Mild & Bitter

Keeping Derby CAMRA drinkers informed since 1975

Prepare for a Cracker!

The imminent 35th Derby City Charter Beer Festival at the **Assembly Rooms** looks to have all of the ingredients for success. Upwards of 200 ales will feature along with cider, continental and mead beverages, and the cheese-man will be making a welcome return after a decade's absence. The five day extravaganza between 11th and 15th July is one of a dwindling number of CAMRA beer festivals that admits members for free at all sessions upon production of their membership cards. Headlining on Saturday night are the Small Fakers, a tribute band to that great, truly iconic 60s outfit, the Small Faces. For a few glorious years towards the end of that decade, Steve Marriot and Ronnie Lane wrote material that was comparable to Lennon/McCartney (Beatles) and Jagger/Richard (Stones). Sadly, Steve and Ronnie are no longer with us but their stunning music lives on as the Small Fakers demonstrate superbly. In all, the Mod band, replete with Gingham shirts, had a dozen top forty hits, and this will surely be one of the most memorable Saturday nights in many a long year. Marston's and Everard's are seeking volunteers to stand outside the Assembly Rooms in specially designed costumes on **Saturday**, **7**th **July**. So if you have some time to spare, we'd be grateful if you'd contact Carla Johnson carlaj291@hotmail.com

City Charter Festival Staffing Appeal

If you worked at the festival last year and I have your email address I will be contacting you directly by email, but the method for signing up will be the same as last year. There is an online form on the Summer Festival pages of the Derby CAMRA website

(<u>http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival/</u>) A staffing form is attached to this M&B. Prior to the festival, please email me with your T-shirt size.

Julian Tubbs, Staffing Officer

Brewery Liaison Officers Required

BLOs are required for the John Thompson, Ingleby, and the new Hartshorne's brewery on Alfreton Road, Derby. Please contact Secretary, Ian Forman, if you're interested. Contact details are on this page.

Derby CAMRA Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an **EGM** on **Wednesday 4th July** in the upstairs room of the Thomas Leaper, Iron Gate, Derby at 8pm. This is to present the Branch & Beer Festival Accounts and Auditors Reports, as well as appointing New Auditors for the forthcoming year. This will be followed by a shortened Branch Meeting. For further information contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or email Secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

First Winter Festival Meeting

Gillian Williams is looking forward to welcoming interested parties to the first winter 2013 meeting on **Thursday**, 19th **July** at the Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby, starting at 8pm. We are naturally keen to continue the success of the first two Roundhouse festivals, because from 2014, the venue will play host to the National Winter Ales Festival (NWAF). Gillian can be contacted on gillian.williams1@yahoo.co.uk or 07847 504074.

Ashbourne Update

Branch meetings: Horns, Ashbourne town centre at 8pm, Tuesday, 26th June. Tuesday, 31st July, venue to be decided.

Copy Deadline Date

The copy deadline date for the next edition of Mild and Bitter is Wednesday, 25th July. Word document format please to maria.curl@hotmail.co.uk

Please Sign the Beer Tax e-Petition

Every year beer tax increases by 2% above inflation meaning your pint in the pub costs you 5-10p more. This is contributing to the closure of 16 pubs every single week. CAMRA is calling on all pub goers to sign an online epetition today

www.camra.org.uk/saveyourpint.

We need 100,000 signatures to trigger a high profile Parliamentary debate and pressure the Government ahead of Budget 2013. Scrap the beer duty escalator!

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Flying Childers Wins By a Short Head

The Flying Childers, Stanton in Peak, has won the Derbyshire CAMRA Pub of the Year competition. Named after a famous racehorse owned by the Duke of Devonshire, this enchanting old inn really is a community pub in the true sense of the word. Derby's Five Lamps came fourth in the final 8.

Nunsfield Triumphs Again

The Nunsfield Club, Boulton Lane, Alvaston, has for the second year running, won the CAMRA Derbyshire Club of the Year competition. The Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper was runner up, and congratulations go to all concerned.

