

Mild & Bitter

34th DERBY SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL

Derby CAMRA City Charter Beer Festival, from the 6th to the 10th July at the Assembly Rooms, is once again just around the corner. We are pleased to say that this year you can expect to see 150+ real ales and a new selection of continental and cider drinks to ensure that everyone's taste buds are left tingling. The theme is celebrating 40 years of CAMRA and to start the party off there will be a horse and cart riding into the Market Place on the evening of the 6th of July to deliver a cask of ale to the Mayor and Beer King of Derby. The proceedings then commence with a whole array of entertainment during the festival from Morris Men to a Kings of Leon tribute band. Small, but precise changes have been made this year to ensure that the festival is a memorable one. Security has been changed to CAMRA's very own Tango Team, who will be on hand to offer any help and information to visitors. Entertainment will only feature one tribute band and they can even boast a string quartet appearing in the foyer. The committee are also looking for volunteers to work during the festival, any time that could be spared would be appreciated as the festival simply could not run without a little help from our friends. See below. *Carla Johnson*

Summer-Fest Staffing Appeal

Maybe you've already worked at a Derby CAMRA beer festival, in which case your experience is too valuable to lose. Please think about joining us again at the Assembly Rooms even if it is just for a few hours. Please follow the link below and sign up online. It's the easiest way for you and me. If you have never worked at a festival before and you are a CAMRA member have you ever asked yourself how it is that CAMRA has been able to run festivals for 35 years using only volunteer labour? Well most of us do it because we enjoy it. We are supporting the Campaign and oh yes, we have a few beers as well. We'll even contribute towards a meal if you are with us for five hours or more. There's more to manning the festival than filling glasses with beer, but we need plenty of people to do that, especially with more beers available than ever before. We have to manage admissions, supply visitors with glasses, offer CAMRA products for sale and there's a cellar team as well. We even have to wash up empty glasses. If you have specialist skills such as being a qualified first-aider or have an SIA badge we would love to hear from you. Go on give it a try. Please follow the link and sign up online. If you are reading the paper edition of M&B and have internet access you can follow the link from the Derby CAMRA website www.derbycamra.org.uk and you won't have to type the link. You don't have to tell us your email address if you don't want to, but please have your membership number ready <https://spreadsheets.google.com/embeddedform?formkey=dFIZT3NNMFJfbG9hSGVEOGxKbTA5dkE6MQ> If there's anything else you'd like to know please email me at the following address:

summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk or call me on 07962 267743 (after 3pm during weekdays).

Julian Tubbs.

Summer-Fest Meeting

The next Derby Summer Beer Festival planning meeting is on **Wednesday 22nd June in the Alexandra Hotel**, starting at 8pm. Contact Russ on 07909 967142 or summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk

Top 40 Campaigners - Vote Now

As part of CAMRA's 40th anniversary celebrations, the nation's top forty campaigners are to be recognised, and there are a hundred or so nominations currently on CAMRA's national website. Derby branch's emergence in the 1970s owed much to a dedicated band of pioneers, which included Tim Williams and Terry Morton. Four decades on, Tim and Terry are still active branch members, which speaks volumes for their dedication to the cause, so it's fitting that both are among the top 100. It would be disappointing if a large, dynamic branch such as Derby was unrepresented in the final forty, and, therefore, please find five minutes to go online to register your votes for Tim and Terry. The closing date is imminent-10th June.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social - Rowing Club, Derby - Wednesday 8th June

The June Branch Meeting will be held in the upstairs function room of the **Rowing Club** on Darley Grove starting at 8pm. For any further information *contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman*

on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Campaigning Goals

The Derby Branch has set its 3 campaigning goals for the forthcoming year. It was felt we should continue with the **Discount Scheme** and the **LocAle Scheme** as although progress had been made there was still further things that needed to be done. The third is to be the introduction of a **Mild Trail** next May as it was felt that we had not adequately promoted Real Mild in recent times. We will keep you updated at Branch Meetings.

Derby Winter Festival 2012

Gillian Williams has been appointed Derby Winter Festival Chair and planning is underway. The second Winter Festival Meeting is on **Wednesday 20th July at The Alexandra** starting at 8pm. If you want to contact Gillian beforehand please ring **01332 677072 or 07847 504074**. All offers of help are much appreciated.

