

Mild & Bitter

Summer Fest Success

This year we are thrilled to say there was a positive buzz around the Derby City Charter Beer Festival. A Marston's horse & dray travelled from the Alexandra to the Beer Festival to mark the opening ceremony. This was a great success as the Market Place was lined with crowds of drinkers that were eagerly waiting to get into the Assembly rooms. Indeed, even on Wednesday evening, there were queues stretching into Iron Gate. Visitors welcomed the small changes that were made to improve the overall feel of the festival. Real ale fans were thrilled to have a choice of over 225 different beers in over 350 casks and this isn't including the vast choice of continentals or the thirty-eight different ciders! The number of admissions increased by almost a thousand, with a total of 8703 through the door excluding the invited guests at the trade session. There has been positive feedback on the array of entertainment at the festival from string quartets to Cajun acts and blues bands. The chocolate and crisp stalls were new additions to the festival and greeted very favourably by both the visitors and the volunteers! CAMRA membership stall signed up ninety-one new members to the campaign, which is in its 40th year, and over 5700 commemorative souvenir glasses for 2011 were sold, which is a brilliant result. Beer of the festival was Dark Star American Pale Ale, with Fyne Ales Jarl voted runner-up. In third place was Ascot Anastasia's Excile Stout. Of course this year's success is in the hands of the 250 volunteers that worked long hours to make the festival work. A huge thank you for their dedication goes out to the bar staff, cellar team, Tango team, green room, sales & membership to name but a few that helped to put the event together. We hope to see everyone back next year so that we can do it all again! **Carla Johnson**

Summer Festival Chairman-Nominations Invited

The 2012 summer festival may seem a long way off, but Derby CAMRA is now seeking to recruit someone with the expertise to take on this important role. If you feel you have what it takes, please email branch Secretary, Ian Forman on secretary@derbycamra.org.uk or 'phone 01332 882996 by 30th August.

Summer Festival Review Meeting

Come along to express your opinions on the successful summer festival at The Alexandra, Derby on Wednesday, 17th August, starting at 8pm. Festival Secretary, Janie Belhaven may be contacted at summersecretary@derbycamra.org.uk.

Derby CAMRA Winter Festival, February 2012

The next meeting is at the Alexandra, Derby on Wednesday, 14 September at 8pm, and the following positions are vacant:

Secretary – taking minutes, doing letters etc

Staffing Manager – advising volunteers where they are needed, ensuring they have read and understood guidelines, ensuring everyone one is happy and being effective.

Competition Team – new positions aim to coordinate and oversee arrangements for the regional competitions

Sponsorship Manager – phone calls, brokering deals, etc working closely with The Chair and Another person already in post.

PR Manager – Publicity – leaflets, posters, logistics etc working closely with Another person already in post.

Hall Manager – guiding staff, problem solving working closely with Another person already in post.

Please contact Gillian Williams on 07847 504074 to discuss.

Stuart Rayment

Sadly I have to report the death of a true Derby beer festival stalwart, Stuart Rayment, who was a member of South East Essex CAMRA. For a decade or more, Stuart didn't miss working at a single festival session, and he considered Derby to be his second home. Always cheerful and affable, Stuart, who was only 48, will be missed by all who knew him, and it's fitting that he will be remembered at the birthplace of Derby CAMRA, the Alexandra, on Friday, 2nd September starting at 8pm. Food and fine ale are assured.

Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Beaconsfield Club, Thursday, 11th August

The August Branch Meeting will be held in the **Beaconsfield Club** on the corner of Green Lane and Wilson Street, starting at 8pm. For any further information **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Come on Down, The Price is Right

The Abbey, in Darley Abbey, is probably the only pub in the Derby area where you can buy three pints and still get change from a fiver. Until October 1979, the village of Darley Abbey had no pub, which was a legacy of the philanthropic Evans family, who provided housing, schooling, a farm and even a pig for their employees who worked in the cotton mills. The Regency terraced houses are extant, as are the mills, though they, like the school, fulfil a different purpose now. The Abbey opened in '79, to much architectural acclaim, as a free house serving Kimberley Bitter and Marston's Pedigree, before Yorkshire brewers, Sam Smiths, bought the freehold in the mid 80s. Sam Smith's Old Brewery Bitter tends to polarise opinion; you either like it or you don't, and therefore their unfiltered wheat beer may be more to the liking of some. Sadly, the Undercroft Bar is no longer open to the public but it would be good to see a decent turnout for this month's social on the 24th.

Cider and Perry Tasting Afternoon

This is being held at the Queens Head, 1 Breach Road, Marlpool, on Saturday, 3rd September at 2pm. 15 ciders will be complemented by 5 perries, and tickets are available, priced at £7 each, which entitle you to 7x1/3 of cider or perry, plus food. Two guest speakers will address attendees and the tickets are available from Steve Boa, 47 Albany Street, Ilkeston DE7 5AD.

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 and Middle Earth, and produce a quarterly report for the Chairman of Brewery Liaison Officers. If you're interested then please **contact Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Regional Meeting

The Green Dragon, Magpie Square, Broadgate, Lincoln, is hosting the regional meeting on Saturday, 3rd September, starting at noon. This ancient, timber-framed, waterside inn is a joy to behold,

and members are urged to attend to keep abreast of the latest local, regional and national developments in the campaign.

New Brewery News

Middle Earth Brewing Company has been set up by award winning Rowditch brewer Steve Twells and active CAMRA member Carla Johnson. The first brew, which is a 3.9% hoppy pale ale, is going to be named Prancing Pony and will be available in local freehouses from August this year. Steve is currently training Carla to do her dream job which is brewing solo, along side overseeing the day to day running of the business. For more information on Middle Earth please see www.mebrewco.com or call Carla on 07905 604230. Meanwhile on King Street, the Black Iris brewery is firing its copper for the first time since Headless ceased brewing, and you can try their ale at the Flower Pot beer fest which runs from 26-29th August.

Derby Drinker Advert Co-ordinator Required

Derby CAMRA urgently requires an advert co-ordinator to obtain adverts and thereby sustain a viable 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.**

Derby Survey trips for August and September

All members are welcome so please come along on the day to the meeting point(s) given, or call Paul Richards on 07866 375560 if you would like more information beforehand or during the day.

Saturday 20th August: Daytime survey of Ashbourne and country pubs etc. Transport: minibus, departure time and itinerary TBC.

Saturday 10th September: Afternoon survey of Thulston and Shardlow. The survey will start at the Harrington Arms, Thulston at 1330hrs, but there is the option to join the survey at the Dog and Duck, Shardlow from 1500hrs. Suggested transport from Derby: 1305hrs Skylink from Derby Bus Station Bay 12 to Thulston, Elvaston Castle Gates, or 1435hrs Skylink to Shardlow Dog and Duck. Return buses after 2000hrs leave Shardlow Dog and Duck at 3 minutes past the hour, arriving at Derby Bus Station at 15 minutes later. The return fare from Derby to Shardlow is £5.20, and the single fare from Thulston to Shardlow is £1.70.

Wednesday 21st September: Evening survey of Duffield starting at the White Hart at approximately 2000hrs. Suggested transport from Derby: 1935hrs Trent Barton service 6.2 from Derby Bus Station Bay 20. Return buses leave Duffield

Chapel Street at 2223hrs, 2253hrs and 1343hrs, arriving at Derby Bus Station 15 minutes later. Ticket options are TrentBarton SupaSaver, or ZigZag ticket if you are making additional journeys on the TrentBarton network.

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**

Derby Branch Meeting held at the Station in Derby on 13th July 2011.

Present at meeting. 25

Apologies. Sharon and Chris Sherratt, Dean Smith, Julian Tubbs for the last meeting, Julian Hough.

