

# Mild & Bitter

## Derby CAMRA Annual Beer Census 2011

The recent Derby ABC crawl saw a record number of Real Ales available in the City on any one given night confirming Derby's status as Real Ale Capital of Britain per population head. 270 were counted on the night (up 21 on last year) with 161 different ones available (up 2 on last year) and these came from just 60 pubs averaging 4.5 Real Ales per pub.

In total 68 pubs were visited, 2 were shut and 6 had no real ale. Star pubs of the night included the Flowerpot with 21 on, the Babington Arms with 16, the Brunswick with 15 and a host of pubs with 11 on including the Alexandra, Mr Grundy's, Old Silk Mill and Standing Order. Marstons Pedigree is still the most dominant brand in the City available in 34 pubs followed by Bass which has increased its availability this year to 16 pubs.

The average price of a pint was £2.72 without the Wetherspoons' pubs or £2.61 with them (8p up on previous year), however in reality a lot of pubs were hovering around the £3 a pint mark with some now regularly topping it. The dearest pint of the night was found at the Alexandra Hotel - £3.20 for Thwaites OBJ although at 6.5% this can be slightly excused as most of their other beers are more than reasonably priced. The cheapest pint outside of Wetherspoons was the £1.57 for the Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter at the Abbey or £1.45 if you include the Wetherspoons' pubs.

So there you have it, a few stats to bear in mind while crawling around Beer City, once again proving that, per head of population, Derby has more Real Ales available than any other City. It is in fact a permanent Beer Festival every single day of the year and long may it continue.

## CAMRA's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

If you're in one of our pubs on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, why not raise a glass to CAMRA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary? It was on this day, forty years ago, that CAMRA was founded after Michael Hardman, Graham Lees, Jim Makin and Bill Mellor had been holidaying in Ireland. The quartet had become deeply disillusioned with the domination of the market by a handful of national brewing companies, determined to push lower quality of keg beers brands into the market, displacing smaller, local breweries and ales from the bars of pubs across the land. It transpired that they weren't alone in their anger at the rapidly reducing choice and quality available to drinkers across the UK-hundreds, then thousands joined the cause.

Area Organizers preceded branches but the first branch originated in Hertfordshire in 1972. What's Brewing was launched in June of the same year, and the July '72 edition listed six branches: St Albans, Herts; Cullercoats, Northumberland; Lavister, Denbighs; London, W13.; Blackpool, Lancs; and Northwich, Cheshire. Branch Diary was first printed in September 1973, when Nottingham was listed as one of twelve branches. Derby branch was founded in the following year at the Alexandra, with Mervyn Herrod, Max Stewart and Dave Watkins among the early pioneers of our branch. To celebrate the occasion, Derby and Amber Valley branch members are invited to the **Old Silk Mill, Full Street on Wednesday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> March**, where some free food and beer will be available.

## Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Alexandra, Siddals Road, Derby – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March

The March Branch Meeting will be held at the birthplace of Derby CAMRA. The Alexandra is enjoying a renaissance under the capable stewardship of Ralf Edge and Anna Dyson who, to their eternal credit, managed to find time to organize the first Roundhouse beer festival. Meeting starts at 8pm, with discounted beer for card carrying CAMRA members. For any further information **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: [Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)**

## Derby CAMRA AGM

Advance notice is hereby given of the Derby CAMRA Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm**. It will be held in the Flowerpot, King St, Derby and will see the election of the new Committee and presentation of the Branch Accounts and Branch Awards. If you would like to stand for any Committee post then please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: [Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)** prior to the start of the AGM.

## Derby Winter-Fest Wrap-Up Meeting

We hope to have a full report on the very successful Derby Winter Beer Festival in the next edition of M&B but in the meantime a Wrap-Up Meeting has been organised for **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Road, Derby at 7.30pm**. If you have any views on this year's event then please come along to the meeting or email them to **[winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:winterbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk)**

## Derby Winter-Fest New Chairman Required

The Festival may have only just finished but the planning process for the next one needs to start in earnest if we are to build on the success of this year's event. To this end we need to appoint a Chairman to run the Festival so that they can get a team of people together to organize it. If you are interested in taking up this role then please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: [Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)** prior to the start of the Branch Committee Meeting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** when the new Chair will be appointed

## Gareth Stead

This journal was launched on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1975 by Tim Williams who was the Editor, and Chairman of Derby CAMRA. During the intervening 35 years we have been fortunate to be blessed with some distinguished Editors, though none have overseen the publication's production for as long as Gareth Stead, who served an astonishing 20 years. Gareth has now relinquished his position, but he will, of course, continue to enjoy a high profile as branch Chairman, and I'm sure you'll want to join me in thanking Gareth for his outstanding service.

