

Mild & Bitter

Derby CAMRA Annual Beer Census 2011

The Derby CAMRA Annual Beer Census will be held on **Friday 4th February** and will see the City try to recapture the title of **‘Beer Capital of Britain’**, which it has held on a number of occasions throughout the years. The ABC crawl (as it has become known) 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 will see around 65 pubs visited during the evening with the idea being to determine how many different Real Ales are available in the City on any one given night. Last year’s total was 159 different ones. So why not come along and join a route on the night or dip in and out of different routes as you like. Most will start about 7pm but confirm with the route leader beforehand or contact them on the night as all should have mobile phones with them. All routes will finish at the Flowerpot around 10.45pm where the sheets will be totalled up and the results announced.

The routes and crawl leaders are given below:-

Route 1 – Crawl Leader – Eric Streets (Tel. 07946 714728) – Smithfield, Royal Standard, Exeter, Tavern, Peacock, Liversage, Furnace, Seven Stars, Flowerpot.

Route 2 – Crawl Leader – Chris Rogers (Tel. 07745 576923) – Crescent, New Zealand, Travellers Rest, Waggon & Horses, Mr Grundy’s, Greyhound, York Tavern, No.5 Bar, Flowerpot.

Route 3 – Crawl Leader – Julian Hough (Tel. 07801 417887) – Florence Nightingale, Crown & Cushion, Station Inn, George, Merry Widows, Victoria, Waterfall, Brunswick, Alexandra, Flowerpot.

Route 4 – Crawl Leader – Les Baynton (Tel. 01332 206734) – Rowditch, Great Northern, Junction, Bedford, Dog & Partridge, Dunkirk, Old Spa, Kensington, Bishop Blaise, Flowerpot.

Route 5 – Crawl Leader – Julian Tubbs (Tel. 07962 267743) – Jonty Farmer, Horse & Groom, Five Lamps, Maypole, Woodlark, Ram, Masa Bar, Blessington, Flowerpot.

Route 6 – Crawl Leader – Steve Crispin (Tel. 07831 803749) – Allestree pubs, Broadway, Abbey, Coach & Horses, Garden City, Duke of Clarence, Bridge Inn, Flowerpot.

Route 7 – Crawl Leader – Chris Sherratt (Tel. 01332 691466) – Falstaff, Babington Arms, Neptune, Crompton Tavern, Wardwick, Metro Bar, Tiger, Flowerpot.

Route 8 – Crawl Leader – Gareth Stead (Tel. 07900 407086) – Noah’s Ark, Quad, Shakespeare, Old Bell, Jorrocks, Standing Order, Thomas Leaper, Slug & Lettuce, Dolphin, Old Silk Mill, Flowerpot.

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.

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 dependent).
 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 dependent).

Pub surveys can be submitted online, in person at Branch Meetings & Socials or 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 Branch Meeting & Social – Station Inn, Midland Rd, Derby - Thursday 13th January

The January Branch Meeting will be held at the Station Inn on Midland Road in Derby beginning at 8pm and there will be a selection of Real Ales on.

The pub itself is quite easy to find being just a short walk from the City Centre or the Railway Station. The meeting will be held in rear 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*

10th Winter Beer Festival – Staff urgently needed

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. We haven't had much response as yet so please fill it in asap as we will need more staff this year at the new venue.

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 are available now 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**.

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 17th January 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**

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. The next planning meeting is on **Wednesday 12th January**.

If you would like to take part in the organisation of next year's event then please pop along to the meeting or contact Russ on **07909 967142 or summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk**

National Winter Beer Festival

CAMRA's National Winter Beer Festival takes place this month from **19-22 January**. It will again be held in the **Sheridan Suite in Manchester** and feature the Champion Winter Beer of Britain Competition.

Members Weekend & AGM

CAMRA's Members weekend & AGM will take place in the Octagon Centre in **Sheffield from 15th – 17th April**. The event is not just about the formal business of the AGM but features a Beer Festival, Brewery Trips, Pub Crawls, etc. Pre-Registration is now available via the National website or by completing the form in What's Brewing.

Next Regional Meeting

The next East Midlands Regional Meeting will be held in Derby and members are encouraged to attend as it is so close by. It will be held on **Saturday 26th February** at 12 Noon at the Winter Beer Festival in the Roundhouse

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 Dille, NDille@hotmail.co.uk**

Derby Branch Meeting held at the Beaconsfield Club on Thursday 2nd December 2010

Apologies.

Ian Forman, Jok Arguile, Julian Tubbs, Konrad Machej, Joy Olivent, Kate Neale, Les Baynton.

Mins of last meeting.

Published in M&B. Smithfield was not for sale.

Matters Arising.

None.

Chair.