38th Anniversary of Derby CAMRA Celebration

3rd July 1974 was the day on which Derby CAMRA was formed at the Alexandra, Siddals Road, and current licensees Ralf Edge and Anna Dyson invite you to join them on the 38th anniversary for a 70s themed evening. Fancy dress is welcomed.

Regional Director Required

Have you ever fancied taking on the role of Regional Director? If you have then this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for. For further information please get in touch with Julian Tubbs

<u>rd.eastmidlands@camra.org.uk</u> Closing date for applications is September 9th.

Beer Festivals

Horse and Groom, Elm Street, 28th-30th June.

Rowing Club, Strutt's Park, Derby, 29th and 30th June.

City Charter, Assembly Rooms, 11th – 15th July

Olde Dolphin, Queen Street, 18th-21th July.

Silk Mill, Full Street, 18th-21st July.

Furnace Firing Again

The intensifying competition in the real ale market was highlighted when one of Derby's best loved pubs, the Furnace Inn, on Duke Street, reopened at the end of May. For many years the pub was served with distinction by first, Ray Watson, and then John Barnes. Following the sale by Hardy and Hanson to Greene King, a fallow period ensued but now former Egg worker, Pedro Menon, is looking to restore its fortunes. On my visit the décor was a little spartan for my taste, but the Sadler's beer from Stourbridge was excellent. Up to eight real ales are served, so if you haven't already done so, why not check it out. A micro-brewery is planned for later this year and 20p a pint discount is available to card carrying CAMRA members. The twin towers of St Marys and the Cathedral can be viewed from the riverside garden.

Entertainment at City Charter Festival

Terry Morton, entertainments manager, has, as per usual, arranged an impressive line-up of musical acts. One to look out for is Tytania the band headlining on Friday night. Tytania are heading for the capital immediately afterwards to appear at the O2 arena. They have won through the rounds of hundreds of hopeful bands to appear in the final of the 2012 Live & Unsigned competition at the O2 arena London on Saturday 14th July. For those wanting a breath of fresh air in the rock music field - this could be it!! www.tytania.co.uk And with the Small Fakers headlining on Saturday night, this should be a great weekend's bash.

Beer Scoring

One of Derby branch's campaigning goals is to garner a greater number of score surveys for our rural, out of the way pubs. To this end please go to www.beerscoring.org.uk where you'll easily be able to register your score. It's important to be aware of the beer quality of all of our pubs for Good Beer Guide selection. Thank you.

Derby Cask Pubs Map

Derby CAMRA is designing a Real Ale Pubs Map and we require your help. If you have any current pub photos or are able to take any then please e-mail them to photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Summer Fest

Next meeting:- Wednesday 27th June, 8pm at the Alexandra. If you would like to take part in the organisation of this summer's event then please contact the Festival Chairman, *Russ Gilbert on 07909* 967142 or

summerbeerfest@derbycamra.org.uk

Mild & Bitter on the Web

Mild & Bitter is now available to view in the Members' Area of the award winning 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 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 email the Webmaster, Richard Mackney webmaster@derbycamra.org.uk

Minutes of Derby CAMRA Branch meeting held at the Rowing Club, 13th June

Apologies for absence

Dean Smith (to arrive late) Les Bayton, Gillian Williams (to arrive late) Adrian Howell, Ralf Edge.

Mins of last meeting Printed in M&B. Accepted as a true record. **Matters arising** None.

