

Mild & Bitter

Derby Branch Annual General Meeting Review

A summary of the main proceedings of this year's Branch Annual General Meeting follows.....

Election of the New Committee

The AGM saw the election of the new Committee and the positions are as follows:- **Gareth Stead** is the new Branch Chairman, **Ian Forman** the Branch Secretary, **Jok Arguile** the Branch Treasurer and **Konrad Machej** the Membership Secretary. The rest of the Committee is made up of: **Stephen Boa**, **Ralf Edge**; **Joy Olivent**, **Chris Sherratt**, **Dean Smith** and **Pip Southall** who has been co-opted on to the Committee. We wish them all well for the year ahead.

Motion for Debate

The motion for debate to ban front page commercial advertising or seriously reduce it from Derby Drinker was amended at the AGM to the two editions prior to the Beer Festivals if their respective Committee's requested it. This was then passed by the Branch.

Branch Awards

This year's Awards of inscribed Tankards went to **Carl & David Brett** who have served the Branch and Campaign well over a number of years. Although members of Mansfield Branch both have performed a number of roles mainly at the Summer Beer Festival and they very much deserve their awards for all the hard work and effort they have put into the Branch over many years.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Horse & Groom, Elms Street, Derby - Thursday 13th May - 8pm



The May Branch Meeting will see our 2nd ever meeting at the Horse & Groom in Derby's West End beginning at approx. 8pm.

The Pub itself is quiet easy to find being a short walk from the City Centre towards Five Lamps then onto Kedleston Road turning left past the childrens nursery into Elms Street.

There will be a selection of Real Ales on including Bass, Pedigree and guest ales, so why not pop along if you get the chance, as the meetings are usually good social occasions as well. 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 Presentation Socials

The Derby Branch Pub of the Year awards will be presented at two special upcoming Socials and Branch members are encouraged to attend.

The Country Pub of the Year and overall **Branch Pub of the Year Award** will be presented to the **Green Man in Ashbourne at the Branch Meeting on Thursday 1st July from 8pm**. A free bus will be available from Derby Full St at 7.15pm.

The Derby City Pub of the Year Award will be presented to the **Falstaff on Thursday 24th June from 8.30pm onwards**. Both pubs are worthy winners of the awards and we hope to see some of you there for the presentations.



Derby Summer Beer Festival 7-11th July 2010



Summer-Fest Staffing Request

Delivered with this M&B you will find a further staffing form for the **33rd Derby Summer Beer Festival**, which is coming up on **7-11th July**.

We do hope you are able to help out this year, as the Festival couldn't run without it. If you can then please fill it in and return it to the Staffing Manager or *contact 01332 230108 or feststaffing@derbycamra.org.uk*

Summer-Fest Tee Shirts on Sale in May

Tee shirts for this year will be on sale at a discount price to anyone attending the May or June Branch meetings. Beer Tokens can be used instead of cash, if you have any left!! Why not wear your tee shirt around town before July and help to promote the Festival personally.

Summer-Fest Sales Stand Donations Required

The Sales Stall Staff are looking for kind donations of any items that you feel you can let the Branch have. Any beer or brewery related items, including books, bar towels, CDs, DVDs, pump clips, programmes, glasses, previous year tee shirts (washed and in good condition please), beer mats, photos, memorabilia, in fact almost anything related to both Derby and beer will be very welcome.

If transport is a problem, we could even collect in the Derby area. *Please ring Wendy on 07748 193881* if you would like any donated items collecting free. 100% of all proceeds from the sale of any donated items goes directly to the Branch vaults to help to keep our Branch going for another year.

Derby Winter-Fest - New venue, team and dates !!

Anna Dyson & Ralf Edge have been elected as the Chair for the 10th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival. The festival is very likely to see a radical change of venue and date - watch this space for more details. The first meeting of the team will be held on **Wednesday 26th May in the Brunswick Boardroom at 7.30pm** - whilst some of the roles have been filled we are still looking for sponsorship, publicity, cider and continental managers. There are always plenty of opportunities to volunteer at the Winter Festival so come along and see what you can do. **Contact Ralf on 07506 330374 or ralf.edge@ralfedge.co.uk for further details.**

Derby Webmaster and Survey Trip Organizer Required

We currently have two vacancies for roles within the Branch.

