

Mild & Bitter

Derby CAMRA GBG 2012 Candidates

Calling all Derby CAMRA members, your branch needs you to survey as many of these pubs as possible!

The 52 candidates for the 2012 Good Beer Guide (below) have been selected based on the beer surveys submitted over the last 12 months.

Between now and February 2011, the candidates have to be surveyed further using the National Beer Scoring System (NBSS). The data will then be used to choose the top 26 to be entered into the guide, plus 2 reserve entries. In addition, a GBG entry needs to be written for all of the candidates by January – volunteers required, **contact Stewart Marshall on 07944 163737 or beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk**

Green Man – Ashbourne, Smiths Tavern – Ashbourne
Rose & Crown – Boylestone, Miners Arms – Brassington
Miners Arms – Carsington, Abbey – Darley Abbey, Derby
Babington Arms – Derby, Bridge Inn – Derby, Brunswick Inn – Derby
Crompton Tavern – Derby, Falstaff – Derby, Five Lamps – Derby
Flowerpot – Derby, Greyhound – Derby, Horse & Groom – Derby
Mr Grundy's – Derby, Old Silk Mill – Derby, Old Dolphin – Derby
Peacock – Derby, Rowditch – Derby, Royal Standard – Derby
Seven Stars – Derby, Slug & Lettuce – Derby, Smithfield – Derby
Standing Order – Derby, Station Inn – Derby, Thomas Leaper – Derby
Malt Shovel, Spondon, Derby, Spread Eagle – Etwall, Old Talbot – Hilton
Old Oak – Horsley Woodhouse – Boundary dependant
John Thompson – Ingleby, Barley Mow – Kirk Ireton
Bell & Harp – Little Eaton, Alma – Melbourne, Blue Bell – Melbourne
Rising Sun – Middleton, Swan Inn – Milton, Cross Keys – Ockbrook
Royal Oak – Ockbrook, Sycamore – Parwich, Bell – Smalley
White Post – Stanley Common, Harrington – Thulston
Chequers – Ticknall, Green Dragon – Willington
Green Man – Willington, Rising Sun – Willington
Blacks Head – Wirksworth, Hope & Anchor – Wirksworth
Royal Oak – Wirksworth, Pattenmakers – Duffield – Boundary dependant.

Pub surveys can be submitted online, in person at Branch Meetings & Socials or by e-mail to **beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk**

Finally, due to personal commitments, your GBG Coordinator can only commit to collecting and publishing survey data. A permanent or temporary volunteer is required coordinate and complete the Derby GBG entries.

Derby Christmas Show & Social

The annual Derby CAMRA Christmas Show & Social is almost upon us when the University of Spondon Footlights Review take to the stage to entertain you with their unique take on everyday life.

The event will take place on **Thursday 9th December** in the rear function room of the Flowerpot pub on King Street in Derby beginning at 8pm. Tickets priced at £6.50 including buffet are on sale now from **the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Beaconsfield Club, Wilson St, Derby - Thursday 2nd December

The December Branch Meeting will see our 1st ever meeting at the Beaconsfield Club on Wilson Street in Derby beginning at 8pm and there will be a selection of Real Ales on.

The Club itself is quite easy to find being just a short walk from the City Centre up Green Lane lying on the corner of Green Lane and Wilson Street. The meeting will be held in function room and the agenda is printed elsewhere.

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:**

Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Branch Pubs of the Year shortlisted

The Derby Branch Pubs of the Year have now been short-listed after the largest ever vote by members.

The final six candidates are:-

CITY – Babington Arms, Horse & Groom and Old Silk Mill

COUNTRY – Old Talbot in Hilton, Barley Mow in Kirk Ireton and the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

These will now be judged along National Pub of the Year guidelines based on the following criteria: quality of the beer; service and welcome; atmosphere, style & decor; clientele mix; sympathy with CAMRA aims and good value of the visit.

The judges will be visiting the pubs throughout November and December with the final results announced in January and the presentations taking place at the Winter-Fest trade session in February.

Congratulations to the shortlisted pubs.

