

Mild & Bitter

Derby Pubs of the Year 2012

It's that time of year when we set about choosing our Branch Pubs of the Year for 2012. Once again there will be a City Pub of the Year Award, a Country Pub of the Year Award and one overall winner from them both.

A long list of pubs is printed below from which you can vote for one pub in each category. This can be done via e-mail:

poty@derbycamra.org.uk, text: **07900 407086** or mail: **44 Duke St, Derby. DE1 3BX** but you must include your CAMRA membership number. Or you can attend the Branch Meeting on **Thursday 10th November** at the Horse & Groom, Derby to cast your vote in person. The long list will then be narrowed down to a short list of 3 pubs in each category which will then be judged along National Pub of the Year Guidelines to determine the winners. The final results will be announced in January.

POTY Judges required

We are now actively seeking members to take part in the judging process for the Branch Pubs of the Year. This will require you to visit all 6 short-listed pubs over November/December and mark them along National Pub of the Year Guidelines. These will be given to you prior to the judging and the marking process will be explained. So if you fancy being a judge this year then please contact us at

poty@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year Candidates

Below you will find a long list of candidates based on the current NBSS scoring system:-

Pub	Location
1. Abbey	Derby
2. Alexandra Hotel	Derby
3. Babington Arms	Derby
4. Barley Mow	Kirk Ireton
5. Bell	Smalley
6. Bell & Harp	Little Eaton
7. Black Cow	Lees
8. Brewery Tap - Derby's Royal Standard	Derby
9. Brunswick Inn	Derby
10. Chequers Inn	Ticknall
11. Coach & Horses	Derby
12. Corner Pin	Derby
13. Crompton	Derby
14. Cross Keys	Ockbrook
15. Exeter Arms	Derby
16. Falstaff Tavern	Derby
17. Five Lamps	Derby
18. Flowerpot	Derby

19. Green Man - Willington
20. Greyhound - Derby
21. Harrington Arms - Thulston
22. Hope & Anchor - Wirksworth
23. Horse & Groom - Derby
24. Malt Shovel - Derby
25. Malt Shovel Inn - Shardlow
26. Markeaton - Derby
27. Mason's Arms - Derby
28. Mr Grundy's Tavern - Derby
29. New Inn - Shardlow
30. Oaklands - Derby
31. Old Silk Mill - Derby
32. Olde Dolphin Inne - Derby
33. Olde Spa Inne - Derby
34. Pattenmakers Arms - Duffield
35. Portland Hotel - Derby
36. Rising Sun Inn - Middleton
37. Rowditch Inn - Derby
38. Royal Oak - Wirksworth
39. Royal Oak - Ockbrook
40. Smith's Tavern - Ashbourne
41. Smithfield - Derby
42. Spread Eagle - Etwall
43. Standing Order - Derby
44. Station Inn - Derby
45. Swan Inn - Milton
46. Sycamore Inn - Parwich
47. Thomas Leaper - Derby
48. Windmill - Derby

Derby Branch Meeting & Social – Thomas Leaper, Irongate, Derby Wednesday, 12th October

The October Branch Meeting will be held in the upstairs room of the Thomas Leaper on Irongate in Derby beginning at 8pm. There will be a selection of ales available in this Wetherspoons pub and as an added bonus the Beer Festival will be on as well. The agenda is printed elsewhere. For any further information **contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Derby Winter Festival 2012

As the year turns towards Halloween Branch Focus turns to the next Branch Festival – the Winter Festival. This is planned to run from **Wednesday 15th February 2012 – Saturday 18th February 2012 at The Roundhouse.** Following last year's success under Ralf and Anna's careful guidance some fine tuning has been agreed to ensure the Festival continues to satisfy demand for an ambient atmosphere with a good range of quality products showcased as only Derby knows how to do best. The music will move out of the main hall into the carriage room, which has better acoustics; there will be additional toilets provided for men; and more beer, cider, perry & continental products will be ordered to ensure thirsts can be slated.

As ever staff will be needed so please make a note of the dates above now and come along and volunteer. Working at a beer festival is one of the best ways to Campaign as you are altering customer's perceptions of real ale, cider and perry as they savour different tastes and marvel at the complexity of products. Staffing forms will be available in November - oh yes and it's lots of fun as well.

If you would like to be involved but are not sure about your role – please feel free to give me a ring and have a chat or come along to the next meeting on **Wednesday October 19th** in the Alexandra, Derby at 8pm. *Gillian Williams - 07847 504074*

Derby Summer Fest 2012

July 2012 may seem a long way off but the first meetings of the new committee have already been arranged as follows:-

Friday 14 October from 8pm at the Babington - recruitment for CBF2012 committee & social evening.