A webmaster is required to maintain and update the Branch website to keep all information current. If you have an interest in this field or want to have a go then please come forward and volunteer.

A Pub Surveys Officer is also required to: Organise Pub Surveys; Collect Pub Survey Data; Organise selection of pubs for the GBG; Organise and edit pub entries in the GBG.

A brief description of this role is to organise pub surveys in the Derby Branch area by a variety of transport methods including walking, cycling, public transport and minibus.

If you are interested in either of these roles then please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: ianforman@btinternet.com**

May MILD Month

May has traditionally been the time of year when CAMRA has celebrated Real Mild with the promotion and support of this unique beer style and this year is to be no exception with Branches up and down the country organising special events throughout the month and we as usual will be supporting the cause.

Nottingham CAMRA will also be holding their highly successful Mild Trail again from **24th April until 5th June**. The idea is that you visit one of the pubs on the trail and try a half or pint of Mild and be given a sticker in return which you place on the trail cards which can be picked up at each pub or from the current Nottingham Drinker. 8 different pub stickers qualifies you for a bronze certificate, a free pint of Mild at Nottingham Beer Festival in October and entry into a prize draw for T-Shirts & beer.

So please support the campaign during May and help keep this traditional beer style alive & kicking. Real Mild is a great drink, which can be light or dark in colour, low in bitterness and usually low in

calories as well. Most of the current crop of Derbyshire micro-breweries have brewed one or two especially for the Month so look out for them in pubs around the Branch Area.

East Midlands Regional Meeting - Matlock Bath



The next East Midlands Regional Meeting will be held on **Saturday 19th June at 12 noon in the Temple Hotel**,

Matlock Bath and Branch members are encouraged to attend as it is so close by. 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.

From Derby you can catch either the Train or Transpeak bus service.

For any further information **contact the Regional Director, Julian Tubbs on 07962 267743 or e-mail RD.EastMidlands@camra.org.uk**

Derby Beer Festival glasses for sale

If you are interested in a collection of Derby Beer Festival glasses from 1979 to present then please **contact Helen on 01332 675682 or e-mail helenandjustin@sky.com**

Branch Meeting held at the Brunswick on Thursday 11th March 2010

34 at the meeting.

APOLOGIES. Kevin Hepworth, Sue and Stewart Lawson, Konrad Machej, Les Williams, Martin Roden, Sophie Smith.

MINS OF LAST MEETING. Accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING. POTY deadline is the 28th March. Volunteers needed to help with the task, which would be split into country and town pubs. Dean Smith is now social secretary. The branch applauded his appointment. He intended to amend some published details. He also urged everyone to join the yahoo group to get up to date information.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIR. Dan apologised to the branch and the committee for his recent absences which had been due to increased work commitments beyond his control. He was to stand down as chair at the AGM.

TREASURER. Jok gave a full and detailed report.

SECRETARY. Ian gave details of how to stand for committee posts at the

forthcoming AGM on 22nd April.

Nominations/seconds/statements of willingness to stand, to be with secretary before 8pm on the 22nd.

MEMBERSHIP. Konrad not at meeting. There had been access problems for the membership site, which was inoperative at the moment.

AMBER VALLEY. No one at meeting but preparations are believed to be in hand for a beer festival at Butterley railway. Dead Poets at Holbrook was their pub of the year

DD. Next deadline 20th March with copy needed at this stage. Photos also needed.

WINTER FESTIVAL. Ralf was thanked for his and his committee's hard work which had resulted in a highly successful festival. Places still available for the workers' trip. Non members £10. The committee had made the decision to appoint a new chair promptly in order to plan the next festival. Nominations sought for next committee meeting. Ralf Edge and Anna Dyson were prepared to stand for joint chair in 2011. New venues are being considered. Wrap up meeting had taken place.

SUMMER FESTIVAL. Martin not at meeting. A report had been received from him. Next meeting 18th March. Still some committee posts need filling. Budget had been submitted to Frances Locke now. Access to certain areas of the national website are to be sought from Julian Tubbs or HQ.