Mins of last meeting. Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising. None.

Officers' Reports.

Chair. Gareth spoke of the recent City Charter festival and thanked all those who helped out at the event. Derby CAMRA's 37th birthday party had taken place at the Alex, thanks to Anna & Ralf. We had had some excellent recent trips with more to follow. DD advertising vacancy still current and Mr Grundy, Middle Earth and Black Iris BLO's are also needed. The Nunsfield Club had received the Derby & Derbyshire Club of the Year certificates at a recent social. The GBBF is coming up and would be the last one at Earls Court. The Sunday Mirror was running a campaign supporting pubs with HQ also backing it. Mike Benner from HQ was to give evidence to a government committee on the beer tie along with brewers, publicans, etc. There will be a Focus group

of non active members to be lobbied for ideas at GBBF.

Campaigning goals. Still ongoing with little news because of the beer festival.

Treasurer. DD advertising will not be as previous issues. Julian Tubbs spoke about the various transactions. Adverts a problem for next issue of DD. Winter festival had sent £20,000 to HQ on instruction from RD and Branch Treasurer. We have a surplus.

Winter festival accounts statements imminent after 4 months. They have gone to the auditor.

Charter Festival. Russ Gilbert spoke of the success of the festival with 1000 more through the door and more beer choice. He was waiting for detailed feedback. It had been a success. Wash up to be after the GBBF. Good reports about numbers and target audiences. Many positive responses from the public. Only a few negative. On balance Russ was pleased. A discussion ensued about Team Tango Security. There had been a mixed bag of responses. Chris Gale added some detail about the attendance, which was 8929 (up on last year). 2500 (28% Camra members) with 95 of attendees being under 26 years of age. He felt it had been a very good festival.

Russ spoke about the trade session which had been received as being very successful. 226 had attended. The branch congratulated the festival organising committee for running an excellent festival.

Winter Festival. Gillian Williams apologised for not attending previous meetings.

Last winter festival accounts with auditor. Budget being formulated and to be submitted by September. Flyers had been expected at the Charter but there had been a few problems. Alternative source to be investigated. Dates on the website. 5 Year contract at Roundhouse being negotiated. Some positions not filled. Hall manager, Publicity, Sponsorship (all half positions). Full position secretary and staffing manager needed, also competition teams for regional CBOB, Winter ales etc. Future committee dates had been published.

DD. Still no advertising manager so we are likely to lose income. Julian Tubbs doing adverts in the interim. Editorial team assembled with new design and layout input. Next DD delayed until Sept.

GBG and Surveys. Stewart Marshall encouraged members to join the Derby yahoo group. Not many surveys recently but there will be with new input from Paul Richards. Lots of survey info on website. Paul Richards spoke about next surveys. Next one Tues 19th July – Horse and Groom area finishing at Mr Grundy's or Greyhound. Details in M&B. Sat 23rd Repton and Derby City centre.

Membership. 67 applications with 91 new members at the City Charter festival, 66 men 25 women. 6 under 26s so uptake had been very positive. 14 pensioners. Lots paying by direct debit. Konrad thanked

everyone for their help on the membership desk. A network of membership officers from neighbouring branches has developed recently. More help graciously accepted.

M&B. Paul Gibson spoke of technical difficulties with hard copies only. Deadline for next issue is the 28th. Tim Williams had had problems with number of e-copies due to gmail "rumbling" him. There was a limit of 500 emails which he had exceeded. He apologised. Please email if you don't get a copy. Ralf Edge asked if we could email failed deliveries. G mail might have problems with this.

Regional. More committee members to attend each regional meetings. Next meeting 3rd Sept in Lincoln. Queens Head Marlpool - regional cider pub of the year with presentation imminent.

Socials. Published in M&B. Still places on Cambridge thank you trip.

Sub-Branch. Second Beer festival 29th Sept to 2nd Oct.