Regional Meeting

The next East Midlands Regional Meeting will be held at the Horse and Plough, Bingham in Notts on **Saturday 11th June**, noon start. Branch members are encouraged to attend as it so close by.

Liaison Officer required for 2nd Chaddesden Brewery

Wingfield Drive, Chaddesden, is home to our latest brewery, Wentwell, where 59 year old George Lambert is resident. The initial brews are Derbyshire Gold, a 3.9% abv hoppy bitter, and Barrel Organ Blues, a darker, maltier creation of 4.5% abv. Bottle conditioned versions are already on sale at Little Eaton Garden Centre on the main road, and Derby Brewing Company's brewery tap, the Royal Standard was the first to sell the draught incarnations. Derby Brewing Company is, of course, Chaddesden's "other" brewery, and at this rate Chad will soon have more breweries than pubs! Derby CAMRA is now seeking a Brewery Liaison Officer to keep in touch with the brewery and produce a quarterly report for the Chairman of Brewery Liaison Officers. If you're interested, then please **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Derby Drinker Advert Co-ordinator Required

Derby CAMRA urgently requires an advert co-ordinator for our prestigious publication, Derby Drinker. Should you be interested in this important role, please **contact the Secretary, Ian Forman, in the first instance on 01332 882996 or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**.

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Derby Survey trips for July and August

At last, some dates for survey trips have been set so please come along on the day, or call me on **07866 375560** if you would like more information beforehand.

Apologies for the lack of survey trips in June but both my diary and the branch diary are already very busy!

Tuesday 19th July: Evening survey of Derby City North-West tour. Meet 1900hrs at Five Lamps thence on foot.

Saturday 23rd July: Daytime survey of Repton, Willington and Findern.

Suggested transport: depart Derby on 1200hrs Villager V3 from Derby Bus Station Bay 24. Best ticket option is TrentBarton ZigZag.

Saturday 20th August: Daytime survey of Ashbourne and country pubs etc.

Transport: minibus, departure time and itinerary TBC.

Paul Richards.

Portland Hotel Beer Festival

Declan Nixon, the new licensee of the Portland Hotel, the former Home Ales corner house at the junction of London Road and Dickinson Street is hosting a beer festival between **17th and 19th June**. Eight real ales will be featured and those imbibers with a penchant for traditional cider will also be catered for. Enterprising Declan held meet the brewer evenings and beer festivals during his tenure of the Fishermans Rest, Broadholme, Belper.

Derby Website now live

Derby CAMRA's new website is now live. **www.derbycamra.org.uk**

If you have any suggestions for the site then please e-mail the Webmaster, Richard Mackney **webmaster@derbycamra.org.uk**

Mild & Bitter on the Web

Mild & Bitter is now available to view in the Members Area of the Derby Branch Website as well as a number of back copies in case you have mislaid previous editions. You will now have a choice to follow the link in the reminder e-mail straight to the Members Area or download the attachment.

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 of CAMRA - Branch Meeting 11/5/11 - The Brunswick Inn

Apologies for absence: Konrad Machej, Gareth Stead, John Arguile.

Minutes from the previous meeting (March) – as printed in M&B accepted as a true record.

Matters arising: - None

Officers Reports:

Chair: A good attendance of Derby Branch members at the AGM in Sheffield. Julian Hough re-elected onto NE. Amber Valley sub-branch received recruitments membership award – congrats. New committee has met and has co-opt-ed Julian Tubbs as treasurer, many thanks to John Arguile for covering in the interim period. Campaigning goals will be drawn up at next committee meeting. Winter Fest future at Roundhouse promising after meeting re: 5 year deal. Summer fest also a possibility with a marquee. Summer fest is 2 months away – please help if you can. Derby mild crawl went well, please support our crawl forthcoming crawl in Nottingham. Branch vacancies – DD Ads manager still required as well as BLO for Wentwell Brewery (Chad) – to be advertised in M&B. **Action: Paul Gibson.**

Last year's campaigning goals: website done well and M&B on website, Locale and Discount Scheme progressing slowly.

Treasurer: A full report was given – there was a cash flow deficit of around until more income returned from Winter Fest.

