

# Mild & Bitter

## GIMME SHELTER AT RIPLEY RAIL ALE FESTIVAL

No, this isn't a reference to last year's rain sodden, but successful, debut Amber Valley CAMRA Festival at Butterley Station, Ripley, but rather it alludes to the Rollin Stoned who top the bill at this year's event between 29<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The festival, in a large marquee and two railway carriages, promises to be bigger and better than last year's, and, once again, the main sponsor is the Queens Head, Marlpool, with Ripley brewers, Amber Ales, also sponsoring the event. Our gratitude is also extended to Chris Burrows of Wade Printers, and R Shaw and Sons of Newthorpe. 80 real ales, traditional cider and perry will be the mainstay of a festival which has a **stellar line-up of bands** headed by the aforementioned Rollin Stoned on Saturday night. The Re-Entrants, a comedy ukulele duo from Derby, who celebrated their 250<sup>th</sup> gig at the Flower Pot in July, will kick-start proceedings on Thursday evening, and Friday sees Jiggery Folkery take to the stage with their folk/rock act. Returning by popular demand to headline on Friday night, are All The Kings Men, who took the festival by storm last year with their classy repertoire of rock and pop covers. Saturday afternoon sees those fine exponents of the 400 year old tradition of Morris dancing, the Ripley Morris Men, who are veterans of the beer festival scene. Then, in the evening, comedy skiffle band, Kick "N" Rush are the prelude to the Rollin Stoned. The Rolling Stones' cover are widely regarded as the pick of the Stones' tribute bands as they replicate every facet of the Stones' stage act. The power, menace and sheer artistry of the music, allied to the flamboyant costumes so characteristic of the Stones, perfectly capture 1960s hedonism.

**Culinary delights** are assured with the Maharaja restaurant's Indian cuisine available for your delectation, and less exotic fare will be on offer, including a Pipers crisp stand. A new innovation this year, designed for those with a sweet tooth, is the specialist chocolate stall.

**Steam train** enthusiasts will be able to travel to Swanwick Junction on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, courtesy of our hosts, the Midland Railway, Butterley. Subject to beer availability, the festival will be open noon to 3pm on the Sunday with ales at £2 a pint. Advance tickets for Friday and Saturday nights may be purchased from the Talbot Taphouse, Ripley, Dew Drop, Ilkeston, Queens Head, Marlpool, Hunter Arms, Kilburn and the Midland Railway at Butterley Station, Ripley.

### STAFFING

Should you be able to help out at the festival, Amber Valley CAMRA would greatly appreciate your assistance, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Please **contact Alison Cox on 01773 570675 or [alisonhcox@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonhcox@hotmail.com)**

## 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, 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.

## Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Hope & Anchor, Wirksworth, Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September

A free bus leaving Cathedral Green, Full Street at 7.15pm will take members to the Good Beer Guide listed hostelry, and after the meeting, that starts at 8pm, it's hoped to carry out some surveying in the town before the bus's departure at 11pm. 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)**

## Derbyshire Brewers' Collective Beer Festival

There's an interesting looking festival on in the Darwin Suite of Derby's Assembly Rooms, on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. 60 of the county's finest beers will be showcased. Should you be interested in working then please contact Brian Collins [bjcbrian@hotmail.com](mailto:bjcbrian@hotmail.com) Please note that this is not organised by CAMRA.

## Cider and Perry Tasting Afternoon

This is being held at the Queens Head, 1 Breach Road, Marlpool, on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Officer required

Derby CAMRA is now seeking a Brewery Liaison Officer to keep in touch with Mr Grundys on Ashbourne Road, 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](mailto:Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)**

## Regional Meeting

The Green Dragon, Magpie Square, Broadgate, Lincoln, is hosting the regional meeting on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:secretary@derbycamra.org.uk)

## Derby Survey trips for 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 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](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)  
If you have any suggestions for the site then please e-mail the Webmaster, Richard Mackney [webmaster@derbycamra.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk) For Amber Valley contact, Nathan Dille, [NDille@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:NDille@hotmail.co.uk)

## Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at Beaconsfield Club, Wilson Street, Derby Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 8pm with Gareth Stead in the Chair and minutes by Julian Tubbs

### Numbers attending 29.

**Apologies.** Ian Forman, Chris and Sharon Sherratt, Russell Gilbert, Dean Smith.

### Minutes of last meeting.

As published in Mild and Bitter.