Officers' reports. Chair Duty escalator petition-please sign. Only 50,000 signatures, we need 100,000 to trigger a debate in Parliament. Beer festival to have a petition to sign. National aims of CAMRA have been published. New benefits packages and discounts announced for CAMRA members. Our next big event is the City Charter festival. Posters and flyers available at meeting for distribution. Increased sales in mild seem to have been as a result of the Mild May campaign. Derbyshire POTY is the Flying Childers in Stanton in Peak. Five Lamps 4th of 8. COTY is the Nunsfield - narrowly beating the Strutt club in Belper. BLO vacancies needed for John Thompson and Hartshornes. **Secretary.** Nothing to report. Treasurer Discussions had taken place with Carl Brett re the accounts. Julian had not yet given them to the auditor. This is imminent and will be before July EGM, hopefully. Winter Beer festival Nutbrook brewery presentation on Saturday, then Dancing Duck brewery visit. Planning for 2013 is in its infancy. City Charter Beer Festival. Russ thanked everyone for their support. We need maximum publicity now re posters and flyers. More volunteers needed for staff. Ask friends etc. Martin and Mark have tried to improve on beer choices this year. This looks very encouraging. Volunteers needed for costume opportunity! Next meeting 27th June. 26th is the keg run. 22nd site visit. Entertainment details are now on the website. Cheese man is to attend the festival. Beers to go on website asap and will be updated. Campaigning goals Continue with Mild trail. Committee will be looking to improve on this year's excellent promotion. Pub map. Steve Crispin to take charge and will be completed by 2013 winter festival. More out of town surveys. Dean Smith will be increasing survey trips with committee looking at other means to increase number of surveys. Pub Surveys Stewart is asking members present at the meeting their views on surveying online. **DD** Pre publication copy available on website. Hard copies to be ready on Monday next from distributors. GBG

Nothing to report. Locale Numbers of

participating pubs is steadily increasing.

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Membership More new members than lapsed members. We are going to contact under 21s contacted at winter festival to invite them to work and volunteer. Help needed on Summer festival membership desk. Mild and Bitter EGM necessitated an early need for branch minutes.

Socials. As published in M&B.

Sub branches Amber Valley Progress being made for 3rd beer festival. Richard Lomas has died. He had a fine send off. **Ashbourne** Meeting Wirksworth had taken place. Outcome was that there appears to be a revival of the Matlock branch's interest in Wirksworth. No interest in the town to join in with Ashbourne. Next meeting 26th June at the Horns, Ashbourne.

Website Now has Ashbourne details. Information Exchange. Furnace now open with 8 real ales. Now a free house. Most beers at £2.80 with additional CAMRA discount. New brewery to follow in Sept. Micro pub at Chester Green - decision in July? Heather and Ian from the Rowing Club now have the Crown and Cushion. Hay at Shirland reopened. Hairy Dog open in Becket St. Real ale? Rowing Club has Olympic beer festival 29th and 30th to coincide with Olympic torch in Derby.

New Hartshorne brewery in Derby is imminent. Queens Head at Marpool closed until further notice? Strutt Club Belper beer festival this weekend. Coleorton beer festival this weekend. AOB New regional director needed for Sept. Julian wants to step down from RD's position. Annual anniversary of branch foundation party 3rd July at Alex-70s theme. Objection received about summer festival advert at winter festival which had a sexist theme. Meeting closed at 21.41

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-Branches, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website. 6. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery, etc 7. Any other business.

VALLEY VIEW

News from the Amber Valley Sub-Branch

Amber Ales Amberfest

Pete Hounsell, one of the area's more innovative brewers, is holding a beer

festival on site at the Amber Ales brewery on Friday, 29th (3-11) and Saturday, 30th June (12-11). Asher Lane Business Park, Ripley, DE5 3SW, is the place to be for those with a penchant for the unusual. Please visit www.amberales.co.uk for more information.

Mild Month 2012

A total of 33 different milds, served in 13 pubs, from Alfreton to Milford – that was Mild Month 2012 in Amber Valley, the first time the Branch have ever held the event. We combined with Derby, who had a further 11 pubs, and held Mild Crawls every weekend in May, with a dozen or so people taking part in the final one, which encompassed all 13 pubs in Amber Valley, and even managed to include an extra pub (we were in the area), which also had a mild on. The hotly-contested competition for the best Mild pub was finally won by the Beehive, with the Black Bulls Head, which served the most popular mild, Holdens Black Country, and the Pear Tree, 2nd and 3rd respectively, but every pub on the Trail helped to make 2012 a Real Mild month in Amber Valley, hopefully the first of many.