Action: Ralf Edge / Anna Dyson / Susan Lawson. DD 147 is 47% funded (money in hand). GBG Sales surplus, monies for 8 copies still awaited. WF 2010 accounts re-audited due to invoices found post auditing. A standard pro-forma for forthcoming festival accounts to be introduced. **Action: John Arguile.**

Secretary: WB delayed by printers blaming bank holiday etc. M&B readership probably down due to need to access branch website. Both factors (and day choice) probably explain low

attendance at meeting (21) SIBA and Cask Marque to sponsor 2012 GBBF. According to recent mailouts; 54% of drinkers have tried real ale, Mild increasing around 200 available. £1 / pint is VAT and Tax. New CAMRA books, 101 beer days out and Great British Pubs branch input required for pub book, only branch pubs included so far are Brunswick (Brewpub), Flowerpot (Music + Theatre), Royal Standard (Design + Image) Appeal for info in M&B. **Action: Ian Forman / Paul Gibson.** June 3rd HQ deadline date for GBG fest list, Feb and July as prev.

Action: Ian Forman.

Winter Festival. No one present to give report.

City Charter Festival. Going quite well, Les Baynton reports beer and bands booked. Budget approved 26/5/11. Branch concerned no representative of festivals at meeting – Ian to investigate. **Action: Ian Forman.**

Campaigning. Managed a Mild pub crawl – congrats all. Despite efforts by Stephen Boa Nottingham don't seem to be interested in hosting Derby Mild trail.

Mild & Bitter. Concerns voiced over much reduced readership due to 'effort' involved in accessing members website. Next month M&B to only appear on website with no reminder e-mail so will be far worse. Only reminder to 65 / 2000 members who are on the Yahoo group. Committee to discuss. **Action: Branch committee.** Tim Williams explained issues with bulk e-mail and attachments from a spam prevention point of view.

Derby Drinker. Advertising manager still sought to save DD once again becoming a drain on branch resources. Job spec to be published in M&B. **Action: John Arguile / Paul Gibson.** Editorial team reported to involve Gareth... But is in "Virtual Crisis"

GBG + Surveys. Database still being maintained by Stewart Marshall, trips now in the hands of Paul Richards, been slow lately due to work commitments but 2 months of survey trips to be published in M&B. **Action: Paul Richards.**

Membership. Amber Valley doubled size in 2 years and received a "Outstanding recruitment achievement" award at national AGM. Branch (inc Amber Valley) membership now 2300.

Regional. Regional meeting 11/6 in Bingham.

Amber Valley. No one present to report – again. **Action: Ian Forman.**

Transport. HQ reinstating transport group but chair requires branch input to know what 'we' want.

Socials and diary. As printed in M&B. Disappointed at poor turn out of members on Mild Crawl, pubs supported well highlight was 3 Milds in the Alexandra and the Sarah Hughes in the Crompton. Extra socials / looking further ahead. 15/6/11 Erewash joint social, skittles night in the Spanish Bar, Ilkeston. 18/6/11 Peak District by mini-bus, further north this time. 30/7/11 City Charter Festival to Cambridge. 6/8/11 CAMRAmble to

Matlock & Bonsall (for Hen racing). 3-6/8/11 GBBF. 14/5/11 Amber Valley POTY presentation Queens Head, Marlpool.

Information exchange, pub, brewery and technical information. Bridge, Ashbourne now a café/bar style establishment. Green Man & Blacks head, business as usual, seems to be the previous management. Leatherbritches moved out. Plough closed application to convert to housing. Smiths Tavern, much improved after yet another change of licensee. Wheel Inn, Ashbourne £3.10 / pint for the 1 real ale served. White Swan, Stella Critchlow of adjacent Ye Olde Vaults re-opening, looks promising. Yeavley Arms, Yeavley re-opened again same management as the successful Sarcesons Head, Shirley. Station Inn, Derby has refurbished the function room. Dragon, Willington (previously Green) reopened. 18/5/11 20:00 Leicester Beer Fest presentation at Five Lamps to their local beer fest winners – 3 brewers (Rowditch, Mr Grundys, Dancing Duck and Muirhouse). Jim the Landlord at the Dolphin is to climb Everest. Crompton Tavern rumoured to be For Sale. Assembly Rooms is a real ale gain!! – Only if required by events.