10th Winter Beer Festival – getting even closer

As you all know the festival is getting closer and closer (**24-26th February 2011**) and it's time to volunteer yet again. If you're reading this you should also be receiving a **staffing form** so please do fill it in and return it to Janette Edge if you can help out at any of the sessions. As time goes on information is being updated more and more often on our website so keep your eyes peeled there. www.derbywinterbeerfestival.co.uk Here you will find information on the beers, bands, opening hours & prices, how to get there, staffing, etc so why not check it out when you can. On the poster front they'll be available soon (by the next branch meeting we hope) so please do what you can by getting them distributed everywhere... There'll be a huge push to cover anywhere lacking a poster on our **Publicity Pub Crawl on 1st February** - details etc in the next M&B. A workers thank you trip has also now been organised to Oxford on **Saturday 5th March** for anybody who helps out at the festival. For any further info then please get in touch with us via **07506 330374 (Ralf)** or winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk or finally we're normally at all branch, beer festival and committee meetings and at the next winter meeting on **Monday 6th December in the Brunswick Boardroom at 7.30pm**. If you'd like a chat just ask! *Cheers, Anna & Ralf.*

Winter-Fest Trade Session

Next Year's Derby Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse will see a Trade Session prior to the opening of the Festival. This will take place on **Thursday 24th February from 2-4.30pm** and tickets will be available soon. The Trade Session will also witness the Beer of the Festival announcement and the Presentation of the Branch Pub of the Year awards and should be an occasion well worth attending. If you are in the trade and would like tickets for the event then please contact **Gareth Stead on 07900 407086 or e-mail tradesession@derbycamra.org.uk**

Good Beer Guide 2011

This is now out and copies are available from Derby and Amber Valley Branches as well as selected local pubs around the region. If bought from the Derby Branch at the next Branch Meetings the cost will be £9.50, a little bit more if bought from one of the pubs. The Guide can be purchased at varying reduced prices, in a number of pubs in the Derby area including: Brewery Tap/Royal Standard, Brunswick, Falstaff, Flowerpot, Mr Grundy's Tavern & Brewery, Old Silk Mill, Rowditch Inn and Smithfield – all in Derby plus the Pattenmakers Arms (Duffield), Old Oak (Horsley Woodhouse) and Royal Oak (Ockbrook).

Derby Branch Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for roles within the Branch:-
The first is for a **Derby Drinker Editor** as Pip has now moved out of the area and we need somebody urgently to take on this role. It will require you to put together 6 issues per year. If you have any experience in this field or are looking for an exciting new challenge then please get in touch.
The next is for a **Derby Drinker Advertising Manager** to obtain adverts and thereby sustain a viable Derby Drinker. A full Job Spec is available on request. And the final one is for a **Good Beer Guide Coordinator** to coordinate and complete the Derby GBG entries.
If you are interested in any of these roles then please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Derby Summer-Fest

The next Derby Summer Beer Festival will take place in the Assembly Rooms from **6-10 July, 2011**.
Russell Gilbert has been elected as the new Chairman and the organisation is now under way. Planning meetings are currently being arranged and dates will appear in the next M&B. If you would like to take part in the organisation of next year's event then please pop along to a meeting or contact Russ on **07909 967142 or summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk**

Derby Drinker

Will all distributors please note that the next edition of Derby Drinker will shortly be ready for collection from your usual supplier.
This edition contains details of the forthcoming Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival at the Roundhouse as well as Posters for the event. It is important therefore that you get it out to your pubs as soon as possible. If you are going to have any difficulties getting it out then please contact the Distribution Manager, Joy **DDDistribution@derbycamra.org.uk**

Annual Beer Census

The date for the next annual beer census (ABC) of Derby has been set for **Friday 4th February, 2011**.
This will involve about 8 different pub crawls around Derby's pubs to determine how many different beers are available on any one given night. Each route will have a crawl leader who will be contactable by mobile phone and members are encouraged to take part by joining a route on the night. Full details of routes and crawl leaders will be given next month.

E-mail User Groups

Did you know that Derby & Amber Valley Camra have a user groups which circulates info on social events, beer festivals, breweries, pubs, etc helping you keep right up-to-date with the current happenings on the real ale scene. They are open to all members, to join just send an email to the

administrator with your membership number. For Derby contact, Stewart Marshall, beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk For Amber Valley contact, Nathan Dilley, NDilley@hotmail.co.uk

Derby Branch Meeting held at the Olde Spa on Thursday 11th Nov 2010

Apologies.

Marie Gibson, Konrad Machej, Brian Bill, Dean Smith, Steve Crispin, Les Baynton, Pip Southall, Janie Belhaven, Steve Foster and John Ellis.

Mins of last meeting.

Published in M&B. Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising.

None.