Tuesday 1 November, 8pm at the Alex - first CBF2012 meeting.

Wednesday 7 December, 8pm at the Alex - second CBF2012 meeting.

If you would like to take part in the organisation of next year's event then please contact the Festival Chairman, *Russ Gilbert on 07909 967142 or summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk*

Derby Christmas Show

The annual Derby CAMRA Christmas Social & Show will take place in the function room of the Flowerpot on **Thursday 15th December from 8pm.** The evening will include the immortal University of Spondon footlights review, a sumptuous buffet and the usual array of ales on offer. Tickets will be available soon from *the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or e-mail: Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk*

Pip ties the knot again

Pip Southall and Elaine Kay were married in York on Sat 1st Oct and would like to invite branch members to celebrate their union at the Rowditch Inn, Derby on

Friday 7th October from 7.30 for beer and nibbles!

Good Beer Guide 2012

The Brand new 2012 Good Beer Guide is now out and copies are available from the Branch and selected local pubs around the area. If bought from the Branch at the next 2 Branch Meetings it will cost £9.50, a little bit more at one of the pubs, £10.50 plus. Copies are currently available at the Alexandra, Brunswick, Rowditch and Smithfield in Derby, the Pattenmakers in Duffield and the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

Derby Survey trips

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.

OCTOBER

Thursday 6th – 'Cask Ale Week' City Survey - Meet at the Babington Arms, Babington Lane, Derby - 8pm. Tour will have moved on by 8.30pm.

Friday 21st – Survey - Dalbury Lees, Osmaston, Long Lane Area - 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 12th – Survey - Derby South, Melbourne, Ingleby Area. 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD. Names to Paul Richards to Reserve a place.

Friday 25th – Survey - Carsington Area. 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD. Names to Paul Richards to Reserve a place.

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st – Advent Crawl – Derby City Centre. Exact itinerary TBD. For more information contact Paul Richards.

CAMRAmble

Saturday 15th October - A walk of 7 or 4 miles. Meet at 11:45 bus stop J2 on Corporation Street for the Trent H1 or 12:00 in the Three Horseshoes, Morley Smithy. Across track and field to the home of Nutbrook Brewery which offers beer for sale at the Oakfield Farm Shop. A short road walk leads to the White Post at Stanley Common, then across track and fields to The Bell at Smalley (the drop out point for the shorter walk). Bell Lane, then and a short road walk, leads to the final destination, The Queens Head at Marlpool with ample return bus options from nearby Heanor Market Place. *Contact Jen Rowland jendave01@tiscali.co.uk*

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

Branch Meeting held at the Hope and Anchor in Wirksworth on Thursday the 8th September 2011.

26 at meeting.

Apologies

Ralf Edge, Anna Dyson, Dean Smith, Sophie Tunnicliffe, Les Baynton.

Mins of Last Meeting

As published in M&B.

Matters Arising

Transport – Gold card still valid but not on train.

Corner Pin Chellaston applied but not on SIBA as yet.

Chair

GBG launch on 15th Sept but copies on sale at reduced price at the meeting. Derby launch will be at the Five Lamps at 8.30pm.

Oct is National cider month with tasting at Queens Head at Marpool on Sat 3rd Oct. Derby Cider trip on 8th Oct. Details from Dean Smith.

1-9th Oct will be Cask Ale week. City centre crawl on 6th. Materials for pubs available.

22nd Oct Camra awards at Burton brewing museum. Details in WB.

Erewash beerfestival next weekend at Long Eaton then Amber Valley at end of Sept.

Brewers festival at assembly rooms next weekend.

Stuart Rayment wake had taken place in Derby at the Alex with thanks to Anna and Ralf for the food.

DD advertiser job still vacant. Also Mr Grundy and Shottle brewery BLOs needed.

Not much on campaigning goals because of holidays.

Secretary

IF had received the embargoed until the 15th GBG envelopes for GBG pubs. These will be distributed.

Treasurer

Not a deal to say except some VAT had been paid and we had purchased a PC for Paul Gibson.

Summer Festival

Committee had appointed Russ Gilbert as 2012 City Charter Festival Chair.

2011 wrap up meeting had taken place.

Winter festival.

14th Sept- next meeting. Still some posts need filling. New budget compiled and about to be submitted. Branch had not seen the accounts for the last winter festival.

DD

Next issue due at printers with publication next week hopefully. It is later than expected but has been redesigned. Some difficulties with advertising revenue.

GBG and Surveys

Paul Richards couldn't make it tonight. This Sat – Shardlow survey plus Thulston 21 Sept Duffield survey.

Membership

Everything going well with 20 new members this month.

M&B

Paul Gibson now has new PC.