Correction. 783 Festival attendees under 26.

### Matters arising. None.

**Officers' reports** – Chair, GBBF will attend by Branch members including a record number working there. Amber & Castle Rock won awards. We are being encouraged to set-up our own online pub database which Stewart said was already in place. National Cider & Perry Trip October 15<sup>th</sup> and we are being asked to fill in definition of each. National Cask Ale week will be the first week in October. History of CAMRA DVD out now £9.99. There will be a 50% excise duty reduction on beers under 2.8% from October. Locally we had a great trip to Cambridge and a good day's hen racing. We still have vacancies for a DD advert manager and two BLO's for Middle Earth & Mr Grundy's. We are also seeking a new Chair for the Summe

**Campaigning goals:** – a licensees letter will be drafted for both landlord discount and LocAle schemes. Mild month still in early planning stages.

Secretary, Absent. No report

Treasurer. Has received £8k from Summer Festival for AV festival float and VAT.

**Other reports – Beer Festivals, Summer Numbers** as in M&B.

Terry Morton commented on lack of W.B. promotion

Wash up meeting on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> August Winter (Gill Williams Reporting)

Positions advertised in M&B. Still need volunteers in build-up to NAWF in 2014. May need extra 50 members of staff with bars in 2 different areas next year Meeting 14 September, 19 Oct, 16 Nov etc dates on website. Meetings at Alex.

Had site meeting at Roundhouse, talking figures. Provisional agreement enables festival to go ahead, despite extra costs. Managers meeting at site settles container stillaging, bands, etc. Budget almost ready to submit after several versions.

Looking for t shirt logo sponsorship from LocAle breweries. Mcr gets £22.5 k in sponsorship as a guideline to sponsorship potential. GW thinks we need surveying, including venue preferences.

**Campaigning**, as per Chair's report Derby Drinker, Steve Webster collecting material. JMT attempting to get ads. Aiming to publish end of Aug. Mock-ups have been seen by committee, circulated at meeting. Contributions welcome for one more week at most. To Gareth Stead.

**Good Beer Guide & Surveys** Stewart Marshall. Pub Database. Database ready to

be uploaded to national, a copy to be used by nbss and pubs online. SM will contact Amber Valley for permit to exchange theirs.

**Surveying** Many more surveys needed. GBG launch on September 15. Social at 5 lamps photo op as local launch.

**Survey Trips** Paul Richards Sat 20<sup>th</sup> August Ashbourne as in M&B. Bus leaves X3 at 11am

10 Sept. Thulston and Shardlow . 1.30 onwards

21 Sep. Wed evening White Hart Duffield from 8pm

Further info on web site and yahoo group. Tim Williams. Requested contact Paul Richards info. See Survey section in M&B. Tim would prefer a dedicated contact section in M&B.

**LocAle** Atholl Beattie not present. Chair believes some new pubs have joined.

**Membership** Has address labels for 70 new members which is more than Summerfest total. But 28 lapsed members higher than expected.

**Mild & Bitter** No known problems with M&B distribution this time but Tim would welcome feedback direct to him, by email please

Terry Morton. M&B has issue numbers but not publication dates on it. GS to contact Paul.

Tim. Black Header uses a lot of ink. GS ditto,

**Pubs Officer & Pub Preservation** Nothing to report

**Publications** Nothing further to report

**Regional** At Green Dragon Lincoln.

Details are in Mild and Bitter

**Sales** Nothing to report

**Socials** As printed in M&B for August and September

Cider Tasting Saturday 3 September at Queens Head, Marlpool (EM Cider POTY)

Web site is out of date re socials.