Chair.

Gareth welcomed new member Mike and Rachel from Dancing Duck Brewery. POTY sheets had been distributed around the room for members. There had been 53 proxy votes, the biggest ever. Shortlist to be produced at meeting. Presentation will be at winter festival trade session for a higher profile. GBG on sale at meeting at members' price.

Nottingham Branch had been notified of our sadness at the death of Spyke Golding. A donation had been sent to a cancer charity in his memory. Jok had received an email via Steve Westby from Spyke's friend who had requested that the donation go to Macmillan Nurses. Cask Ale week moved from March with no new date set, trade had asked for Oct time. New Liaison officer for Wetherspoon's had been appointed. New guidance for Camra festivals had been received and needs to be implemented by the Beer-Fest teams. Still vacancies for DD editor and DD advertising manager. National winter ale festival nominations ends at end of month. We have applied to host a future event. 2011 AGM in Sheffield. Volunteers needed for the event.

Campaigning goals.

Locale and discount scheme advertised in next DD issue. Letters going out afterwards. List of discount pubs has been published. Website- information being updated and may be online in a few weeks.

Secretary.

University of Spondon Footlights Club Christmas show tickets for 9th Dec at the Flowerpot were on sale at £6.50 with buffet.

Treasurer.

Jok had emailed a full and detailed breakdown of the branch finances and relayed these to members. Container refurbishment is imminent. Auditor needed for Amber Valley accounts.

Winter Festival.

Anna reported that the budget had been approved. Website has all details of forthcoming festival. No reception this time, rather a trade session. Next meeting 15th Nov at Brunswick at 7.30pm.

Summer Festival.

In Russ' absence Julian Tubbs spoke on his behalf. No all day opening, Thornton's chocolate may be the sponsor. Nearly a full committee in place. Last meeting was well attended. Next meeting 24th Nov at the Smithfield. Branch committee had voiced some concerns so a representative of the festival would be required at the next branch committee meeting. Assembly Rooms meeting about to take place, with costings being discussed. Phil Hall and Ralf Edge had been looking at container options re Ray Smith's report.

DD.

Pip had been working on the next issue from York. Jok had been in contact. Feb/Mar adverts being taken at moment but after that it is uncertain. Photos of last survey required. Also Pip's leaving do.

GBG and surveys.

Stewart spoke about 2012 GBG. 52 candidates chosen for guide. More surveys needed of candidate pubs plus write ups. February deadline. Stewart will be stepping down as GBG survey co coordinator soon because of personal circumstances. Contact Konrad for the relevant members addresses of the proposed boundary changes. Stewart had produced maps.

POTY.

During the break Gareth collated the POTY sheets.

The shortlist winners were-Country-Barley Mow at Kirk Ireton, Old Talbot at Hilton and Royal Oak at Ockbrook. City, Horse and Groom, Silk Mill and Babington Arms.

M&B.

There had been significant improvements in e-mail distribution this month.

Pub Preservation.

Chequers planning application for out buildings.

Regional.

27th Nov in Mansfield.

Socials.

Full programme published.

Amber Valley.

Congratulated on successful festival

Transport.

Service cuts imminent. Consultations taking place with leaflets available from Library or online.

Information exchange.

Headless changes. Key staff made redundant. Smithfield to be sold. Brewery mothballed for three months.

Cavendish closed with freehold for sale.

West Crown brewery information needed.

Rachel from Dancing Duck spoke of her plans. Hoping for early Dec start to brewing.

Red Lion Chellaston is to become a Tesco.

Spa landlord taking over White Swan at Littleover with local brewery emphasis.

Alex reopening in a couple of weeks with new manager being put in?

Vulcan licence revoked.

AOB.

We need a BLO for the Dancing Duck brewery.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm. Next meeting, Thurs 2nd Dec at Beaconsfield Club.