## Caves 'n' Ale

On a sunny, Spring-like Saturday in February, local historian Peter Elliot led a group of twenty Derby CAMRA members around Britain's biggest complex of manmade caves and grottos, in Nottingham city centre. The entire city is built on top of sandstone rock comprising of myriad, interconnecting caves, and, with Pete providing historical commentary, it all made for a fascinating afternoon. Befitting of thirsty CAMRA members, many public houses were also on in the itinerary, including the world famous Olde Trip to Jerusalem. Thanks, Pete, anymore planned?

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Alexandra Hotel**. 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](mailto:summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk)

## Derby Pubs of the Year Celebration Evenings

The Derby Branch Pubs of the Year 2011 were presented with their winning certificates at the recent Derby Winter Beer Festival Trade Session and both will both be holding celebration evenings to mark their achievement in winning the Awards. The Overall and City Pub of the Year 2011, the Old Silk Mill will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March whilst the Country Pub of the Year, the Royal Oak in Ockbrook will be in April on a date to be announced. All members are invited to both events.

## Derby Branch Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies for roles within the Branch:-

**Derby Drinker Editorial Team** to work alongside others in the team 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.

**Derby Drinker Advertising Manager** to obtain adverts and thereby sustain a viable Derby Drinker. A full Job Spec is available on request.

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](mailto:Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)**

## Derby Website now live

Derby CAMRA's new website is now live. [www.derbycamra.org.uk](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)

Please have a look around it and let us know what you think. The site contains Beer Festival info, details of Branch socials, Branch contacts, etc. If you have any suggestions for the site then please e-

mail the Webmaster, Richard Mackney at [webmaster@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@derbycamra.org.uk)

## Members Weekend & AGM

CAMRA's Members weekend & AGM will take place in the Octagon Centre in **Sheffield from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Boat Race Beer Festival

The next Derby Rowing Club Beer-Fest will run from **24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March** being timed as always to coincide with the Oxford-Cambridge boat race which is live on TV at 5pm on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Opening times are 17:00 to 23:00 Thursday & Friday, 12:00 to 23:00 on Saturday and 12:00 to 17:00 (or last man standing!) Sunday. The Rowing Club itself is quite easy to find being located on the banks of the river Derwent just a short walk along the river path from the Furnace pub on Duke Street.

## Have you been a CAMRA member since the 1970's

Jane Whitaker would like to hear from people who have been members of CAMRA since the 1970s - not necessarily people living in Derby at the time, as she wants to get a picture of what the beer situation was like in the early 70s, and what motivated people to join. People can contact her at this e-mail address: [jawhitaker2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jawhitaker2000@yahoo.co.uk), or ring her on 01332 342670. She would also like to know if anyone has early CAMRA photos, documents or ephemera she can photograph.

## 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](mailto:beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk) For Amber Valley contact, Nathan Dilley, [NDilley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:NDilley@hotmail.co.uk)

## Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Meeting held at the Thomas Leaper 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011

**Apologies.** Phil Hall, Atholl Beatie, Stewart Marshall, Joy Oliviant, Chris Sherratt, Sophie Tunicliffe, Steve Cooper, Pip Southall.

**Mins of last meeting.** Paper copies late.

**Accepted.**

**Matters Arising.** None.

### Officers' reports

**Chair.** National Winter ales festival had been good. We are bidding for next year, Assessment to take place at our Winter festival. Members weekend in April in Sheffield. Trips available to book now.

You can register online. Prices survey going on at moment. Forms can be submitted online. GBBF wants recommendations for beers from our area for the festival. GBBF running a course for would be festival organisers. CAMRA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary imminent. Victory to get pubs minister to ban restrictive covenants. Nigel Adams private bill put back to April. Please write to your MP. ABC crawl had taken place but results still being collated. POTY certificates will be presented at the trade session of the winter festival. Also the long standing GBG licensees. DD team members still needed. DD advertising manager still needed. Our AGM at Flowerpot on 14<sup>th</sup> Apr, nominations to secretary before 8pm on the night.

