we are to continue surveying properly. Stewart can still do the collation of results.

Branch thanked Stewart for his sterling work on surveys.

M&B

Still some e copy problems. Contact Gareth and Maria or Tim Williams if you are not getting yours. Tim spoke of some unknown and thus far unsolvable problems. Not perceived as our problem.

Campaigning

Pubwatch report imminent. Send Stewart Marshall and Julian Tubbs details of closed pubs.

Sales Tee shirts and rugby shirts for sale at meeting at discount.

Socials. Simon Tankard gave details of the Lincoln trip on Sat 5th Dec.

Locale Atholl spoke about the 2010 stickers now available for the pubs signed up. List to be published in M&B.

Website Responsibility for website may about to be transferred. Separate winter festival website

Pub info exchange

Greyhound bought by Derby Brewing Co to open at Easter. **Bluebell** at Farnah Green to be reopened by the people who run the Bear at Alderwasley. Julian and the branch had previously objected to it being changed use from a pub. Julian was thanked for his determination in objecting. **Mr Grundy** brewery application imminent. **Lawns** at Chellaston to reopen in Feb. Real ale? **Hawk and Buckle** at Etwall closed. High rent the culprit? **Furnace** fears about current quality of beer? **Sportsman** at Codnor open again. Amber Brewery have bought the **Talbot** at Ripley. Open by 17th Dec?

Sheffield Tap at Sheffield station is reopening on Sat with Thornbridge ales.

Committee report

Mon 7th Dec discussion at Brunswick to talk about pub of the year. All welcome.

AOB. Festival of Amber Ales details in DD. Sue Dudley to stand down from sales at the beer festivals. The branch thanked her for her years of service.

Meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Derby Branch Meeting Agenda

1. Pub of the Year.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Officers' reports - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
6. 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
7. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery and Technical
8. Committee Meeting Report Back.
9. Diary - Meetings, Socials, Trips and Events.
10. Any other business (give notice to Chair prior to meeting commencing meeting).

VALLEY VIEW

News from the Amber Valley Sub-Branch

Codnor Inn and Blue Bell reopen

The Codnor Inn, Jessop Street, Codnor (pictured) opened its doors to the public in December, following a period of closure which allowed modest refurbishment. The end of terrace, ex-Shipstone's house, formerly known as the Sportsman, has a large, rectangular island bar dispensing the ever-reliable Oakham Bishops Farewell, plus 2 or 3 guests. Blue Monkey, Derby, Castle Rock and Spire have already featured

at reasonable prices. Donna, the bar manager, tells me that the beer garden will be a real suntrap in the summer. Darts are played, dogs are welcome and the pub is open from noon to midnight everyday. So if you're visiting the Burns Beer Festival at the Poet and Castle, why not have a look at the Codnor Inn, as it's only a couple of hundred yards away.

Pete Buller, landlord of the Bear, Alderwasley, has acquired the Blue Bell, Farnah Green, a short iron away from Chevin, one of England's finest inland golf courses. Draught Bass, Timothy Taylor and Thornbridge from Bakewell are complemented by good quality food.



Amber Ales BLO

Amber Valley CAMRA wishes to thank Lynn Brown for her assiduous work as Amber Ales Brewery Liaison Officer, and we welcome Lynn's successor, Pete Clark of Ironville.

Annual Pub Crawl

Amber Valley's annual end-of-year pub-crawl saw a dozen hardy souls brave the freezing temperatures for a pleasurable evening's drinking around some of Belper's hostelries. After meeting at the Cross Keys, the Black Swan, Kings Head and George and Dragon all got the thumbs up. Special thanks go to the Tavern on Derby Road for its sandwiches and excellent Derby Brewing Company's beers.

Events

Friday, 15th January - free bus survey trip to Windley, Shottle and Turnditch. Departs Ripley Market Place 7pm. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, please *contact Social Secretary, Nathan 01773 570675*.

21st – 24th January - Burns Beer Festival, Poet and Castle, Codnor.

Thursday, 28th January – 8.30pm, branch meeting at the Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley.

MINUTES OF THE AMBER VALLEY CAMRA MEETING AT THE QUEENS HEAD, MARLPOOL ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2009

Meeting started at 8.30pm with 19 attendees.

Apologies for absence Pete Webb, Carl Brett, Mick and Karen.

Minutes of previous meeting No matters arising and accepted as a true record.

Committee reports Chairman, Pete had nothing to report. Secretary, Paul had received statistical data from Stewart Marshall relating to GBG surveying and Paul would later reveal the 8 pubs that had received the most PoY nominations. Social Secretary, Nathan ran through the following dates: Saturday, 12th December surveying of Denby and Kilburn; Wednesday, 30th December Belper crawl, starting at Cross keys, 7.45pm; Friday, 15th January surveying of Turnditch, Windley and Shottle; Saturday, 20th February survey trip. Membership Secretary, Gus said there were now 299 members in AV and CAMRA's website was offering Christmas gifts to entice new members.