AOB. John Baldock of Derbyshire Brewers Collective and friends running a fest in the Darwin Suit, 9 + 10 Sept 2011, 1 off event with brewers manning their own bars. Is interested in branch support / sponsorship – will discuss. **Action: Branch Committee.**

Meeting closed 21:39, next meeting Wednesday 8th June at the Rowing 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

Belper News

The first beer festival at the Greyhound on Whitemoor Lane saw eager drinkers consuming the thirteen beers that complemented the quartet of ales that always feature. Peak Ales Bakewell Best Bitter was outstanding and summer and autumn festivals are planned. Jovial Tim, the landlord, selects two of his usual range from the SIBA list and, though the term "community pub" has become something

of a cliché, the Greyhound truly merits the description by catering for local families with wide-ranging events. The George and Dragon, Bridge Street, has a summer solstice festival from 16th to the 18th June, where Jiggery Folkery will take to the stage on Friday evening. This local folk/rock band is also due to appear at the second Amber Valley Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station, Ripley on Friday, 30th September. The George, of course, still has the excellent Tower East Mill on draught at only £2.20 a pint to CAMRA members. Amber Valley's premier club for choice, the Strutt Club, Campbell Street, continues to excel with Whim/Marble Utopia a recent attraction. A tasting of the 5.1% brew suggested that it was of Derbyshire, rather than Mancunian, origin. Bradfield and Oldershaw breweries have also featured of late, and CAMRA members are always welcome here.

Fritchley, Pentrich and Nether Heage

Terry Harby of the Red Lion, Front Street, Fritchley has completed the refurbishment of his 16thC Stable House that serves only local ale, cider and perry. Amber Ales brewery at Pentrich is staging a beer festival on the 17th and 18th June and a medieval style Braggot ale will doubtless be of interest. Amber Ales is the latest brewery to have its own complimentary club. Members of the club receive promotions, competitions and the latest news from the brewery. Since brewing began five years ago, innovation has been the hallmark of the Pentrich operation, and two free tickets for a brewery tour and tasting at the nearby brewery tap are on offer to a lucky club member. For details of joining the club, go to www.camra.org.uk/compclubs The Spanker, Nether Heage, hosts a festival running from 24th to 26th June.

New Webpage

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

Minutes of the Amber Valley CAMRA meeting at the Victoria, Alfreton on 26th May 2011

Meeting began 8.35pm with 10 attendees. **Apologies for absence** Karen Guest, Mark Little, Nigel Heathcote, Mick and Jane Wallis.

Minutes of last meeting Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising The community bus driver has to complete the relevant forms. Alison will give Chris Burke, who kindly volunteered, the forms (action AC/CB)

Committee reports Chairman, Nathan, said that, currently, most of our work was concerned with the second AV beer festival. Secretary, Paul, asked those present to endeavour to attend the regional meeting at the Horse and Plough, Bingham, on 11th June. Nathan and Alison volunteered to attend the Derby branch meeting at the Rowing Club on Wednesday, 8th June. Colin Valentine at HQ has been asked to include our festival in the 2012 Good Beer Guide festival calendar. An email has been sent to Katie Hunt at HQ requesting that the Holly Bush, Makeney, and Dead Poets, Holbrook, be considered for inclusion in the country pub category of Great British Pubs. This book, which will feature pubs of many genres, will be published later this year. Paul has updated the Amber Valley page of the Derby CAMRA website. Socials: A good time was had by those who did the Nottingham mild trail, with 7 pubs on Mansfield Road alone. Alison felt that we should not proceed with public transport survey trips, but Phil Marshall countered this by volunteering to organise some socials (action PM). Pete Webb is to investigate the possibility of visiting Raw Brewery, thence The All Inn, Staveley which has 4 Raw beers (action PW). Alison to get mini bus price (action AC). In the autumn we will short list, say, 20 pubs that will then be the focus of our surveying activity for GBG selection. Complaints have been made in the trade regarding certain licensees distributing NBSS forms in their own pubs. PG will seek advice on this practise, which may be legitimate, but it was felt shouldn't be encouraged as it gives a numerical advantage in terms of surveying. membership officer was absent.