Tim Williams needs a back up system if he has a problem with e copies. Steve Crispin volunteered.

All Derby contacts need to be printed in future, as this has not happened in this issue

Regional Meeting

New branch finance guidelines had been discussed. Branches had not been informed yet but we are now capped at £1,000 expenditure without scrutiny. New regs will be tighter.

Julian Tubbs was re-elected as RD.

Socials

Full programme planned. Details to be published.

Sub Branch

Staff needed for end of Sept festival.

Planning is on track with everything going well.

Transport

New Indigo service improvements.

Essex branch information on how to get mini bus services to out of the way pubs had been very popular. Stewart Marshall asked for information on 16 seater buses so we could perhaps do the same. This was a paying service but meant more people could visit rural pubs with volunteer input.

Website.

Still going well with information fairly up to date. No extra pages at yet.

Information Exchange

Kingfisher at Chellaston closed.

Strutt Arms at Milford shut again.

Kedleston Hotel boarded up.

Bulls Head Belper Lane – renovation in progress?

Peacock being refurbished.

Nelson at Middleton sold.

Bridge Inn in Derby closed.

Blue Jay nearing completion.

AOB

National Brewery centre has achieved charity status. A whole range of attractions are increasing numbers. Things are looking good. Beer festival planned.

Wirksworth member Ken gave a short rundown of local pubs.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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

Branch Beer Census

Following Amber Valley CAMRA's pre-beer festival poster crawl of Belper, Ripley and Alfreton, our pubs officer, Phil Marshall, collated and analysed the brewery/beer data. Of the 19 pubs visited, 6 were free houses, and, on a Friday night, 13 pubs served a LocAle with Amber Ales the most frequently featured local brewer (6). The ratio of LocAle outlets would be further enhanced if Draught Bass and Marston's Pedigree were included, but as Burton is 25 miles from Alfreton, this may fall outside of the LocAle catchment area. In all, there were 67 real ales from 40 breweries; had a similar survey of the three towns been conducted in the 1970s, when Derbyshire was bereft of breweries, approximately 14 beers would have been available from just 7 breweries. The Waggon and Horses, Alfreton, offered the most real ales-10. It's clear, then, that Amber Valley has much to offer all the year round.

Pub of the Year Nominations Required

Yes, it's that time of the year again when Amber Valley CAMRA seeks to identify our best pubs. Members with the area are invited to nominate their five, favourite hostelrys by emailing maria.curl@hotmail.co.uk or 'phone/text 07804 361283, quoting your name and membership number. The eight most frequently nominated pubs by the November AGM, will then be assessed on a broad criteria by members, with the winner and runner-up being announced early in 2012. The Dead Poets, Holbrook was our inaugural winner in 2010, and this year's no 1 was the

Hunter Arms, Kilburn. It will be interesting to see who wins the branch's ultimate commendation this time round. The area is defined by the following post codes: DE5 3, DE5 8, DE5 9 (all Ripley), DE55 1 (Swanwick), DE55 4 (Riddings and Somercotes), DE55 7 (Oakerthorpe, South Wingfield and Alfreton), DE56 (Belper area, extending southwards to Milford and Makeney). Horsley Woodhouse is also in Amber Valley CAMRA's area.

Web Page

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 Black Boy, Heage on 22nd September 2011

Meeting started at 835pm with 14 attendees. **Apologies for absence** Bob and Sally Bramson, Nora and David, Nigel Heathcote, Andrew Beveridge, Trevor Spencer. **Minutes of Last Meeting** Accepted as a true record. **Matters Arising** Phil Marshall was thanked for his beer census of Belper, Ripley and Alfreton. On an August Friday night 67 beers were available from 40 breweries. Alison hadn't spoken to Chris Burke re driving bus. Action AC. A walk covering Kilburn, Holbrook, Little Eaton, was outlined by Anne, and after lengthy debate, 7th January was identified as the best date. Re the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway excursion, the consensus was that we'd leave it until Spring. It wasn't known whether Gus was available to run the membership stand. **Committee Reports** Chairman, Nathan, said the imminent beer festival was currently taking precedence and preparations were going well. Secretary, Paul, invited Pub of the Year nominations and had GBGs for sale. Membership Secretary absent. Social Secretary, Alison, said that, though the October survey trip clashes with Nottingham festival, it will proceed. Our survey trip bus company enquired whether we would object to rescheduling surveys to Fridays, and although a majority present didn't object, Paul reminded us that surveys had become very popular following a switch away from Fridays. He added that we had been loyal to the firm for three years. It was agreed to include the survey night on the AGM agenda. Action ND. Cost of coach to Old Oak beer festival on 27th December to be ascertained. Action ND. **ABC (Annual Beer Census) Results** Phil had already covered this, but it may be more extensive next year and wouldn't be on a Friday