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

A Wander `Round Riddings

On a cold and misty Tuesday afternoon in November, I caught the 93 to take a look at Riddings, which has a clutch of pubs in the old village centre. Alighting on Greenhill Lane, I was collared by Tim, licensee since April, of the Red Lion. Tim showed me some of the fruits of his labour as the freehouse undergoes considerable investment. Marston's beers are prominent at present but local micros will feature in the run-up to Christmas. I wanted to visit the ancient Seven Stars, but the former Ward's house was closed so I sought out the Moulders Arms, which prides itself in being Derbyshire's solitary example of a thatched inn. Once inside this friendly, low ceilinged local I found leaving difficult as Blue Monkey, Spire and a house beer named Thack Blonde, brewed by Buxton Brewery, vied for attention. I met Michael Fenn, a local historian, who availed me of the fascinating history of Riddings where an Abbey once stood behind the Seven Stars. On one wall hangs a prophetic 1950s photograph of a Greene King dray delivering a wooden barrel in the days when "The Thack" sold Kimberley ales. A cracking boozer that is well worth visiting if you haven't already done so. My final call was the New Inn, known colloquially as "The Top House", where a roaring fire and a free cheese board greeted me. On the bar were Hardy and Hansons Bitter brewed by the aforementioned Greene King, and Roosters gcb, a characteristically hoppy offering from the Yorkshire brewery. It took nearly two hours to get home but my afternoon jaunt had been worthwhile.

County's Ales Showcased North Of The Border

Our Scottish counterparts clearly have good taste as evidenced by a recent festival of Derbyshire ales at the Guildford Arms, an Edinburgh hostelry noted for its spectacularly ornate plasterwork. The first beer to sell out was Marlpool Brewery's

Scratty Ratty which is permanently available at a bargain £2 a pint at the Crown, the Heanor freehouse. Straw's Gold, infused with Ilkeston grown hops, is a stable-mate at the hill-top pub, and look out for a third brew from Marlpool, namely Otters Pocket, 4.0%abv, and a tad darker than its siblings. Marlpool beers can often be found at the Chatterley House Hotel, Cossall, near Ilkeston, and the Corner Pin, Westwood, just over the county border in Nottinghamshire.

Heanor News

Chris Turner has fired the copper at his Coppice Side brewery for the first time and, already, his brews have been well received at the Nottingham beer festival and the RuRad Bar at the Old Oak. The five-barrel plant in Acorn Way, Heanor is home to three brews, Bitter Robin, 3.8%abv, Deception, 4.8% and Scary Crow, 5%. We wish Chris, who lives in the town, well in his new venture. On a less happy note, it's sad to see the Punch owned Jolly Colliers closed as we go to press. The Georgian inn on Derby Road is Heanor's oldest public house.

Pub Of The Year Update

27 pubs were nominated, indicative of the quality of public house stock in Amber Valley, and the following eight received the most nominations: Talbot Taphouse - Ripley, Hunter's Arms - Kilburn, Thorn Tree - Waingroves, George and Dragon - Belper, Poet and Castle - Codnor, Barnes Wallis - Ripley, Old Oak - Horsley Woodhouse and the current title holder, The Dead Poets - Holbrook. Judges are currently being sought, and surveying on CAMRA's standard Pub of the Year form will be carried out over the next few weeks, after which the winner and runner-up will be announced.

Derby Branch Diary

NOVEMBER

Sat 27th – Mini Bus Survey/Social, Parwich, Fenny Bentley, Ashbourne (by free mini bus). Once again a trip to the far out post of the branch area, but again it has plenty of great pubs and our own Pub of the year winner. Meet at the Cathedral Green coach stop 6.30pm (please note slightly earlier time). Return by 11.30 pm. To book on the trip please let me know your membership number and contact number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Sat 27th – REGIONAL MEETING – Redgate, Mansfield – 12pm.

DECEMBER

Thu 2nd – BRANCH MEETING – 8pm Beaconsfield Club, Green Lane, Derby.

Mon 6th – WINTER-FEST MEETING – Brunswick, Derby - 7.30pm.

Thu 9th – Christmas Show & Social - Flowerpot, King St, Derby - 8pm.

Tue 14th - Social (and a bit of surveying!) - Green Dragon, Willington. Suggested timings are to catch the **8.10pm Trent Villager 3** bus from the bus station, 8.30pm if travelling direct. If there are enough of us, a group zig-zag ticket can be cost effective.

Wed 22nd - Social - Falstaff, Silverhill Road, Derby. What better way of avoiding the Christmas shopping and the crowds in town! 8.30pm onwards.

Mon 27th – Social - Horse and Groom, Elm Street, Derby There just happens to be a band on as well - so if you like your punk tunes get along to see Verbal Warning.

JANUARY

Mon 3rd – COMMITTEE MEETING – TBA, Derby - 8pm.