Website. Being kept up to date. Things going well. 1000 hits a day during the festival.

Information Exchange. The Furnace is up for sale at £170,000. A known Derby ex landlord of the Dolphin, Olde Spa and Silk Mill and other pubs had been seen looking at it during the beer festival period. Barnes Wallace to be integrated into Everard's estate. It had previously been part of Project William. Blue Jay pub being built by Wildgoose (on Raynesway) with cask ale. (Marston's). Dolphin and Silk Mill festivals on at moment. Black Iris (previously Headless) about to brew. Smith-fest dates uncertain.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Meeting thanked Dave and Lynn for the sandwiches.

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

Festival Appeal

Preparations for the second Amber Valley CAMRA Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station, Ripley, between 29th September and 2nd October are in hand. 80 real ales,

cider, perry, Indian cuisine, a specialist chocolate stall and steam trains running on Saturday and Sunday will be the highlights of a festival that's likely to attract even more patronage than last year's successful, inaugural event. Top-notch entertainment is assured with the Rollin Stoned headlining on Saturday evening. We are, therefore, seeking staff to assist us in this big operation, so could anyone with a few hours to spare, please 'phone Alison Cox on 01773 570675 or email

alisoncox@hotmail.com. Pre-festival publicity will be important in determining the festival's success, and to that end we've organised three festival poster pub-crawls on Friday 12th August. The starting points are: Pear Tree, Derby Road, Ripley, 730pm, Swan and Salmon, Watchorn Lane, Alfreton, 730pm, and Queens Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper, at 840pm. Advance tickets for the festival may be purchased from the Talbot Taphouse, Ripley, Hunter Arms, Kilburn, Dew Drop, Ilkeston, Midland Railway, Butterley Station, Ripley and the event's main sponsor, the Queens Head, Marlpool. Amber Ales have also kindly agreed to sponsor the festival.

Festival Round-up

The Victoria, Nottingham Road, Alfreton, is holding a festival between 5th and 7th August, and the Bank Holiday weekend sees the following pubs hosting festivals: The Travellers Rest, Kilburn is showcasing CAMRA's Champion Beers of Britain; the Blue Bell at South Wingfield will have 15 real ales with entertainment and a barbeque; Codnor Inn, Jessop Street; New Inn, Riddings; Eclipse, Loscoe; and the Tavern, Belper. Despite inclement weather, Belper's 5th Food and Real Ale Festival was very successful with all of the pubs surrounding the town's Market Place reporting a roaring trade on Sunday, 17th July. The Eagle Tavern, Heage staged its first festival which featured a score of beers sourced from within a 20-mile radius, the only exception being Tim Taylor's Landlord.

Pub News

Innovation is the name of the game at the Thorn Tree on Ripley Market Place, where the former Mansfield house has introduced a generous real ale card scheme whereby the purchase of five pints is rewarded with a free one. There's plenty of choice too, with half a dozen handpulled beers usually available from Wychwood, Jennings, Ringwood and Marston's breweries. Our Ripley reporter commented that the Wychwood Cherry Picker was outstanding on his visit.

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

www.derbycamra.org.uk/ambervalley

This contains all the latest Amber Valley information. 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 Holly Bush, Makeney on 28th July 2011

Meeting started at 840pm with 12 attendees.

Apologies for absence Karen and Nigel.

Minutes of the last meeting Accepted as a true record

Matters arising Alison had not yet spoken to Chris Burke (action AC). GBGs ordered through Derby branch. We had met representatives of the Midland Railway.

