

Mild & Bitter

A New Member Welcome

The Derby Branch of CAMRA warmly welcomes once again all the new members who signed up at this year's Summer Beer Festival and thanks you all for joining the campaign.

Welcome also to Mild & Bitter, the internal newsletter of Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA which you will receive free once a month. This will help keep you informed about what's going on within the Branch as well as events further afield and we do hope you will be able to come along to one or two of the social events that we organise. These are always listed on the Diary Page at the end of M&B. We are all quite approachable and very sociable so please don't hesitate to give an event a try, I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social - Rowing Club, Darley Grove, Derby - Thursday 12th August.

The August Branch Meeting will be held at the Derby Rowing Club on Darley Grove near the entrance to Darley Park where a range of Guest Beers will be on offer.

The Rowing Club itself lies on the banks of the River Derwent and is quite easy to find being just along the river path from the Furnace pub on Duke Street with the entrance door being on the side of the building as you approach. The meeting will be held in the upstairs bar and club area beginning at 8pm and the agenda is printed elsewhere in M&B. So why not join us at the Rowing Club as it's always a pleasure to have a Branch Meeting there with its pleasant riverside setting and especially so on a warm summer's evening. For further information **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: ianforman@btinternet.com**



LocAle Discussion at Derby Branch Meeting

The Branch Meeting at the Derby Rowing Club will see a discussion on the LocAle scheme, one of the Branch's 3 campaigning goals.

The scheme as we currently have it has been running for some time now but the take up of pubs within the Branch area has been minimal. We need to review whether we have the right scheme in place, whether the 15 miles radius is too restrictive, how we can encourage more pubs to stock a LocAle, etc.

Hopefully in this way we can then move forward with a better more effective scheme than we have currently got.

No 34th Derby Festival?

The 33rd Derby City Charter festival sent most customers away happy – but it was all done very much on a wing and a prayer. So much so, that the future of the July 2011 festival is in doubt.

Given rival attractions plus some organisational mishaps, numbers and profits were well down. Marketing this year was thin; no mention was made of the under 26 free entry offer in the press (so the take –up was less than a third of that expected); no beer details were available ahead of the event - even in *Derby Drinker* - and little coverage was given by the *Derby Telegraph* when it mattered.

But if mistakes were made, this is only the result of too many jobs being done by too few people. Already this year's Chair, Martin Roden, who put in a Trojan effort coping with several roles and the Treasurer, John Roden who was 'volunteered' at the last minute, have said they won't do it again next year. And this is true of several other key players on the committee.

For most of those involved, the festival is a ten-day event at most; but the Treasurer, for example, takes months to produce the accounts. So the pattern of recent years has been one of steadily diminishing support as year-by-year people have dropped out. No one wants to do the difficult jobs. Until this year the festival appeared to be successful but this was thanks to a few people rallying round, year after year, to prop the event up. 2010 was the year when that support wasn't there, so operation finally fell apart.

Derby CAMRA will have to decide if it can organize the event in 2011 or whether it is all too much. And we have to have a full team; a willing and credible Chair isn't enough as Martin Roden found out. Perhaps it is time for a fresh formula for the festival and we should take a year out to regroup and refresh. Or perhaps, like Burton CAMRA, Derby will have to settle for just one festival a year. **John Arguile.**

A discussion on the way forward for the Festival will take place at the September Branch Meeting so please come along if you have any input as next year's Festival could be in doubt.



The 1st Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival will take place at Butterley Station, Ripley from Thursday 30th September to Sunday 3rd October.

There will be upwards of 50 real ales plus cider and perry and live entertainment from Friday evening through to Saturday night.

Staff will be required however to man the event and anyone willing to spend a few hours working can **contact staffing officer, Alison, on 01773 570675 or e-mail alisonhcox@hotmail.com**

For further information see inside.

Derby Winter-Fest 2011



As you will know by now next year's 10th Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival will

see a revolutionary move to the iconic and historic Roundhouse by Derby Railway Station, the oldest one in the World. The dates for your Diary are **24-26th February, 2011** and we hope you will come along and support it.