Pub News Gate, Swanwick closed and the nearby Steam Packet is for sale with, reportedly, no real ale. Stable Bar, Red Lion, Fritchley is now open at weekends. Pub People Company has commissioned Nottingham brewery to produce Summer Daze 5.5% for their pubs. 12 beers will feature at Spanker, Nether Heage, festival including bbq and live music between 24th and 26th June. The Rapid One bus service between Nottingham and Ripley, which bypasses Eastwood, may attract more patronage from Nottingham folk to our festival. scores/reports. Action PG. The 6 real ales from the Marston's empire at Thorn Tree, Ripley Market Place. Declan Nixon has left the Fishermans Rest, Broadholme to move to Portland Hotel, Wilmorton, Derby. Derby Brewing Company has reportedly made an offer for Queens Head, Little Eaton. Greyhound, Belper, beer fest this

weekend. Late Red Arrows from/to Chesterfield to be introduced.

Future Meeting Dates June see Diary. 21 July festival meeting, Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper. 28 July branch, Holly Bush, Makeney (PG to book). 25 August, branch New Inn, Riddings (Nathan and Alison to book). **AOB** None. **Meeting closed 9.30pm.**

Amber Valley Diary

Thu 16th June – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING – Barnes Wallis, Maple Avenue, Ripley. 8.30pm start.

Sat 18th June – FREE SURVEY TRIP to Swanwick, Pentrich, Buckland Hollow and Lower Harsthay 7.30pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, ring Alison.

Thu 30th June – BRANCH MEETING – Midland Hotel, Nottingham Road, Ripley. 8.30pm.

*For all Amber Valley Socials contact
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Derby Branch Diary

JUNE

Thu 2nd - SOCIAL at Horse and Groom, Elm Street, Derby from 8.30pm onwards.

Wed 8th - BRANCH MEETING at Derby Rowing Club. Start 8pm.

Sat 11th - REGIONAL MEETING at Horse and Plough, Bingham. Noon start.

Wed 15th – JOINT SOCIAL with Erewash branch – Spanish Bar, Ilkeston. By Mini bus. The skittles alley at The Spanish Bar (South Street, Ilkeston) has been booked for a joint social with our friends in the neighbouring Erewash Branch so I hope many of you will be able to make the short trip east to enjoy the festivities and hopefully put a good show on the skittles alley. Despite being remarkably close, public transport options for the return journey is limited so I've booked us a mini bus to make life easier. Bus 7.30 from Cathedral Green and returns to derby by 11pm. Please contact Dean Smith to book a place, approx. cost £5.

Sat 18th – Peak District Mini Bus trip – back by popular demand! So many people have asked me when the next one is I thought I'd better do another one. This is a fantastic opportunity to savour many of the harder to get to GBG listed public houses the Derbyshire Peak District has to

offer. Travelling further north this time we'll be taking in locations such as Glossop (3 GBG listed, one being National Inventory), Hayfield and the Old Hall Inn at Chinley. Bus will be leaving Cathedral Green at 11.00am. Back ~ 10.30pm. Names and £5 deposit to Dean Smith to secure a place, probably no more than £10 in total for transport, bring your own pocket money!

Tue 21st – Longest Day Social – 'Fun by the River' - Brewery Tap, Smithfield & Exeter. 8.30 at the Brewery Tap, 9.15 Smithfield and 10.00 Exeter, come and find us anywhere en route, we'll never be that far away!

Wed 22nd – SUMMER-FEST MEETING – Alexandra – 8pm.

Tue 28th – Subuerbeer –, Blue Peter & Nunsfield House, Alvaston. 8.30 Blue Peter, leaving for Nunsfield approx. 9.15.

JULY

Mon, 4th - COMMITTEE MEETING – Furnace Inn, Derby.

Wed 6th to Sun 10th - DERBY BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms.

Wed 13th – BRANCH MEETING – Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby. 8pm.

Wed 20th – WINTER-FEST MEETING – Alexandra, 8pm.

Sat 30th - Derby Summer/charter Beer Festival **thankyou trip** – Cambridge.

SURVEY TRIPS see page 2.

*For all Derby Socials contact Dean Smith
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