**Campaigning Goals.** Website now up and running and a great improvement. There will be a members' area for such as M&B. Locale – Five Lamps onboard. Discount scheme to be persued at the winter festival. **Secretary.** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer.** Jok gave a full and detailed report. 8 page next issue of DD. Auditor for Winter festival is Kevin Hepworth. Summer festival auditor is Marie Gibson. Jok will not be standing as treasurer at the next AGM.

**Winter festival.** Everything on track with beer ordered. Publicity materials available. New sales person has been found.

Sponsors Dancing Duck, Derventio and Amber Ales. Next meeting 15th Feb at the Alex. Container update. Phil is about to start the safety improvements. Less equipment will be needed for the winter festival. Workers still needed.

**Summer Festival.** Julian said lots going off in the background. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March?

Staffing being coordinated and will be available at the winter festival. Russ due to return soon. Mayor's presentation on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Branch committee had been unhappy about the beer choice but now the beer order policy has been changed.

**DD.** After much effort from Jok, the new issue is available. The branch thanked Jok. Jok spoke about the potential for real ale and the continued need for such a publication. He thanked Pip for the 60 issues he had presided over. DD must take advantage of the trend to free trade. He enthused people to volunteer to help. He had left the publication with several templates to assist the next editor. He considered it a poor thing if no one from our branch took up the baton. Committee had discussed and advertised for a new team to take over. Deadlines for next issue are 10<sup>th</sup> and 20th March.

**GBG and Survey.** Final few weeks.

Selection meeting on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Falstaff. Surveys by NBSS scheme please.

**Membership.** Konrad requested Tim Williams to send out M&B to all members for AGM. 429 members of Amber Valley, 1568 members of Derby. He gave a full breakdown of the figures.

**M&B.** This issue is Gareth's last after 20 years. Now being passed on to Paul Gibson. All contributions by 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Paul spoke of M&B's past. Paul asked for Gareth's sterling efforts to be applauded for his services.

**Regional.** Winter festival 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb possibly at the festival site (or Brunswick or Alex)  
Possible division of East Midlands in two. Julian Tubbs may stand down as regional director.

**Socials.** As published in M&B. Suburbeer theme social every month envisaged.

**Sub Branch.** There had been discussions between Amber Valley and Erewash with reference to boundary changes. No alterations are to be implemented. Paul Gibson spoke about a bigger second beer festival. Derby branch member may have to guarantee the festival. Dual presentation to POTY Hunter Arms and runner up Old Oak on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Transport.** Meeting had been at Bristol on 22<sup>nd</sup>. Only Charlie had attended! Many buses may be lost in next few months.

**Information Exchange.** Newton Solney beer festival coming up. Grange, Cock and Bull and ram closed and unlikely to reopen. York now free from tie. Rising Sun at Middleton by Wirksworth have renegotiated terms for beer from Punch. Mile has two real ales on.

Ashbourne news - Green Man is to be bought by Wetherspoons. Leatherbriches situation uncertain. Roebuck, Melbourne closed permanently. Melbourne Hotel is now a Bespoke hotel. Open 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Bluebell Melbourne landlord has died. Green Dragon Willington to hold camra opening soon. Old Marina Shardlow holding beer festival over Easter. Dancing Duck doing well. Beers being well received. Lamb at Castle Donnington reopen. Roundhouse at Alvaston being refurbished. Spinning Wheel has been "tidied up". Durham Ox extension applied for? Bar One has Brampton beers.

**AOB.** Shrovetide trip-names to Les Williams. Doubts about the Osnabruk trip. Meeting closed at 9.55pm.

#### **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**

## **Cross Keys, Turnditch, Revival**

In the 1970s, The Cross Keys, Turnditch, in the pleasant Ecclesbourne valley, was a popular Bass house run by mine hosts Ralph and Jean Allcock. More recently, trade had fallen off but now thanks to Derby based Bespoke Inns, the Keys is again worth seeking out on the A517. I called in recently to find three handpumps dispensing a Derby Brewing Company beer, Marston's Pedigree and Amber Ales AVB. This delightful, dark, Ripley creation of 3.6%abv was in excellent form and I'd have stayed for another though, unfortunately, I was driving. An added attraction is a happy hour between 5 and 6 when beer is £2 a pint. Talking of discounted beer, the Talbot Taphouse in Ripley offers 15% off on Mondays which can equate to as much as 45p a pint. Also, the newly crowned Amber Valley Pub of the Year, the Hunter Arms, Kilburn, has dropped its CAMRA members' discount in favour of a buy 10 pints and get 1 free loyalty card.