Anna Dyson & Ralf Edge are the Chair for the festival and the organisation is now underway. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th August in the Brunswick Boardroom at 7.30pm** and whilst some of the roles have been filled we are still looking for a cider manager. If you would like to get involved in this exciting new venture then please come along and see what you can do. **Contact Ralf, ralf.edge@ralfedge.co.uk or 07506 330374 for further details.**

Derby Pub of the Year 2011 – Judges required

The Derby Branch Committee is actively seeking members who are able to take part in the Judging stage of the Branch Pub of the Year competition.

This will take place in November / December this year and will require you to visit all 6 of the shortlisted pubs, 3 from within the City boundaries and 3 from outside. All of the pubs will be marked on the National Pub of the Year judging guidelines.

No experience is necessary as you will be shown what to do before you start. If you would like any further information on this or would like to volunteer to judge then please contact us at:

committee@derbycamra.org.uk

Presentation Successes

The Derby Branch Pub of the Year presentations both turned out to be excellent occasions and very well attended by Branch members.

The evening at the Falstaff in Derby saw the sword dancers perform to a packed pub while the event at the Green Man in Ashbourne saw a visit to the onsite Leatherbritches brewery, complimentary beer and accompanying buffet. Many thanks to both pubs for their hospitality and congratulations on the awards.



Derby Website Ideas

One of the Branch's 3 campaigning goals is to improve the website and a new one is currently under construction. We would very much like to hear from members what they would like to see on the new site so if

you have any ideas or suggestions then please send them to us at

committee@derbycamra.org.uk

East Midlands Regional Meeting – Leicester

The next East Midlands Regional Meeting will be held on **Saturday 4th September at 12 noon at the Ale Wagon in, Leicester** 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 the Skylink bus service.

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



Derby Branch Meeting held at the Green Man

Ashbourne on Thursday 1st July 2010.

Apologies. Jok Arguile, Adrian Howell, Kate Neale.

Mins of last meeting. Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising. None

Officers' reports

Chair. Gareth spoke of his time as chair so far. He gave an update on the campaigning goals. - **Website** - meeting had taken place with new webmaster. New website to be constructed alongside the old one until it is up and running. **Locale** - Atholl Beattie had provided a list of pubs already on the scene. DD to carry list of participants. More pubs to be invited. Stock take of existing system to take place at a future Branch Meeting. **Discount scheme** - for members, scheme still being planned with regular section of participating pubs to be published in every DD. Stephen Boa organising letters.

Poty 2011 - proposals have been published in M&B. Much earlier selection and tighter schedule is apparent. Judges needed.

Branch vacancies - BLO vacancies may have been filled. (Rowditch and Mr Grundy's). Whim BLO- might come back to this branch as there seems to be little interest from surrounding branches.

Secretary. Nothing to say.

Treasurer. Not at the meeting. Report received at Committee Meeting.

Summer festival. Les Baynton spoke of the forthcoming festival. Pre festival

publicity was taking place. DET had taken pictures with radio Derby to publicise soon. Staffing up to 70% with problems on Friday evening. Posters available for distribution.

Terry Morton spoke about the entertainment. Container is in place and ready for setting up the festival. Set up and take down volunteers were needed as well as servers. Members were enthused to do as much as they can.

There were reservations from Ray Smith that there were still adverts on the front page of M&B. His objections were noted but it was explained that withdrawal of the adverts should be at the behest of the festival chair. Martin Roden had not requested that such adverts be withdrawn. Saturday night is fancy hat night.

Winter festival. Anna Dyson spoke of the progress so far, budget had been submitted. Next meeting 19th July 7.30 at the Brunswick.

DD. Pip spoke of difficulties with front page last issue. New deadline 20th July. Contributions needed for next issue.

GBG and Surveys. Stewart thanked Dean for organising the last survey trip.

Membership. 1500.

M&B. Next issue would be published at Colourstream.

Regional. Last meeting at the Temple in Matlock. CBOB is taking place now there is a new coordinator. Very little response from few people. Next meeting at Ale Waggon in Leicester on 4th Sept.

Socials. As published in M&B for July and August. Amber valley Beer festival planned end Sept beginning October.

Transport. Withdrawal of support for transport action group was because NE thought that the group was not relevant to Camra. Member to be on pubs' campaign group. Julian Tubbs was not happy with the situation and would still push for support. Previous funding of the group was explained by Julian.