**Sub-Branch** 2<sup>nd</sup> AV festival xx September. Volunteers required. Meeting as in M&B.

**Tasting Panel** – Nothing to report

**Transport** Derbyshire Gold Card Concession has been abolished.

Late night buses to Chesterfield at week-ends

Some local services further reduced e.g. Horsley.

**Website.** Could have better diary info soon for festivals and possibly socials.

**Information exchange - Pub, Brewery, etc**

Erewash Valley Festival in Long Eaton dates. Gregorys Spondon now has two real ales. Re-named

Scotco has sold pubs to Trust inns. Punch have sold pubs to Tavern, Edinburgh etc. General Havelock bought by Rutherfords of Marlpool. Strutt Arms Milford, Punch sub-leased due to re-open with three real ales. Spa due to be sold by Punch. Nine-pinters . kegs of bright beer being sold on draught at Portland..72 hour life? Crown and Arrows, Shelton Lock, has re-opened. Corner Pin, Chellaston, buying from SIBA

list. 9-10 September Brewers Collective festival at Assembly Rooms. Not sure if CAMRA discount. Beer fest Milton this week-end. New licensees at Shakespeare Shardlow.

Dog and Duck to reopen 20<sup>th</sup> Tudor at Castle Donington leased by Mick Oakey of Marina at Shardlow. New licensees at Blue Bell, Melbourne. October fest at Burton National Brewing Centre with some CAMRA support. Gus Manning is now at Fishponds.. Matlock Bath. Not directly an Ashover pub. Flowerpot brewery is brewing again. Middle Earth at Rowditch from this week-end.

**Any other business.**

Stewart Rayment. Tribute paid by Gareth. All welcome to send-off at 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Alexandra.

Julian Hough had attended the funeral and reported on very well attended funeral and wake

Rochford festival will have 70+ Derbyshire ales as tribute.

**Meeting closed 9.51pm**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. 7.15. depart for Wirksworth. Leave Wirksworth at 11pm.Short meeting to allow for surveying.

### 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 Milford and Makeney

The King William on the A6 at Milford is hosting a beer festival between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September, and its neighbour in Makeney is joining in the fun a week later. Changes at the Holly Bush, Makeney, are about as rare as hen's teeth, indeed the old inn is reputed to have had just two owners since World War 2. Licensee, Andrew Caulton is however, bowing out with a festival featuring 20 beers, and we wish Andrew well in his future career. The

festival runs between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Lost Pubs of Amber Valley **The first in an occasional series recalling pubs from the past**

#### **No. 1 The Grand Turk**

In Lower Kilburn, Just across the fields to the east of the former site of Muddy Island, which was a substantial coal mine during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is a perhaps unusually-named dwelling called Grand Turk Cottage. The cottage is situated on Derby Road, and the reason for the name is that it was formerly a public house called, appropriately, the Grand Turk. The Turk was a fairly small pub – it would be pretty full with 20 or 30 customers in it – and it served the Lower Kilburn community from the 19<sup>th</sup> century until the 1980s, when its doors closed for the last time. As for layout, the bar was to the right as one walked in, with the rest of the pub, which consisted of just a single room, housing a few tables and chairs. The beer on offer was Ansells bitter which, if memory serves me well, was usually quite decent. However, the location of the pub in a relatively small community, its size, the ease with which locals could travel to Derby and the number of larger pubs in the immediate area meant that the Turk was rarely full. Perhaps inevitably, closure came in the 1980s, and the Turk as a pub was no more, being converted into a cottage soon afterwards. **Trevor Spencer**

#### **Web Page**

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

[www.derbycamra.org.uk/ambervalley](http://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](mailto:maria.curl@hotmail.co.uk)

### Minutes of the Amber Valley CAMRA meeting at the New Inn, Riddings on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Meeting started at 835pm with 7 attendees including Trevor Spencer from Derby. Paul Gibson deputised for the absent Chairman.