## **Dual Presentation Evening**

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March will see branch Chairman, Nathan Dilley, making presentations to the winner and runner-up of the Amber Valley Pub of the Year competition. Firstly, at 830, the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse, will be awarded the framed, runners-up certificate, and later at 10, the Hunter Arms, Kilburn, will receive the winner's accolade for its emergence as a thriving free house. Last year's inaugural winner, The Dead Poets, came third. All welcome.

## **Survey Trips**

After a slow start, these monthly outings are now exceedingly popular, which is hardly surprising given that they are free. We would ask you, therefore, to contact Alison well in advance to secure your place, and we would like to remind you that the evenings form an important part of branch activity as the scores recorded form the basis for Good Beer Guide selection. Please remember to record your scores in accordance with the National Beer Scoring Scheme and either enter them online at home, or hand your score sheet to Alison.

## **Pub News**

Ripley's pub scene just gets better! As we go to press we learn of the imminent opening of The Midland on Nottingham Road. We understand that the former Shipstone's house is now under the auspices of South Normanton based Pub People Company, and will feature a range of ales certain to interest CAMRA members.

Terry, at the Red Lion, Fritchley, should have opened a stables bar by now which, at weekends, will serve half a dozen carefully selected real ales plus traditional cider. Sounds well worth checking out. Two of our pubs will be hosting beer festivals during March. The George and

Dragon, Bridge Street, Belper, and The Holly Bush, Makeney, on the 17 to 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March respectively. A few years ago, Daily Telegraph columnist, Michael Henderson, identified the Holly Bush as his favourite English pub.

## **New Webpage**

Amber Valley CAMRA has now got its own dedicated webpage on the Derby CAMRA website

[www.derbycamra.org.uk/ambervalley](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/ambervalley)

This will contain all the latest Amber Valley info, including social details and Branch contacts. If there is anything you would like to see on this page then e-mail the Branch Secretary, Paul Gibson at [maria.curl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maria.curl@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Minutes of the Amber Valley CAMRA meeting at the King**

### **Alfred, Alfreton on 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **February 2011**

The meeting started at 830pm with 12 attendees.

**Apologies for absence** Nigel Heathcote, Gus Manning, Sally Bramson, Anne Kennedy and Mark Little.

**Minutes of last meeting** Accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising** Nigel Heathcote had attended an Erewash CAMRA branch meeting but found their members to be opposed to the ceding of Heanor, Langley Mill and Marpool to Amber Valley. It was agreed not to take the matter further. Members were reminded to complete NBSS forms, especially on survey trips.

**Committee reports** Chairman, speaking on behalf of Membership Secretary, Gus Manning, said that of 120,742 members, 438 were in Amber Valley. Nottingham was country's largest branch and 80% of members pay by direct debit. Secretary had nothing to report. Social Secretary, Alison, reported that survey trips were very popular although half of our pubs were not being surveyed on these excursions. Alison therefore proposed further coverage via a monthly public transport outing, and some thought that Saturday daytime might be popular. Also, we could trawl town centres on a monthly basis. Bob Bramson said the Belper community bus might be available to us though we would have to provide the driver and pay for the diesel (action RB). From April, Mansfield branch is introducing Saturday daytime excursions mainly by public transport. Pete Hounsell said Trent Barton may sponsor a real ale trail and Alison will contact Derby and Mansfield branches regarding trips (action AC).

**Pub information** Steampacket, Swanwick open again. Pub People Company opening Midland, Nottingham Road, Ripley next week. Gate, Swanwick is open but up for sale. Festivals: 14-17 April, King William, Milford; 21-25 April, Talbot, Ripley and New Inn, Riddings; 29 April-1 May, Black Horse, Somercotes. Mansfield festival to

feature an outdoor bar. Craig of the George and Dragon, Belper is partnering Tony Latham to install a brewery on a Belper farm. Stables bar at Red Lion, Fritchley opening in March.

**Future meeting and social dates** 10<sup>th</sup> March, Pub of the Year presentations. 17<sup>th</sup> March, festival meeting at Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse. 19<sup>th</sup> March survey trip. 31<sup>st</sup> March, branch meeting at Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley. 7<sup>th</sup> April, festival meeting at Hunter, Kilburn. Pete Webb invited members to join him on the Nottingham mild trail on 14<sup>th</sup> May and the Nottingham stout and porter trail on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Meet in the Roundhouse, Nottingham at noon. Mark Thorpe said that we were always welcome on Alfreton Town's away trips-cost £13.

