# Mild & Bitter

### Derby Summer Beer Festival is Here Again

The 34<sup>th</sup> Derby City Charter Beer Festival featuring 200 real ales from all quarters of these islands is upon us, and has the rare distinction of having nearly 30 years at the same, Assembly Rooms, venue. To mark 40 years of CAMRA, the official festival opening on the 6<sup>th</sup> July starts at the Alexandra pub where the first ever Derby CAMRA meeting took place. A horse and cart carrying a wooden cask of Marston's VSOP (a 6.7% version of Pedigree matured over 5 weeks in their Burton Union, followed by a two-stage hopping process) will leave the "Alex" at 6pm and continue its journey to Derby Market Place to meet the Mayor and the Beer King, who will officially declare the festival open at 630pm. Those who are used to the festival may be surprised by the small but precise changes that have been made this year. To start with the famous CAMRA Tango security team will be on duty to offer advice and support to visitors for the very first time this year, and four of the past Champion Beers of Britain, plus a wild card, will be showcased, following nominations by readers of Derby Drinker. The festival is run entirely by volunteers so, even at this late stage, if you can spare any time at all during the festival, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. Please email summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk or call/text Julian Tubbs on 07962 267743. Carla Johnson

### Nunsfield is Derbyshire Club of the Year

The CAMRA Derbyshire Club of the Year presentation was made at the end of June by Regional Director, Julian Tubbs, to the Nunsfield Club, Nunsfield House, Boulton Lane, Alvaston. This enterprising club has held beer festivals and has long been a champion of high quality real ale. Derby CAMRA's congratulations go to the steward, Paul, and it would be good to see other clubs, which have suitable cellaring, following the Nunsfield's lead.

### **Project William to Rescue Little Eaton Pub**

Trevor and Paul Harris, the father and son combo behind Derby Brewing Company, have collaborated with Everards, the Leicester brewers, in a Project William venture to save the Queens Head in Little Eaton from oblivion. Built just before Queen Victoria ascended to the throne, the plan is to re-establish the original layout and feature eight handpulls of DBC beers and three guests. This will be Trevor's fourth such acquisition of abandoned pubs, and we keenly await the former Kimberley house's reopening in the Autumn.

### **Derby Winter Festival 2012**

The second Winter Festival Meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at The Alexandra starting at 8pm. If you want to contact Gillian Williams beforehand please ring 01332 677072 or 07847 504074. All offers of help are much appreciated.

### Summer (festival) Fever

It's the height of the summer, and in addition to Derby CAMRA's annual Assembly Rooms shindig, there's a host of Derby and Amber Valley pub festivals in July to quench your thirst. Here's a taster:

13th-16<sup>th</sup> Dolphin, Queen Street, and Old Silk Mill, Full Street, Derby. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper. 17<sup>th</sup> only, Black Swan, Market Place, Belper. 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Poet and Castle, Codnor. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Newdigate, West Hallam and Eagle Tavern, Heage. 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Derby City Brewers' Festival, Mr Grundys, Ashbourne Road.

# Summer Festival Review Meeting

The four major points that the current Summer Beer Fest committee were asked to improve upon for 2011 were: 1) Beer choice, 2) Entertainment style 3) Reduced revenue & 4) Attendance.

The Summer Beer Fest committee invites all members who have visited the festival to feedback their comments by 30 July

to <u>summersecretary@derbycamra</u> <u>.org.uk</u>. Please tell us what went well for you, and what we can continue to improve on.
We will have a wrap up meeting in the second week of August -day, time & venue TBA.

Janie Belhaven.

### Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Station Inn, Derby – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

The July Branch Meeting will be held in the rear function room of the **Station Inn** on Midland Road starting at 8pm. For any further information contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

### Queens Head is East Midlands Cider Pub of the Year

The Queens Head, Breach Road, Marlpool recently won this prestigious CAMRA award and it follows its commendation as Erewash Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year. There will be a presentation, to which all are invited, on Friday, 15th July at 8pm with a free hog roast/bbq and limited free samples of cider and perry. If you haven't already visited the Queens, near Heanor, this would be a good opportunity as there is always a fine selection of ales in a beautifully restored Victorian pub which has recently had period signage added. The Queens is also the main sponsor of the second Amber Valley Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station, Ripley between 29th September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Micro Brewery Boom Continues

There seems to be no end in sight to the micro brewing revolution that's flourished in the new millennium. We've heard on the hopvine that Steve Twells and Carla Johnson are to start brewing under the name of Middle Earth, at the Rowditch which has spare capacity. Also, the brewery at the Flower Pot is about to be given a new lease of life as Black Iris by two former Castle Rock employees.