Information exchange. Pub at former Bass museum now open as a pub with normal pub hours. Presentation had taken place at the Falstaff last week. It was well attended. Marpool brewery started. The Five Lamps is now a real ale pubs with lots of choice. York Tavern being refurbished and will have real ale.

AOB. Julian would be 60 on Oct 9th at the Brunswick. All were invited.

Atholl wanted ideas for new Locale pubs.

Meeting closed at 20.43.

Derby Branch Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies. 2. Minutes of last meeting. 3. Matters arising. 4. Officers' reports - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. 5. Other reports - Beer Festivals, Campaigning, Derby Drinker, Good Beer Guide & Surveys, LocAle, Membership, Mild & Bitter, Pubs Officer & Pub Preservation, Publications, Regional, Sales, Socials, Sub-Branch, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website. 6. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery, etc 7. Any other business.

VALLEY VIEW

News from the Amber Valley Sub-Branch

Next Meeting

The next Amber Valley Sub-Branch Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th August at the Devonshire Arms in Alfreton** 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 Social Secretary, Nathan Dillely on 01773 570675*.

Festival Fever Hits Amber Valley

During the next six weeks or so, a host of beer festivals are being held in the area, culminating in the inaugural Amber Valley CAMRA festival.

Steve Cresswell kicks off proceedings at the **Beehive**, Peasehill, Ripley (pictured). Steve, the pub's long serving licensee, will feature a dozen brews between **Friday, 20th and Sunday, 22nd August** and the



lovely garden will make a pleasant place to enjoy them. Also, on the same

Saturday and Sunday, is the first, annual **Belper Rugby Club** festival next to the Babington hospital on the A6. This promises to be a cracker with 35 beers including a Derbyshire bar. Across the road, another Tavern beer festival gets underway on **Friday, 27th August, running through to the Monday**. 10 beers will be showcased and if it's anything like The Tavern's previous festival, you won't want to miss it. Going into September, the **Thorn Tree**, Waingroves, stages its first festival from **Thursday, 9th to Sunday 12th** with 16 beers. There will be a rock band on Saturday, and on Sunday a big band will entertain, whilst sustenance in the form of a hog roast or BBQ will be available. The Good Beer Guide listed **King William** at Milford is joining in the fun when it holds a festival with 16 beers and 3 ciders between **Thursday, 23rd and Monday, 27th September**.

Last, but certainly not least, is the inaugural **Amber Valley CAMRA festival at Butterley Station, Ripley**. This is one festival that beer and train buffs will not want to miss, so put **Thursday, 30th September to Sunday, 3rd October**, in your diaries now. Upwards of 50 real ales plus plenty of traditional cider and perry will be on tap. At least one new brewery, not featured at previous festivals, will make its debut here, and special brews to commemorate this special occasion will undoubtedly entice the beer tickers.

Foodies haven't been forgotten, either.

High-class Indian dishes priced between £3.50 and £5.50,



together with the usual fast food, will be available. There's live entertainment from Friday evening through to Saturday night in the marquee, and a nearby railway carriage will dispense good beer in quieter surroundings. A diesel gala weekend will see trains running between Butterley and Swanwick on Saturday and Sunday. There should be a fantastic atmosphere and anyone willing to spend a few hours working can *contact staffing officer, Alison, on 01773 570675 or e mail alisonhcox@hotmail.com*

Please note that this is NOT an all ticket event although tickets may be purchased online for Friday and Saturday evenings only at www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk Alternatively, the Queens Head, Marlpool, Dew Drop, Ilkeston, Talbot, Ripley and Butterley Station are ticket vendors.

Events

8.30pm, Tuesday, 17th August - beer festival meeting at Pear Tree, Derby Road, Ripley.

7.30pm, Saturday, 21st August - free survey trip to South Wingfield and Moorwood Moor. Bus departs from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups please ring Nathan.

8.30pm, Thursday, 26th August - branch meeting at Devonshire Arms, King Street, Alfreton. *Contact Nathan 01773 570675*.

Minutes Of The Amber Valley Camra Meeting At The Codnor Inn, Codnor On 29th July 2010

Meeting started at 8.35pm with 10 attendees.

Apologies for absence None.