night. **Beer Festival** Roy Burrows can collect glass washer form Hinckley, but he can't return it until the Saturday after the festival. AC to ascertain whether Pipers Crisps' paper work had been received by Midland Railway. Jane Wallis will ring round ticket outlets to find number of advance tickets sold. Action JW. **Pub News** Chris Wilbraham taking over Holly Bush, Makeney on 3rd October. Generous Britain to reopen? **Future Meeting Dates** Branch meetings at Poet and Castle, 27th October; Pear Tree, Ripley, 29th December ND to book. AGM Hunter Arms 24th November. Festival review meeting 13th October at Queens Head, Marlpool. **AOB** It was agreed to raffle off Margi Godfrey's beer flavoured cakes at our festival. Mark Little to display taxi telephone numbers in festival ticket hall. Beer vouchers for Morris Men ONLY. **Meeting finished at 10pm.**

Amber Valley Diary

OCTOBER

Thu 13th Oct - Festival review meeting at Queens Head, Marlpool, starting at 8.30pm. Come and have your say on the second Amber Valley CAMRA festival.

Sat 15th Oct - free bus trip surveying pubs in the Codnor and Waingroves area. 730pm from Ripley Market Place or ring Alison for Belper/Alfreton pick-ups.

Thu, 27th Oct - branch meeting, upstairs room of Poet and Castle, Codnor. Possible branch independence will be discussed.

Coming: AGM at the Hunter Arms, Kilburn on **Thursday, 24th November**, starting 8.15pm.

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Derby Branch Diary

OCTOBER

Thu 6th – ‘Cask Ale Week’ City **Survey** - Meet at the Babington Arms, Babington Lane, Derby - 8pm. Tour will have moved on by 8.30pm.

Sat 8th – **Derbyshire Cider Tour** - Supporting Cider Month we have an opportunity to get to some of the best Real Cider/Perry outlets in the county, (don't worry they serve beer to!) The plan is to congregate at the Brunswick then the Alexandra Hotel from 3/3.30 PM onwards.

The mini bus will **leave the Alex at 4pm** to take us to the following pubs, spending approximately an hour at each.

1. The Arkwright Arms, Sutton Cum-Duckmanton
2. Old Poets Corner, Ashover
3. Poet and Castle, Codnor
4. Queens Head, Marlpool (current east midlands Cider Pub Of The Year)

Returning to the 5 Lamps, Derby for 10.30pm. Cost is £10 each; contact the Social Sec, Dean Smith to secure a place. I need your name, a contact number (ideally mobile), membership number and a £5 deposit to secure a place. Bring your own pocket money, and enjoy !

Wed 12th - BRANCH MEETING, Thomas Leaper, Irongate, Derby. 8pm

Sat 15th – CAMRAMble - A walk of 7 or 4 miles. Meet at 11:45 bus stop J2 on Corporation Street for the Trent H1 or 12:00 in the Three Horseshoes, Morley Smithy. Across track and field to the home of Nutbrook Brewery which offers beer for sale at the Oakfield Farm Shop. A short road walk leads to the White Post at Stanley Common, then across track and fields to The Bell at Smalley (the drop out point for the shorter walk). Bell Lane, then and a short road walk, leads to the final destination - The Queens Head at Marlpool with ample return bus options from nearby Heanor Market Place.

Wed 19th - WINTER-FEST MEETING - Alexandra, Derby – 8pm.

Fri 21st – Survey - Dalbury Lees, Osmaston, Long Lane Area - 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD.

Wed 26th - ‘Surburbeer’ - Markeaton Hotel, Allestree - 8.30pm onwards. If it's your local please join us.

Mon 31st - COMMITTEE MEETING, Old Silk Mill, Full St, Derby. 8pm.

NOVEMBER

Tue 1st – SUMMER-FEST MEETING, 8pm at the Alex, Derby.

Thu 3rd – Social - York Tavern, York St and the Greyhound, Ashbourne Rd Derby. Suggested timings 8.30 to 9.30 York Tavern, 9.30 onwards the Greyhound.

Thu 10th - BRANCH MEETING, Horse & Groom, Derby - 8pm.

Sat 12th – Survey - Derby South, Melbourne, Ingleby Area. 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD. Names to Paul Richards to Reserve a place.

Thu 17th – ‘Surburbeer’ - Coach and Horses, Chester Green, Derby. 8.30pm onwards.

Fri 25th – Survey - Carsington Area. 7.30pm Cathedral Green, By Mini Bus. Exact itinerary TBD. Names to Paul Richards to Reserve a place.

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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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