GBG 2010-11 SELECTIONS. Stewart was seeking email addresses for the yahoo group. Stewart gave details of GBG selections and deletions and reserves. He suggested some changes for the 2012 selections. Selection meeting would not take place, the NBSS would be the basis from data collated in Nov with final selection presented to committee in Feb. We desperately needed more surveys.

More discussions would take place. Stewart proposed training for nbss training at the Brunswick with Graham and Stewart. Details to be arranged. Possibly Fri or Sat evening. Our own database to be adapted to comply with national system. Ale trails for Derby to be finished for the forthcoming beer festivals. Database surveys to be improved with more information on the updated website. Stewart announced that he would be standing down from the committee from the AGM. The branch thanked him for his great efforts.

LOCALE. Atholl not at meeting. He had been emailed with a request for information.

MILD TRAIL. Kevin Hepworth not at meeting. We had been dropped from Nottingham's plans for Mild May month. They had communicated this by an incorrect email address so we never got the information. This address has since been amended. No real alternatives were available at this time. To compensate Dean Smith has organised a Saturday 1st May

crawl from the Brewery Tap/Standard at 12 noon.

M&B. At least one e copy had not arrived first time of transmission. Gareth not at meeting.

REGIONAL. We need to complete the POTY. CBOB list to be compiled by Julian Tubbs. Category to be judged at the beer festival.

SOCIALS. Burton beer festival next week. Trip by train 19th March. Workers needed for the Burton festival. They had helped at our winter festival, Ralf Edge was keen on us helping.

TRANSPORT. City centre shopper hopper is defunct.

WEBSITE. Ralf and Dan may have the power to transfer admin rights to Ian Phillips. This needs to be sorted so we can take advantage of opportunities we are missing. Volunteers and helpers needed.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE. Spa closed two Sundays ago. A sad loss of licensee. New licensee taking over. Woodlark has been sold. Kensington boarded up. Pack Horse at Kings Newton holding first beer festival. Museum brewery at Burton opening in July or Aug. Museum opening May. Greyhound -signs of activity. Union Blue renamed Einsteins! Ostrich on Long Lane has a permanent licensee now from New Inn at Wyaston. Osnabruk visit numbers are low. 12th -17th May. It is worth going.

AOB. Les Bayton is running a poetry night second Thursday of each month at the Quad. This clashes with the branch meetings.

Meeting closed at 9.31pm.

VALLEY VIEW

News from the Amber Valley Sub- Branch

Next Meeting

The next Amber Valley Sub-Branch



Meeting will take place on **Thursday 27th May in the Queens Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper**

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 Dille on 01773 570675*

Green Light For Ripley Rale Festival

The first Amber Valley CAMRA beer festival in Ripley has been confirmed for Thursday, 30th September to Sunday, 3rd

October. The beer list has still to be finalised but there will be upwards of 50



beers, ciders and fruit wines in railway carriages and marquees at Butterley station which houses the Midland Railway heritage centre. A full train timetable will be operative during the diesel gala on Saturday and Sunday, with live bands on Friday and Saturday evenings. Further details will be published in Derby Drinker.

Another Amber Ales' Acquisition

Amber Ales, the rapidly expanding Ripley brewery, has revealed the identity of its second pub, namely the Woodman, Maple Avenue, Ripley. It's due to open at the end of May and will replicate the successful formula that's made the Talbot Taphouse a popular destination for discerning drinkers of both sexes. The ex-Kimberley house will, however, place greater emphasis on food.

AMBER EVENTS

Friday, 14th to Sunday, 16th May, beer festival, The Tavern, Derby Road, Belper.

Friday, 14th May, 830pm, beer festival meeting at the Queens Head, Ilkeston Road, Marlpool.

Saturday, 15th May, 730pm, free bus survey trip to Somercotes, Leabrooks and finishing at the GBG listed Corner Pin, Westwood. Please note the later timing from Ripley Market Place, and pick-ups from Alfreton and Belper can be arranged. **Thursday, 27th May, 830pm,** branch meeting at the Queens Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper.