Minutes of last meeting Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising Party in the Park, Alfreton is cancelled. Nigel now on Google Group. A few beer festival posts were vacant, but Paul had volunteered to be treasurer. Website still in abeyance but Paul will contact Derby re Richard Mackeney who could initially, at least, put our festival poster on the site. Carl Brett had already obtained the domain, and Pete Hounsell will contact Carl. Mayor and Mayoress will attend the press launch. Karen had booked the August branch meeting, and Nathan said that the September branch meeting had been provisionally booked.

Committee reports Chairman had nothing to report. The Secretary distributed the Perfect Pint memorandum and Karen Guest kindly volunteered to register on line our 15 best pubs, which would be identified at the next meeting. Social Secretary, Nathan affirmed that Saturday

was the most popular night for survey trips, with twelve on the last trip. 21st August will see us visit South Wingfield and Moorwood Moor, followed by the Duffield area on 18th September. Details of a daytime crawl that had been instigated by Derby branch were announced; it starts at 1.20pm, at the Hunter's Arms, Kilburn, on 21st August. Membership Secretary was absent.

Belper News beer column Pete said that they were seeking a monthly, retrospective column, and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Boundaries Paul had attended a recent Derby committee meeting where it was confirmed that we had Somercotes, Woodlinkin and Stoneyford (Boat). Regarding Derby's request for Duffield, we agreed to cede the village in exchange for Horsley Woodhouse, which is politically in AV, and quite easily accessible. Paul to contact Derby and Regional Director, who will ultimately decide.

Beer festival Co-ordinator, Nigel, confirmed tombola, shop and door manager still required together with bar manager in carriage. Pete to contact a doorman named Nigel. Stefan Rutherford has generously offered to pay £736+VAT for 500 commemorative glasses. Regarding the press launch, Pete confirmed there would be a complimentary buffet and Amber Valley Bitter would be free but he would charge for other beers. Paul, who asked for attendees to come suitably attired, will let Pete know how many invitees accept. Nathan to contact Charisma re the sponsorship of T shirts.

Pub news Boot and Slipper, Swanwick is changing hands, and the Steam Packet will close again. Generous Britain, Ripley is closed but the Devonshire Arms, Buckland Hollow is open again. Horse and Jockey, Ripley to open as a Greek restaurant. Crown, Heanor has Marlpool Scratty Ratty at £2 a pint. Beehive, Ripley has had interesting guest beers, and beer festival imminent. Also, in Peasehill, the Railway is open but up for sale. Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, under new management. **AOB** Paul to order 24 GBGS. Following a discussion regarding the AGM venue, the Hunter's Arms, Kilburn was chosen and Paul will book the meeting for Thursday, 28th October, starting at 8pm.

Meeting finished at 10.10pm.

Derby Branch Socials

AUGUST

Wed 18th - The Irongate Triangle!

Standing Order/Thomas Leaper/ Slug and Lettuce, Derby. Suggest timings; Standing Order 8.30pm – whichever order we do them you won't have to walk far to find people. The 2 Wetherspoon pubs have both been doing very well from the NBSS returns and are always worth a visit. The Slug and lettuce is a great new addition to good real ale in the city, if you have not been in yet give them a try.

Fri 20th – Survey/Social, Ockbrook, Borrowash, Thulston. (By Free Mini Bus). Meet at the Cathedral green coach stop 7.00pm. Return by 11.30. To book on the trip please let me know your membership number and contact number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Sat 21st 'Camramble II' taking in 4 Good Beer Guide pubs

A walk of either 4 miles taking in Kilburn, Horsley Woodhouse, Horsley and Holbrook or 5 1/2 miles also incorporating Makeney and Milford.

Meet in at the corporation street bus stop in time to catch the 1pm buses bus, the new zig zag group allows 5 people to travel for just £9.

Alighting at Kilburn Toll Bar it's a short



hop to the **Hunters Arms** (you may wish to join us at 1:20 here.) Heading

through some jittys we emerge by the **Old Oak**, Horsley Woodhouse. Passing the rear of an industrial estate and across a couple of fields, the **Coach and Horses**, Horsley is reached. Through the village we drop down through fields and join a path running alongside the A38 slip road, then joining a track into Holbrook.