Gareth welcomed everyone who had braved the extreme weather conditions to get to the meeting. He also thanked the Falstaff brewery for a hasty last minute drop-off of beer as the Beaconsfield had not had any deliveries due to the weather. He reminded about the only previous occasion the Branch had been to the Beaconsfield for the 1st ever Christmas Social. Tim Williams and Terry Morton spoke of their memories of the event.

The Christmas Show was the Branch's next event, a week tonight and Tim would take names of those who wanted to go.

Crawl Leaders were needed for the ABC on 4th Feb and we still have vacancies for DD Editor and DD Advertising Manager. We have been urged to contact your MP to back the Pub Protection Bill to close the loopholes in the planning system.

Campaigning goals.

Locale and discount scheme have been advertised in the current DD issue. Letters going out afterwards. List of discount pubs has been published.

Website - information being updated and hope to be online in a few weeks.

Secretary.

Not present.

Treasurer.

Not present but Jok had presented a full and detailed breakdown of the branch finances at the Committee Meeting.

Winter Festival.

Anna reported that everything was on track. Posters were available to take away and staffing forms were available as well. There was to be a visit to HQ for a cooling course. Next meeting 17th Jan at Brunswick at 7.30pm.

Summer Festival.

In Russ' absence Janie Belhaven spoke on his behalf. The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed. Things were progressing well, next meeting on 12th Jan. Theme still to be decided. There was an opening for a Hall Manager.

DD. Was now out. Pip had done this issue from York.

GBG and Surveys.

Stewart was still looking for volunteers for pub descriptions.

M&B.

Some paper copies hadn't yet arrived.

Regional.

Next meeting at Derby Winter-Fest on 26th Feb.

Socials.

Full programme published.

Amber Valley.

As per M&B.

Information exchange.

Chequers in Ticknall applied for planning permission for holiday accommodation at rear of pub. Lol Stevenson from Headless had spoken to Tim Williams and said a lot of the rumours flying around about the Pot & Smithy were untrue. Hophouse beers from Smisby had been available in the Greyhound. Dancing Duck beers should be available soon. 3 different Mr Grundy's beers were available at the pub. Red Cow in Allestree closing for refurb in the New Year. Rays Arms in Heanor planning appeal rejected. Licensee from Lamb in Melbourne was taking over the White Swan in Belper.

AOB.

None.

Meeting closed at 10pm. Next meeting, Thurs 13th Jan at the Station Inn.

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

Strutt Club, Belper

Should you happen to be visiting Belper, why not call in at the Strutt Club on Campbell Street in the town centre? On the evidence of a recent Amber Valley meeting, Paul the licensee who ran the Old King's Head in the former mill town for a decade, will be serving high quality real ale in opulent surroundings. On our visit, Marston's Burton bitter, Pedigree and Wirksworth T'owd Man were in tip-top condition. The ex-Conservative club also has a snooker room for aficionados of the green baize.

Old Oak Festival

The Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse, beer festival between Christmas and New Year, didn't disappoint with a fine selection of 27 beers. Ironbridge Foundry Gold was the first to sell out, and trade was brisk when I called in on the Tuesday afternoon. The Oak, which made it through to the last 16 of the nation's best pubs in the 2009 Pub of the Year competition, will host January's branch meeting with a free firkin of ale for Amber Valley beer festival staff. All Amber Valley Pub of the Year survey forms to be handed in at this meeting, please.

Amber Ales Blo

Mick Wallis from Ripley has succeeded Pete Clark as Amber Ales Brewery Liaison Officer. Pete is now working for Buxton Brewery.

Ripley to Derby by Rail?

A business consortium is currently carrying out a feasibility study to assess the viability of reopening the line, which last carried passenger traffic in the 1930s. The single-track section, which carried freight as recently as 1990, has not been built on, and although the B6179 (old A61) would have to be traversed, the route runs in close proximity to large conurbations and industry. Also, Amber Valley Council is understood to be keen to promote the tourism aspect, and subject to funding, I can see this project being a goer.

Crown Inn, Heanor

The hill top pub continues to impress with 2-4 consistently well-kept real ales from Marlpool Brewery and other local outfits such as Full Mash of Stapleford. Permission has been granted for bed and breakfast accommodation, of which there is little locally, and a brand new kitchen has been installed. The Crown's interior has been improved by more lavishly upholstered seating. The Jolly Colliers on Derby Road has reopened with Punch seeking a new tenant. N.B. Heanor is in Erewash CAMRA's area.

Minutes of the Amber Valley Camra Meeting at The Poet and Castle, Codnor On 16th December 2010

Meeting started at 835pm with 8 attendees.

Apologies for absence.