Pub of the Year Nathan, Alison, Andy Pearson, Brian Nolan, Eric Bond all volunteered to adjudicate. Mick and Karen will be e-mailed and those on AV google will be invited to adjudicate. Also, Gus volunteered although he declared his interest in the Poet and Castle, where he works. The remaining seven were the Dead Poets, Holbrook; Holly Bush, Makeney; Bear, Alderwasley; George, Ripley; King William, Milford; George and Dragon and Cross Keys, both in Belper.

GBG selection Stewart's data was distributed which showed some pubs had been scantily covered whilst receiving relatively high scores, whilst other pubs had attracted many surveys and been moderately rated. After considerable discussion and due consideration of Derby's methodology, it was agreed that for a pub to receive GBG consideration it would have to have had a minimum of 20 surveys on 5 different dates. Paul to e-mail interested parties with Stewart's data.

Pub information Bulls Head, Belper Lane End still closed. Strutt Arms open. Seven Stars, Openwoodgate opening soon. Bulls Head, Openwoodgate closed. White Hart, Heage closed. Woodman, Ripley-new licensee soon. Prince of Wales, Ripley to be a nursery. Gate, Lower Hartshay is closing. Thorntree, Waingroves- new landlord (free of tie) 8th January start. Pete Buller of the Bear, Alderwasley is taking on the Blue Bell, Farnah Green. LocAle beers at Eagle, Heage. Belper sports centre has real ale. Talbot, Ripley to open as Amber Ales brewery tap.

Beer festivals 4-5 Dec, Market, Heanor. 11-13 Dec Fishermans Rest, Broadholme. 11-13 Dec George, Ripley. 17-20 Dec Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse. 18-20 Dec Amber Fest, Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich. 21-24 Jan Poet and Castle, Codnor.

AOB Tonight's meeting is the last time GBGs available at £10 each. Branch meeting at the Talbot Taphouse, Ripley on 28th January. Lynn Brown relinquishing her Amber Ales BLO position and Pete Clark kindly volunteered to succeed her. Pete's nomination will be forwarded to Steve Westby and Julian Tubbs for their approval. Responding to Deputy Regional Director, Dave Brett's reminder of Saturday's regional meeting, Paul Gibson and Andy Brett would represent Amber Valley. **Meeting closed at 2155.**

W H O ' S W H O

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Derby Branch Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS - 8pm

Thu 14th Jan – Station Inn, Derby.

Thu 11th Feb – Rowing Club, Derby.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

COMMITTEE MEETING - 8pm

Mon 1st Feb – Brunswick Inn, Derby.

Contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996.

BEER-FEST MEETINGS

WINTER – Mon 11th Jan – 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 27th Feb – Eight Jolly Brewers, Gainsborough. Contact Regional Director, Julian Tubbs on 07962 267743.

TRIPS

More to be arranged soon.

SURVEY TRIPS

Sat 9th Jan – Oakwood to Smalley by public transport.

Fri 15th Jan - Spondon to Repton by minibus.

Sat 23rd Jan - Thulston to Shardlow by public transport.

Sat 30th Jan - Wirksworth by public transport.

Fri 12th Feb – Willington to Boylestone by minibus.

Contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737.

WEEKLY SOCIALS - 9pm

JANUARY

Thu 14th – Station Inn, Derby – 8pm.

Tue 19th – Bell&Harp/Fox&Hounds – Coxbench.

Fri 29th – ABC crawl – Around Derby.

FEBRUARY

4-6 – Winter-Fest – Darwin Suite.

Thu 11th – Rowing Club, Derby – 8pm.

Tue 16th – Shrovetide Social – Coach&Horses – Fenny Bentley & Ashbourne pubs.

Wed 24th – Horse & Groom – Derby.

Amber Valley Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS– 8.30pm

Thu 28th Jan – Branch meeting at the Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley. Contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

SURVEY TRIPS

Fri 15th Jan - free bus survey trip to Windley, Shottle and Turnditch. Departs Ripley Market Place 7pm. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups contact the Social Secretary, Nathan on 01773 570675.

Beer Festivals

JANUARY

20-23 – National Winter-Fest – Manchester.

21-24 - Poet & Castle BF – Codnor.

28-30 - Newark Winter BF - Town Hall.

28-30 – Wellington BF – Birmingham.

28-31 - Court House BF – Dudley.

29-30 - Mallard BF – Worksop.

29-31 – Victoria BF – Beeston.

FEBRUARY

3-7 – The Market Pub BF – Chesterfield.

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

4-7 - Canalhouse SIBA BF – Nottingham.

5-6 – Chesterfield BF – Winding Wheel.

22-28 - Criterion BF – Leicester.

MARCH

4-7 - Unicorn BF – Newton Solney.

10-13 - Leicester BF - CharotarPatidarSamaj

18-20 – Burton BF – Town Hall.

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