Heading towards the **Wheel and The Dead Poets** the short walk ends here with hourly 'Sevens' buses to Derby and Belper.

Food can be obtained from The Spotted Cow. The slightly longer route uses Shaw, then Dark Lane to reach The **Hollybush** at Makeney. A short walk to the A6 and the

King William, Milford - conveniently located for the return bus, the service is frequent and run until 23:39. For any further info *contact Jen Rowland email jendave01@tiscali.co.uk*

Wed 25th – Broadway (Duffield Rd), and 5 Lamps, Derby. Suggest timings; Broadway **8.30 to 9.30 and 9.45** onwards at the 5 Lamps.

Sat 28th – Peterborough Beer Festival Meet at the Railway Station for the 9.39 Train return fair is £21.40 best train back is 20.52 (derby 22.37) this gives everyone plenty of time to sample the festival and a few of the towns hostilities – I have looked into group savers and discount tickets but there's not much to be gained. If enough people give me a definite indication of going I'll review hiring a bus. Names to me please.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 2nd – 'Smithfest' beer festival, The Smithfield, Meadow Road, Derby from 8.30pm.

Wed 8th – Branch Meeting -Thomas Leaper, Derby – 8pm.

Sat 11th - Survey/Social, Kirk Ireton, Carsington/Brassington. (By Free Mini Bus). Meet at the Cathedral green coach stop 6.30pm (note slightly earlier start). Return by 11.30. To book on the trip please let me know your membership number and contact number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Tues 14th – Brewery Tap/Royal Standard, Derby from 8.30pm.

Sat 18th – Bridgnorth & Bridgnorth (CAMRA) Beer Festival @ (Seven Valley Railway) Social & Beer Festival Thank You trip. Bridgnorth, (Shropshire)

on the River Severn is split into Low Town and High Town, named on account of their elevations relative to the River. The town is home to a funicular railway that links the high and low towns, Castle Hill Railway, which is the steepest and only inland railway of its type in the country. Additionally, within the Low Town is Bridgnorth railway station on the Severn Valley Railway which runs southwards to Kidderminster. More importantly to the discerning drinker it is home to 6 GBG listed pubs and is having a beer festival !

9.30am pick at Cathedral Green, Full Street coach stop. Return to Derby approx. 10.30pm. Derby Summer Festival workers will be contacted by the staffing secretary (Carla). Subject to availability places will be available for non workers at £10, full cost as deposit required.

Wed 22nd – Alex, Derby from 8.30pm.

Wed 29th – Brunswick Beer Festival, Derby from 8.30pm.

Thurs 30th to Sat 2nd October, Amber Valley Beer Festival, Butterly Railway Centre Butterly Hill Ripley



No specific planned trip but a reminder that it's happening in our sub branch area, so please support it as a consumer or ideally a worker (or a bit of both). Regular bus service available from Derby and Belper to Ripley market place.

**For all Socials Contact Dean
Socials@derbycamra.org.uk
07703 458623.**

Derby Branch Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS - 8pm

Thu 12th Aug – Rowing Club, Derby.

Wed 8th Sept – Thomas Leaper, Derby.

COMMITTEE MEETING - 8pm

Mon 23rd Aug – TBA, Derby.

WEEKLY SOCIALS – 8.30pm

AUGUST

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Fri 20th – Survey Social. See above.

Wed 25th – Broadway/Five Lamps, Derby.

Sat 21st – CAMRAMBLE II. See above.

Sat 28th – Peterborough Beer Fest.

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Wed 8th – Thomas Leaper, Derby.

Sat 11th – Survey Social. See above.

Tue 14th - Brewery Tap, Derby.

Sat 18th – Bridgnorth Beer Fest.

Wed 22nd – Alexandra, Derby.

Amber Valley Diary

BRANCH MEETINGS – 8.30pm

Thu 26th Aug – Devonshire Arms. Alfreton.

Thu 30th Sept – TBA.

Thu 28th Oct – AGM – Hunter Arms, Kilburn.

BEER FEST MEETING – 8.30pm

Tue 17th Aug - Peartree, Ripley.

SURVEY TRIPS

Sat 21st Aug - South Wingfield and Moorwood Moor.

Meet Ripley Market Place – 7.30pm. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups *contact Nathan on 01773 570675*

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