### **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.

### **Liaison Officers required**

Derby CAMRA is now seeking Brewery Liaison Officers to keep in touch with Mr Grundys, Black Iris (Flower Pot) and Middle Earth, and produce a quarterly report for the Chairman of Brewery Liaison Officers. If you're interested then please contact by 25th July, 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

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. Call *Paul Richards on 07866 375560*.

#### **Battle of the Beer Fests**

The annual Old Dolphin and Old Silk Mill Beer Festivals again go head to head this year the week after Derby Beer Festival, Wed 13<sup>th</sup> until Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July. Punters will have a plethora of beers to choose from between the two pubs and live entertainment each night at the Old Dolphin. The Old Silk Mill will also be holding a special Tuesday Taster evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> with selected beers on the John Lombe Bar on offer at £2.20 per pint.

### 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 Dilley, NDilley@hotmail.co.uk

# Minutes of the Derby Branch of CAMRA held at the Rowing Club on Wednesday 8th June 2011.

34 at the meeting.

**Apologies.** Konrad Machej, Dean Smith (late), Paul Richards.

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

Matters arising. None.

Officers' reports

Chair. Good news: Nunsfield Club is Derbyshire club of the year. Certificate to be presented at the forthcoming social. City Charter Beer Festival-Gareth asked for volunteer staff. BLO needed for Wentwell brewery and DD advertising manager still needed. National Camra raffle had been launched. Please buy, it all goes on pubs campaigning. CBOB 2012 Awards evening to be held at Bass Brewery museum. Cask ale week being organized in October. Gareth was encouraged to see a Dancing Duck beer tent on Cathedral green during the bank holiday duck race on the Derwent. New campaigning goals. Existing two

New campaigning goals. Existing two aims needed more work- Discount and Locale schemes plus a new goal to organize a mild trail in 2012.

Secretary. IF had received a request for names for invites to the summer festival. He at present held no central list but would collect existing list to store between festivals in future. This would be passed on to subsequent festivals.

**Treasurer.** Jok spoke about business up to May 25<sup>th</sup> in Julian Tubbs' absence. Bank mandate had been altered.

Derby City Charter Beer Festival. Russ Gilbert nor any 'senior' members of the festival committee were at the meeting. Concern was expressed. This was the last meeting before the festival. No details had been inserted in What's Brewing for the festival. No report sent to meeting, save for the minutes being sent to branch committee officials, or any publicity materials at the meeting. Questions were

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asked about the budget not having being passed until very recently. Committee to investigate. Steve Wellington to speak and to receive award at the festival. Steve Crispin (Whim BLO) getting complaints from them about not being included on beer list.

Winter Festival. Gillian Williams not at meeting but 5yr contract being negotiated at present. First meeting had taken place. Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Alex at 8pm. **DD.** Out now. Thanks to Jok for the third 'emergency' issue. Gareth to try to resolve the problem of future issues.

**Membership.** Konrad had sent a brief report that membership was still on the up. **Surveys.** New dates published in M&B from July.

Locale. Continuing campaigning goal. M&B. Tim Williams had been in committee discussions about M&B distribution. A straw poll established the new method of distribution had resolved the problem. Steve Crispin asked if DD and M&B could be combined. A discussion ensued. There were current problems with frequency.

Regional. Next meeting at Horse and Plough at Bingham on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June. IF had submitted the Derby report. Socials. As published in M&B. Next one-joint social with Erewash. June 18<sup>th</sup> Derbyshire Dales trip. 21<sup>st</sup> Fun by the river. 28<sup>th</sup> Nunsfield social.

Amber Valley. Nathan Dilley, Amber Valley chair, thanked the branch for its continuing support. He gave details of the next beer festival 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Jok asked if AV was going to go independent. Nathan said that they had a problem about getting active members to fill major positions on the committee. Questions are being asked at this very moment. Some discussion took place, with Derby pledging continuing support in all circumstances. A discussion about getting more active members took place. Recent active committee members were asked why they became active members.