Nathan Dille, Alison Cox, Karen and Mick Guest, Mick and Jane Wallis, Lee Allen, Pete Hounsell, Nigel Heathcote. Introductions were made including Alistair Blackett a member new to this area. Gus Manning deputized for Nathan in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting.

Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising.

None.

Committee reports.

Chairman absent. Secretary had nothing to report. Social Secretary absent.

Membership Secretary, Gus, reported 426 members in Amber Valley. If you want to work at Derby winter fest, Gus will pass your details on to Derby branch.

Branch boundaries.

Horsley Woodhouse not yet confirmed as to whose area it is in.

Price surveys.

Forms distributed as follows: Gus-Codnor Inn and Poet and Castle. Pete Webb-Hunters Arms. Alistair Blackett-Cross Keys and Imperial Vaults, Belper. Bob and Sally Bramson-Dead Poets, George and Dragon, Belper.

Good Beer Guide selection.

Nathan and Alison have statistical information so we'll defer to next meeting. Paul Eydon will book a Good Beer Guide selection meeting at the Thorn Tree, Waingroves on 17th February, starting at 830pm.

Pub information.

Bulls Head, Openwoodgate boarded up. Talbot Taphouse has first anniversary bash tonight. Alexandra, Derby, opens tonight with Ralf Edge and Anna Dyson in charge. White Hart, Heage still closed. King Alfred, Alfreton has good guest beers.

Future meeting dates.

Pete Webb will ask Pete Fretwell to book branch meeting at King Alfred, Alfreton for February 24th.

AOB.

Paul asked for the return of the Pub of the Year forms by next branch meeting at the latest. Gus Manning to alter facebook contact details (action GM). Gus requested funds to welcome new members each month with a mail out. Also, he wanted funding for an annual letter to be sent to each of our members-pre AGM/beer festival probably appropriate. Paul Gibson to approach John Arguile re this (action PG).

Meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Derby Branch Diary

JANUARY

Fri 7th – Survey – Parwich, Fenny Bentley, Ashbourne (by free mini bus). Once again a trip to the far outpost 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 7.00 pm. Return by 11.30 pm. To book a place please let me know your membership number and contact telephone number (ideally mobile) to secure a place.

Mon 10th - SUMMER-FEST 'BEER FOCUS' MEETING – Alexandra, Derby – 8pm. To decide the direction and choice of the Beer order for this year's Festival.

Wed 12th – SUMMER-FEST MEETING – Smithfield, Derby – 8pm.

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 5 National Inventory pubs, 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.

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.

Wed 16th – GBG SELECTION MEETING – Falstaff, Derby – 8pm.

Wed 23rd – SUMMER-FEST MEETING – Smithfield, Derby - 8pm.

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

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

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

MARCH

Sat 5th – Winter Festival Thank You Trip – Oxford. A big thank you to all the festival volunteers, and if you're not too tired from working at the festival we have free coach trip to Oxford the following weekend. A great social occasion.....which is also open to none-workers, places permitting. 'The City of Dreaming Spires', world famous for its University as well as Inspector Morse and punting on the river (not after a couple of beers please!). It is also another great city for beer, with 10 GBG listed pubs including such classics as the Bear Inn (claims to be the oldest pub in Oxford) and the Turf Tavern (winner of the Publican Perfect Pubs award in 2007). The date has been picked to coincide with the 'DERT' that's the Dance England Rapper Tournament (sword dancers). For those that can't remember, the competition was held in Derby in 2010 and provided us with some excellent entertainment and our local team Stone Monkey also performed for us at the Falstaff POTY award. If that isn't enough to entice you have a look at the following websites as well.

<http://www.dert2011.co.uk/index.html>

<http://oxfordcamra.org.uk/index.php>

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

Now for the boring bits :-

Cost; Free to all festival workers confirmed by the festival staffing manager, (so please make sure you fill in a staffing form). £10 to none workers but priority will be given to workers until Saturday night of the festival. **£5 deposit** will be required from **everyone** to secure a place (refunded on the day to workers). Payment can be made in tokens.

Time and place; Meet at the Cathedral Green Coach Stop, Full St, Derby for a 10.30am departure. Return by 11pm. Hope you can make it. Bookings to be made through the Social Secretary.

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

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

Amber Valley Diary

Sat 15th Jan - FREE SURVEY TRIP to destinations to be announced. 7.30pm from Ripley Market place. For Alfretton and Belper pick ups, please ring Alison.

Thu 20th Jan - BEER FESTIVAL MEETING at Hunters Arms, Kilburn. 8.30pm start.

Thu 27th Jan – BRANCH MEETING – Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse 8.30pm start. Free firkin of ale for Amber Valley festival staff.

Thu 17th Feb - GOOD BEER GUIDE SELECTION MEETING 8.30pm start at Thorn Tree, Waingroves.

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