**AOB** There was a protracted debate re Good Beer Guide eligibility in general and the Talbot Taphouse in particular. The Ripley pub had attracted 295 NBSS scores and had been nominated for the 2012 GBG. Upon further inspection, however, it transpired that there were issues regarding recent changes in staff that might affect its eligibility. Pete Hounsell assured the meeting that he continues to manage the Talbot whilst a number of staff are responsible for the cellar work. Rachel had left and, although she lived at the Talbot, she was primarily a Brewster who only spent 20% of her working time at the pub. Jayn Hounsell opined that we should always ask prospective GBG pubs whether they have had cellar/management changes in the 6 months prior to GBG selection. It was acknowledged that, in many instances, we no longer live in the era of easily identifiable husband and wife licensees. The consensus was that the Talbot should be nominated for the 2012 GBG. **Meeting closed at 945pm.**

## Amber Valley Diary

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – PUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS** 830pm Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse and 10pm Hunter Arms, Kilburn.

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Mar - BEER FESTIVAL MEETING** at the Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse.. 8.30pm start.

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar - FREE SURVEY TRIP** to Holbrook and Openwoodgate. 7.30pm from Ripley Market place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, ring Alison.

**Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – BRANCH MEETING** – Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley 8.30pm.

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> April – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING** – Hunter Arms, Kilburn. 830pm start.

**For all Amber Valley Socials contact Alison Cox on 01773 570675 or [alisonhcox@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonhcox@hotmail.com)**

## Amber Valley Contacts

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## Derby Branch Diary

### MARCH

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> - Loughborough Beer festival.**

The Polish Club, True Lovers Walk off William Street, Loughborough.  
[http://www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk/beer\\_festivals.htm](http://www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk/beer_festivals.htm). Suggested timings – Train at 19.18 from Derby Railway Station, return 22.38 or 23.13.

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Ashbourne Shrovetide football.** (mini bus) Contact Les Williams.

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup> – BRANCH MEETING** – 8pm. Alexandra, Derby.

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – WINTER-FEST REVIEW MEETING** – Alexandra, Derby – 730pm.

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration-** 8pm, Old Silk Mill, Full Street

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup> Burton Beer Festival, Town Hall, Burton.** Whether you are working or socialising, don't forget this excellent festival. I'm sure I don't need to tell how to get to Burton. Regular trains, Trent Villager bus or X38 (X38 only runs late Fri/Sat) - Have a good one!

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> – Brewery Tap (Derby's Royal Standard), Derby.** 8.30pm onwards.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – SUMMER-FEST MEETING** – Alexandra, Derby - 8pm.

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Pub of the Year presentation at Silk Mill** with one beer at £1.50 a pint till stocks last. 9pm.

**Thu 31<sup>st</sup> – Suburbeer!** A bit of a gimmick maybe, but an idea I would like to try. Often seen as a City Centre based group we need to branch out into our suburbs a little more. As a campaigning and social organisation we owe it to all our branch area's public houses to pay them a visit (or at least those with the potential for some good real ale). Please support these evenings and if you have any suggestions please let me know. **Littleover.**

**White Swan,** Shepherd Street. ~ 8.30 till 9.30pm. **Half Moon,** Burton Road. ~ 9.30 to 10.30pm. Suggested buses are - Trent V3 from the bus station at 8.10 PM return bus 10.30 PM. The Arriva 32/33 will also get you there but not back.

### APRIL

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – COMMITTEE MEETING** – 8pm – TBA.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Rowditch, Uttoxeter New Road, Derby.** 8.30pm onwards

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> – AGM Flowerpot, Derby.** 8pm.

**Weekend 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – CAMRA members weekend, Octagon Centre, Sheffield.**

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup> – Surburbeer – Spondon.**

White Swan, Moor St – 8.36 – 9.20  
Malt Shovel, Potter St - 9.30 – 10.35  
Suggested timings, Spondon Flyer from the bus station, 830pm (buses are every half hour). Return bus 10.47.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby.** 8.30pm onwards.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – SUMMER-FEST MEETING,** Alexandra 8pm.

**For all Derby Socials contact Dean Smith on 07703 458623 or [Socials@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto:Socials@derbycamra.org.uk)**

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