**Website.** Going well with much more usability.

Information Exchange. Good beer at the Windmill. Beer and music festival at Horse and Groom. White Hart at Heage up for auction. Barnes Wallace - Ashover have pulled out. Everards advertising it. White Lion at Sawley refurb with small brewery. Crown and Cushion refurb. Blue Monkey pub to open on Canning Circus in Nottingham, to be called the Organ Grinder. Flowerpot brewery has been taken over with brewing to start soon. Castle Rock connection? Manager change at the Flowerpot, Phil has left, Portland changed hands. Shottlegate brewery hoping to brew by end of July. Chatsworth bottle connection? Steve Twells and Carla to start brewing- Middle Earth Brewery, starting at the Rowditch which has spare capacity.

**AOB.** Abseiling for charity on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. (See Dean Smith). Terry Morton

called for as much support as possible for the City Charter Festival.

**Meeting closed at 9.55pm.** Next meeting Weds 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Station.

**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

### Ripley Revival is for Real

Many years ago, Ripley, the administrative centre of Amber Valley, had five collieries, and the thirst of the miners was slaked, in the main, by the Nottinghamshire breweries. At the start of the 1990s the four remaining Notts breweries, Home, Mansfield, Shipstone's and Kimberley were busy supplying quality beer to their tied houses in the town. In the ensuing years, the breweries were picked off one by one by suitors leaving limited choice for the discerning drinker, and simultaneously a significant number of traditional locals called last orders. Happily, however, in the new millennium, the real ale scene has improved immeasurably, and so in the spirit of the Derby CAMRA ABC (Annual Beer Census) I decided to take a look at what was on offer in the former mining town. A whistlestop tour of eight pubs on a Thursday evening revealed 30 different beers from 15 different breweries. These numbers will, of course, receive a massive boost between 29th September and 2nd October when the Amber Valley Rail Ale Festival showcases 80 real ales at nearby Butterley Station.

### 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

### Midland, Ripley on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Meeting started at 840pm with 10 attendees.

**Apologies for absence** Anne and Mark, Karen, Gus.

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

Matters arising Nathan and Alison had attended Derby branch meeting and said that Derby had had a temporary Editor of Derby Drinker since Pip Southall stepped down as Editor. Regarding the possibility of AV becoming independent, Derby would back us and CAMRA would fund our regular activities in the event of an AV beer festival failure. There would. however, be a three-year time lapse between becoming independent and complete financial autonomy. Four committee positions would have to be filled. Paul had spoken to Regional Director, Julian Tubbs, regarding pubs displaying NBSS forms for their CAMRA customers to complete, and Julian had responded by saying there was nothing improper about this practise but we should be wary of unusually high scores being recorded. Nigel Heathcote opined that the system was vulnerable to abuse. Paul had booked the Holly Bush branch meeting. Phil Marshall reported that a visit to Raw brewery would involve some walking and there was an issue relating to the inclusion of beer in the ticket price. A full bus of 16 was likely and Phil would speak to Pete Webb (action PM). Hire of the bus, in August/September between, say, 11am and 5pm would cost £100. Spire brewery visit also a possibility. Alison had not yet spoken to Chris Burke (mini bus driver) action AC. Nathan and Alison had booked New Inn, Riddings meeting.

Committee reports Nathan reported that festival preparations are progressing well with flyers available tonight. We're getting more folk involved. Big Piece in What's Brewing beer festival diary page. Organ Grinder, Nottingham will take our posters. Nathan urged us to buy CAMRA raffle tickets. Gus is resigning from his membership post at October's AGM and will happily induct his successor. Secretary, Paul, distributed the window stickers which were a joint pub promotion scheme initiated by CAMRA and the Sunday Mirror. Paul to order 36 GBGs (action PG). Social Secretary, Alison, was receiving help from Phil and Pete. Gus, who was absent, had sent a membership report which showed 462 AV members as at 16<sup>th</sup> June. Only 11 branches in the East Midlands have more members than AV, and CAMRA has over 125,000 members nationally.

**Pub news** Just outside our area, firstly, Joan at the Cliff, Crich was leaving after her lease expired, and secondly, Queens

Head, Little Eaton rescued by Project William and autumn opening planned. Marquis of Ormonde is struggling to survive. Holly Bush, Marehay has been

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bought as a free house and is likely to be of interest. We'll have a social there when it opens. Jane Wallis spoke well of Spanker, Nether Heage, and Black Boy, Heage. The latter had three real ales and would put two more on if we had a branch meeting there. A much loved barmaid, Debbie, has transferred from the Pear Tree, Ripley, to the Red Lion in the Market Place.