Fri 7th – Survey – Melbourne, Ticknall (by free mini bus). This trip will also pull in a couple of other venues in the vicinity (TBD). Meet at the Cathedral Green coach stop 7.00 pm. Return by 11.30 pm. To book a place on the trip please let me know your membership number and contact telephone number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Thu 13th – BRANCH MEETING – 8pm. Station Inn, Derby.

Sat 15th – Survey – Middleton by Wirksworth and Wirksworth (by public transport). Meet at the bus station for the **Trent 6.1 at 4.50 pm** – and walk the last ¾ ml uphill (sorry) to Middleton by Wirksworth for the Rising Sun Inn (arr ~ 6 pm). Then back down hill to Wirksworth taking in the Lime Kiln and some of the pubs in the town e.g. Black Boy, Hope and Anchor, Red Lion. There is also a bus at 5.50 pm if anyone wants to come up later for just the Wirksworth part of the evening. Then finally finish off at the Royal Oak before catching the 9.50 pm bus for home. The final leg can be broken up with a stop in Belper or Millford if people so desire.

Mon 17th – WINTER-FEST MEETING – Brunswick, Derby - 7.30pm.

Wed 19th – Derventio Brewery visit to present Beer of the Festival certificate. Minibus at 7.15pm from Cathedral Green bus stop. Also survey Long Lane and Dalbury Lees if time allows. Names to Dean to secure place.

Fri 21st – Survey/Social - Etwall and Hilton (by public transport). Meet at the Bus Station to catch the Trent V1 7.10 PM to Etwall then the 9.25 from

Etwall to Hilton. Return bus 11.23 from opposite the Old Talbot.

Thu 27th - Silk Mill, Full St, Derby. 8.30pm onwards.

Saturday 29th – Leeds - City (by public transport). A fantastic city for the discerning drinker, with 9 GBG listed pubs and 1 National Inventory pub, no trip to Leeds would be complete without visiting the Whitelocks First City Luncheon Bar or the Victoria Family and Commercial. Take a look at the article in the 2006 GBG, perfect pub crawl. I will be working up the finer points of the itinerary in due course. All being well it should also be an opportunity to catch up with Pip. Meet at the railway station 9.30 am for a 9.44 train – return train about 9pm with the option to stop off at the station tap in Sheffield on the way home. Cost wise the best option seems to be group ticket or wayfarer to Sheffield and then a std return Sheffield to Leeds – should work out about ~£16 rather than the std price of £28. An indication of whether you're coming would be useful, but not essential.

Mon 31st – COMMITTEE MEETING – TBA, Derby - 8pm.

Heads Up for...

FEBRUARY

Tue 1st – Winter Festival Poster Keg Run – Around pubs in Derby.

Fri 4th – ABC - The Annual Beer Census - Around pubs in Derby.

Wed 9th – BRANCH MEETING – 8pm. Thomas Leaper, Derby.

Sat 12th – Nottingham Caves and Ale (by public transport). Hosted by our very own Pete Elliott – Can't tell you the itinerary because it's a secret (You could also read into that, that I just don't know!) Meet at the brewery tap at **12 Noon** and we will catch a Red Arrow to Nottingham.

Tue 15th – WINTER-FEST MEETING – Brunswick, Derby - 7.30pm.

24-26th Derby Winter Beer Festival – Roundhouse, Derby.

Sat 26th – REGIONAL MEETING – Derby Winter-Fest, Roundhouse, Derby – 12pm.

Mon 28th – COMMITTEE MEETING – TBA, Derby - 8pm.

MARCH

Sat 5th – Winter Festival Thank You ! Trip – Oxford. (Provisional - TBC).

Thu 10th – BRANCH MEETING – 8pm. TBA, Derby.

For all Derby Socials contact Dean Smith on 07703 458623 or Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

Amber Valley Diary

Thu 25th Nov – BRANCH MEETING - Strutt Club, Campbell St, Belper. 8.30pm start.

Thu 9th Dec - BEER FESTIVAL MEETING at Queens Head, Marlpool. 8.30pm start.

Thu 16th Dec – BRANCH MEETING - Poet & Castle, Codnor. 8.30pm start.

Sat 18th Dec - FREE SURVEY TRIP to Belper, Broadholme and Alderwasley. 7.30pm from Ripley Market place. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups, please ring Alison.

Wed 29th Dec - CHRISTMAS CRAWL of Ripley starting at the Barnes Wallis, Maple Avenue at 7.30pm.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Alison Cox on 01773 570675 or alisonhcox@hotmail.com

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