**Apologies for absence** Anne Kennedy, Mark Little, Bob and Sally Bramson, Nathan Dillely, Alison Cox.

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

**Matters arising** Phil Marshall produced the survey forms for poster crawls and will advise us of the number of breweries and

beers. Action PM. Alison has not yet spoken to Chris Burke re bus trip. Action AC. Paul has ordered National Cask Ale Week promotional material. Alison and Anne to investigate public transport social and pub crawl walk. Action AC + AK. Paul has invited the Regional Director to the October 27<sup>th</sup> branch meeting at the Poet and Castle, which will focus on branch autonomy. Anne had booked AGM at Hunter Arms.

**Committee Reports** Chairman, Social Secretary and Membership Secretary were all absent. Secretary, Paul, reiterated the need for confidentiality in respect of Good Beer Guide nominations. He reminded those present that we still need volunteers to work at our festival, and he said that some committee members will be relinquishing their posts at the AGM, and appealed to members to stand for committee in order to sustain the branch. PG to ask Gus if he's still doing the membership stand as he's moved to the Fish Pond, Matlock Bath. 2012 GBG licensee packs were distributed as follows: Roy Burrows-Dead Poets, Hunter Arms and Old Oak. Phil Marshall-Horse and Jockey, Somercotes. Jane Wallis-Talbot, Red Lion, Poet and Castle, and Bee Hive. Konrad Machej-Cross Keys, Belper. Paul Gibson had already handed the pack to the Holly Bush, Makeney. Jane Wallis and Phil Marshall, speaking in the absence of Alison, reported that survey trips continued to be popular though the consensus of opinion was that Belper wasn't a paragon of real ale. Jane will deputise for Alison on the 17<sup>th</sup> September (Heage).

**Pub Information** Strutt Arms, Milford open again. Andrew Caulton is believed to be leaving the Holly Bush, Makeney. No real ale at Swan and Salmon, Alfreton. Licensees of Canal, Bull Bridge are buying the Holly Bush, Marehay, Ripley. Barnes Wallis had an open evening which invited local residents to comment on ways to improve the pub, which sells 4 Everard ales. Pub was packed on this particular evening and the most oft heard complaint was the "revolving door" of licensees. Nags Head, Ripley, had only Pedigree and Abbot on tap.

Waingroves. Branch meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Black Boy, Heage. Branch meeting at Poet and Castle on 27<sup>th</sup> October. AGM, Hunter Arms on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**AOB** Phil Marshall spoke of a good poster crawl of Alfreton but pubs quiet. He hopes to have collated all surveying information by next meeting. The consensus was that Friday night wasn't the best time to attract licensees' attention. Ripley Landlords keen to display posters. Some posters were handed out at the meeting. Paul Gibson to get AV's GBGs in time for Black Boy meeting. Action PG. New Inn licensees, Lynn and Graham, were thanked for an excellent beer festival and a fine spread. **Meeting closed at 9.25pm.**

### **Amber Valley Diary**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> September – BEER FESTIVAL MEETING** – Thorn tree, Waingroves, Ripley. 8.30pm start.

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September – FREE SURVEY TRIP** to Heage and Nether Heage. 7.30pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, ring Alison.

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> September – BRANCH MEETING** – Black Boy, Heage 8.30pm.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October BEER FESTIVAL at Butterley Station, Ripley.**

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### **Derby Branch Diary**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Stuart Rayment Wake, Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Rd, Derby. 8 PM onwards.

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – BRANCH MEETING,** Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth, 8pm. Bus departs Cathedral Green at 7.15pm. Surveying will take place in the town after the meeting and bus departs 11pm.

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Beer Guide launch,** 5 Lamps, Duffield Rd, Derby. 8.30 PM Onwards. Committee Representative – TBC

**16-17<sup>th</sup>** Erewash CAMRA Festival, Westgate Suite, Westgate, Long Eaton.

**Wed 21<sup>th</sup> – Evening survey of Duffield** -Contact Paul Richards.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> –Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, Ripley Rail Ale Festival, Midland Railway Centre, Butterley – By our sub branch Amber Valley CAMRA.** Please consider supporting by working or imbibing.

## **OCTOBER**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING,** Mr Grundys, Ashbourne Road. 8pm start.

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> BRANCH MEETING,** Thomas Leaper, Iron Gate, Derby. 8pm.

*For all Derby Socials contact Dean  
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