**Future meeting dates** Festival: 21<sup>st</sup> July, Strutt Club, Belper. 11<sup>th</sup> August, Hunter Arms, Kilburn. 1<sup>st</sup> September, Thorn Tree, Waingroves. Branch: 28<sup>th</sup> July, Holly Bush, Makeney. 25<sup>th</sup> August, New Inn, High Street, Riddings. 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Black Boy, Heage (Mick and Jane to book).

AOB Paul's suggestion of a St George's Day social on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, met with approval. Midland Railway meeting still to be arranged (action NH). Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August will be festival poster pubcrawl evening. Meet 730 Swan and Salmon, Watchorn Lane, Alfreton-team leader Phil Marshall. 730 Pear Tree, Ripley-team leader Nathan. Belper will be handled by Paul, with details to be announced. Ripley Co-op to be approached for festival sponsorship/exposure (action AC). Meeting closed at 10pm.

### Amber Valley Diary

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July – FREE SURVEY TRIP** to Oakerthorpe and South Wingfield 7.30pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, ring Alison.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING – Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper. 8.30pm start.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> July – BRANCH MEETING – Holly Bush, Makeney. 830pm.

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

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# Derby Branch Diary

#### JULY

Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> - COMMITTEE MEETING – Furnace Inn, Derby.

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> to Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - DERBY BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – BRANCH MEETING – Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby, 8pm. Tues 19<sup>th</sup>- Evening survey of Derby north west-See page 2.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – WINTER-FEST MEETING – Alexandra, 8pm.

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>- Daytime survey of Repton, Willington and Findern-see page 2. Mon 25<sup>th</sup>-COMMITTEE MEETING-Smithfield 8pm.

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> – Surburbeer –, Nags Head/ Masons Arms, Mickleover.

8.30 Nags Head, 9.30 Masons Arms. The Trent Barton Mickleover is a regular service from the city centre out to Mickleover.

Committee Representative – TBD Sat 30<sup>th</sup> – Summer/Charter Festival Thank You! Trip – Cambridge.

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 Cambridge. A great social occasion, which is also open to nonworkers places permitting.

Well we had Oxford in March so let's see who wins the "Beer Race". Another historic city full of museums, art galleries, beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings. It is also another great city for beer, with 14 GBG listed pubs including the Cambridge Blue having just won Cambridge % District 'Pub of the Year'

• http://www.cambridgecamra.org.uk/

(POTY) which I also believe has a

you as well. More info at -

staggering array of Belgium beers to tempt

• http://www.visitcambridge.org/ VisitCambridge/Home.aspx

**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 the end of the festival weekend.

£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 9.30 AM departure. Return to Derby by 11PM. Hope you can make it. Bookings now being taken through the Social Secretary.

### **AUGUST**

2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Great British Beer Festival
(GBBF) Earls Court, London. No planned branch trip but well worth a trip down.
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – Hen Racing World
Championships at the Barley Mow,
Bonsall, (By Public Transport).
We enjoyed this day out so much last year we had to return, and what better excuse than for the spectacle that is Hen Racing, oh and a few good real ales. Meet at Derby Bus station, 10.50 for the Trent 6.1 Bus to

Matlock. There is also a 10.50 train but either way we are meeting at The Princess Victoria (164 South Parade, Matlock Bath) at 12:00 hrs. This gives us a little time at the vic and or the Temple Hotel, before we walk over Masson Hill to Bonsall (~2Km) where our next stop is the Kings Head (beer festival!) before walking round to the Barley Mow for an afternoon's hen racing. Number of options for the return leg; catch the bus (stops around 17:00) or walk down to Cromford, or retrace our steps to Matlock. Either way we can return on the 6.1 bus to Derby and break up the journey as we feel on the day.

Hope to see you there. If you need more information please contact the social sec.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>-BRANCH MEETING-Beaconsfield Club, Green Lane. 8pm.

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Mr Grundy's Tavern,
Ashbourne Road, Derby 8.30pm Onwards
Committee Representative - TBD

Sat 20th – Survey Ashbourne area—
Contact Paul Richards.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – Suburbeer – The Abbey,
Darley Abbey. 8.30pm Onwards
Committee Representative - TBD

SURVEY TRIPS see page 2.

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

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- ◆ Expected M&B but it did not arrive
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