Contact Nathan 01773 570675

MINUTES OF THE AMBER VALLEY CAMRA MEETING AT THE THORN TREE, WAINGROVES, ON 29TH APRIL 2010

Meeting started at 845pm, with 16 attendees.

Apologies for absence. Jayn Hounsell, Andy Brett.

Minutes of last meeting. Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising. Nigel Heathcote will avail us of beer festival developments.

Committee reports. Chairman had nothing to report. Membership Secretary absent. Social Secretary, Nathan, said that last survey trip was cancelled owing to a lack of support. He needs to know in advance who's coming as bus firm requires more notice of cancellation. A discussion ensued with suggestions including a later start, another mail drop, and Richard Lomas asked if we could have a presence on Derby's web site. Carl Brett had registered the domain for Amber Valley's website. Paul to contact Carl. Paul opined that an advance itinerary that

highlighted the final pub of excellence might be beneficial. Nathan can't run the 15th May trip that will start at 730pm and finish at Corner Pin, Westwood. Charisma to deputize? Secretary, Paul, had received a positive reply from the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway re a festival at Duffield next April and his response would leave this as an option. Paul's letter to the Ripley and Heanor News re pub closures had been published, and Alison Cox added that it was the newspaper's letter of the week. Nottingham Drinker will feature an Amber Valley column and there will be inter-branch socials with Derby on 12th and 15th June.

Beer festival. Nigel reported that it was progressing well with the marquee and entertainment booked (none Thursday). Setting-up will start on 28th September and the festival will be open 30th September to 3rd October. Wade printers kindly offered to provide free posters and flyers, and a prototype poster was passed around, which following suggestions, will be altered. Queens Head, Marlpool will sponsor glasses with pub's logo. Important staffing positions require filling with a staffing officer paramount. Carl Brett is treasurer. Chris Rogers is available for the cider bar. Paul to e-mail interested parties and Queens Head, Marlpool will host festival meeting on Friday, 14th May at 830pm. Alison knew of two burlesque dancers and a double decker bus may be booked for a shuttle service between Butterley and the Market Place. Nigel was thanked for his effort and enterprise.

Pub news. Amber Ales' second pub, the Woodman, Maple Avenue, Ripley, should open at the end of May. Alison said the Generous Britain, Ripley, is open. Beer festival at The Tavern, Belper 14-16 May.

Future meeting dates. Branch: 27th May, Queens Head, Belper. 24th June, Eagle, Heage. 29th July, Codnor Inn, Codnor. Survey trips: 19th June, outskirts of Ripley and Codnor. 17th July, South Wingfield, Higham and Shirland.

AOB. None.

Meeting closed at 10.17pm.

Derby CAMRA Social Info

MAY

Thu 20th - Nunsfield House / Blue Peter, Alvaston.

Suggested plan – meet from 8.30 pm at the Blue Peter till 9 – 9.15 and move on to the Nunsfield House. Any of The Arriva buses 41, 42 or 44 from the bus station will get you to Alvaston.

Tue 25th – Sheffield Tap, Sheffield Railway station Platform 1B.



For a Thornbridge Extravaganza! If travelling by public transport meet at the

Brunswick 6 -6.15pm or Derby station for

the 6.44pm train. There is also a train at 7.11pm. Suggested train back is 10pm gets back into Derby for 10.44pm (There is a later one if people are really keen!).

JUNE

Wed 2nd - Peacock & Bridge Inn, Derby
Suggested timings 8.30 to 9.30pm Peacock (Nottingham Road) ~ 9.45 at the Bridge Inn (Mansfield Road).

Sat 12th - Marlpool to Ripley by public transport

Visit some excellent pubs in the Amber Valley (if you're into your Cider and Perry this a trip you shouldn't miss!). Itinerary is as follows;

12.30 - Black Cat from bay 4, Derby Bus Station. NOTE get a Zigzag ticket if you haven't been Mango'd!

13.15 - Alight Queens Head, Marlpool.

14.30 -Depart QH

Walk into Heanor for Market Hotel and/or Red Lion (Crest of a wave! – food?)

15.06 - Trent 1A bus from Heanor Market Place.

15.20 - Alight Thorn Tree, Waingroves.