Committee reports Chairman, Nathan, invited members to stand for committee positions at the AGM, and he proffered his congratulations to Derby branch for its excellent summer fest. Secretary, Paul, reminded members of the importance of GBG nomination confidentiality; there's a 6 months gestation period between selection and publication. PG to order National Cask Ale Week point of sale material for our fest. History of CAMRA dvd available. Bob and Sally Bramson volunteered to attend Peterborough seminar on best practise for marquee beer festivals on 29th October. Phil Marshall expressed an interest as well. Social Secretary, Alison, spoke of the festival poster pub-crawls on 12th August, and said that survey trips were continuing to be popular. Next one on 20th August to Milford, Makeney and Belper. Alison may introduce earlier, 7pm, survey trip departures and will advise PG accordingly. Jane Wallis kindly offered to run the September trip in Alison's absence. Alison to investigate the possibility of running public transport social, and Anne Kennedy will liaise with her re a pub walk (action AC and AK). Duffield to Wirksworth by train on a Sunday was also worthy of consideration. Membership Secretary absent but Russell Ashmore of South Normanton is changing his branch allegiance from Mansfield to Amber Valley.

Pub news Strutt Arms closed again. White Hart, Heage being sold at auction.

Refurbishment underway at Bulls Head, Belper Lane End. Change of licensee at Bulls Head, Openwoodgate.

Future meeting dates AGM will be deferred by one month to allow a full discussion on independence in the upstairs room of the Queens Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper on 27th October (Tim to book). PG will arrange for a Derby branch representative to avail us of the pros and cons of independence. AGM will be held at the Hunter Arms, Kilburn on 24th November with two free firkins to reward beer festival staff (AK to book).

AOB Phil Marshall will produce and forward to us a form which will enable

those on the festival poster pub crawls to record all of the different beers on 12th August. If possible, prices will be registered as well. Action PM. Festival posters and hand bills were available to take away.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

Amber Valley Diary

Thurs 11st August – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING – Hunter Arms, Kilburn. 8.30pm start.

Fri 12th August – FESTIVAL POSTER PUB CRAWLS – Start at 730pm Pear Tree, Ripley; 730pm Swan and Salmon, Alfreton; 840pm Queens Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper.

Sat 20th August – FREE SURVEY TRIP to Milford, Makeney and Belper 7.30pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, ring Alison.

Thurs 25th August – BRANCH MEETING – New Inn, High Street, Riddings. 830pm.

Thurs 1st September – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING – Thorn Tree, Waingroves. 830pm.

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Derby Branch Diary

AUGUST

Sat 6th – 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.

Thursday 11th-BRANCH MEETING- Beaconsfield Club, Green Lane. 8pm.

Fri 12th – Sun 14th Bell, Smalley beer fest.

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

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

Wed 24th – Suburbeer – The Abbey, Darley Abbey. 8.30pm Onwards Committee Representative – TBD

Fri 26th – Sun 28th Music and beer festival, Exeter Arms, Derby

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd – Stuart Rayment Wake, Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Rd, Derby. 8 PM onwards

Thurs 8th BRANCH MEETING, Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth, 8pm. Bus departs Cathedral Green at 715pm.

Surveying will take place in the town after the meeting and bus departs 11pm.

Sat 10th – Survey Afternoon survey of Thulston and Shardlow - Contact Paul Richards.

Thurs 15th – Good Beer Guide launch, 5 Lamps, Duffield Rd, Derby. 8.30 PM Onwards.

Committee Representative – TBC

16-17th Erewash CAMRA Festival, Long Eaton.

Wed 21th – Evening survey of Duffield – Contact Paul Richards.

Thurs 29th –Sun 2nd Oct, Ripley Rail Ale Festival, Midland Railway Centre, Butterley – By our sub branch Amber Valley CAMRA.

Please consider supporting by working or imbibing.

For all Derby Socials contact Dean Smith on 07703 458623 or

Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Contacts

**Secretary - Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or the Committee
committee@derbycamra.org.uk**

M&B PLEASE NOTE

Please tell me if you:

- ♦ Don't want to get M&B
 - ♦ Don't want other stuff from Derby CAMRA
 - ♦ Expected M&B but it did not arrive
 - ♦ Change your email or postal address
- Also tell HQ if you change address. The M&B database is kept on my home PC and is entirely separate from the CAMRA membership database.

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