16.00 - Leave Thorn Tree (short walk over the fields)

16.15 - Arrive Codnor Inn (Jessop St)

17.00 - Leave Codnor Inn

17.05 - Arrive Poet and Castle (Alfreton Road)

Trent R1 to Ripley. (Regular buses every 10 min or so)

~ 18.00 - Red Lion, (Market Place), then the Talbot Taphouse, (Butterly Hill).

Other options include the Nags Head (Butterly Hill) and the George Inn (Lowses Hill)

Busses back 20.55(Dby 21.20), 21.55(Dby 22.20), or 22.55 (Dby 23.20)

Timings are approximate and flexible – feel free to catch up with us anywhere on route. **Contact Dean Smith 07703 458623 or Paul Gibson 07804 361283 during the day.**

Tue 15th - Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield – Skittles Night, joint with Amber Valley

The skittles alley at The Pattenmakers (4 Crown St, Duffield) has been booked for a



joint social with our friends in the Amber Valley Branch so I hope many of you will be able to make

the short hop north to enjoy the festivities. Recommend people catch the 7.35 pm Trent 6.3 bus from the Bus Station. Hope to commence the skittles match around 8.15 – 8.30 pm, finishing off with a buffet supper.

Last bus from Duffield is 10.53 back in derby for 11.08. Or we can group together to share taxis back to town, which may be cheaper. Last bus back to Belper is 11.50. Please contact Dean Smith if you're coming along as I'd like to be confident we can at least field a skittles team!

Thur 24th – Midsummer Social, Falstaff, Derby.

From 8.30pm.
This evening will also be the City Pub Of The Year (POTY) presentation

JULY

Sat 31st – Peak District Pubs Tour, Derbyshire Dales. By Mini Bus

Meet at Cathedral Green Coach Stop 10.30am (pick up location may be subject to change depending on road changes). This is a fantastic opportunity to savor many of the harder to get to GBG listed public houses the Derbyshire Peak District has to offer. The itinerary is to travel out to;

- Lathkill Hotel @ Over Haddon,
- Quiet Woman, Earl Strendale,
- Church, Chelmorton,
- Angles rest, Millers dale,
- Queen Ann, Great Hucklow ,
- Red Lion, Litton,
- Three Stags Head, Wardlow Mires
- Monsal Head Hotel

And finally pick up The Bear, Alderwasley to break the final leg home up. Back by 10.30 pm. We may not make it to them all; I hope the pace will be more relaxed than the typical survey but I do need to work round those that close during the afternoon. Cost will be ~£11-14 depending on uptake. £5 deposit, membership number and contact number (ideally mobile) please to Dean Smith to secure a place. **Contact - 07703 458623 or dean71smith@btopenworld.com.**

For the rest of the social info see below.

Derby Branch Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS - 8pm

Thu 13th May – Horse & Groom, Derby.

Thu 10th June – Station Inn, Derby.

Thu 1st July – Green Man, Ashbourne.

COMMITTEE MEETING - 8pm

Mon 24th May – Royal Standard, Derby.

WEEKLY SOCIALS – 8.30pm

MAY

Thu 13th – Horse & Groom, Derby – 8pm.

Thu 20th – Nunsfield House/Blue Peter, Alvaston.

Tue 25th – Sheffield Tap – Sheffield Railway Station.

JUNE

Wed 2nd - Peacock & Bridge Inn, Derby.

Thu 10th - Station Inn, Derby – 8pm.

Sat 12th - Marlpool to Ripley by public transport.

Tue 15th - Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield – Skittles Night.

Thu 24th – Falstaff, Derby – CITY POTY.

REGIONAL MEETING – 12pm

Sat 19th June – Temple Hotel, Matlock Bath.

Amber Valley Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS – 8.30pm

Thu 27th May – Queens Head, Belper.

BEER FESTIVAL MEETING – 8.30pm

Fri 14th May – Queens Head, Marlpool.

SURVEY TRIPS

Sat 15th May – Meet Ripley Market Place – 7.30pm

Visiting Somercotes, Leabrooks and Westwood.

For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups *contact Social Sec, Nathan on 01773 570675.*

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