Mild and Bitter wishes to thank Dean Smith (Derby) and Trevor Spencer (Amber Valley) for their efforts in organizing the excellent May Mild Trails. Thanks are also due to participating pubs. It is hoped that a similar promotion is repeated in May 2013.

Waggon and Horses, Alfreton

Former Mansfield CAMRA stalwart, Andy Brett, tells Mild and Bitter that the King Street pub has some very interesting guest beers appearing. Lincoln Green brewery featured recently and went down a storm. At only £1.99 they really are a steal.

Richard Lomas

It's with great sadness that I have to report the death of Richard Lomas, 70, at the end of May. Richard was a long serving CAMRA member who was well known in Derby and Amber Valley CAMRA circles. It was entirely appropriate that Richard's coffin was transferred, via a vintage bus that he had helped to restore, to the final whistle of a steam locomotive at Butterley Station, which is now home to the Amber Valley CAMRA beer festival. Our condolences go to Richard's widow, Kath.

Ripley Rail Ale Festival

The Black Bulls Head at Openwoodgate, will be the main sponsor of the 3rd festival at Butterley Station, Ripley, between 27th and 30th September. Over 100 beers, ciders, perries and fruit wines will feature, and steam trains will run on Saturday and Sunday. CAMRA members receive admission concessions at all sessions, and

advance tickets for Friday and Saturday evenings are available from: Butterley Station, Talbot Taphouse, Hunter Arms, Victoria, Alfreton, and main sponsors, the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. Online ticket purchases may be made with credit/debit cards www.midlandrailwaycentre.co.uk Alternatively, telephone 01773 570140.

Minutes of the Amber Valley CAMRA Meeting, May 31st 2012, at the Pear Tree, Ripley

The meeting commenced at 8:40 pm with

11 member in attendance, apologies having been received from David & Nora Harper, Anne Kennedy, Mark Little, Paul Gibson and Nigel Heathcote. Minutes: The minutes stated that the Ashbourne sub-branch would include Wirksworth, which is unlikely to be the case. Officers Reports: Jane presented the Social Secretary report, commenting that on the last survey trip 19 different beers had been on offer at the 6 pubs visited. She also confirmed that the next Amber Ramble will be on June 30th, and will be led by Anne Kennedy. She also expressed a hope that there would be a good turnout for the walking survey of Belper on June 4th. Nathan had little to report, but thanked everyone involved in the Mild Trail, which has been a great success, in particular commending Trevor for his efforts. He also encouraged members to help out at the forthcoming Derby Beer Festival. Phil said that it had been a relatively quiet month on membership, with 10 new members, 2 lapsed, 3 transferred in and none out, making a total of 43 new members since the AGM. The website continues to be a work in progress. Trevor had little to report, but informed those present that he would be ordering Good Beer Guides in July. Future Meeting Dates: Trevor confirmed that the June 28th meeting will be at the Cross Keys, Belper and the July 26th one at the Beehive, Ripley, both with an 8:30 start. Jane suggested the New Inn or Moulders Arms at Riddings for the August meeting, and Trevor will contact them. Beer Festival 2012: The Festival organisation is ongoing, with bands booked and progress made on the beer list. The only slight problem is regarding catering, which MRA wish to have complete control over. Jane suggested handing out Festival posters, and the date of July 9th, which corresponds with the Party on the Hill music festival at the George, was agreed on. Mild Month 2012: Trevor will compile a full MM report for the next meeting, but wished to get the members thoughts on awards to the best pubs taking part, and it was agreed to award certificates to the top 3 mild pubs, and also the pub serving the best mild, as several pubs had put numerous mild's on during May. Also, Trevor will send a

letter, the design of which was agreed on,

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to every pub taking part. AOB: The Red Arrow is running between Alfreton and Bakewell between 9am and 5 pm during June, details are on the Trent Barton website (AC). Transpeak are no longer run by Trent Barton, so zigzag tickets will be invalid on the service. We have received a suggestion for a joint social with the Ashbourne sub-branch in Wirksworth in July. The members felt that more research is needed before this goes ahead, although we are keen to see it take place, so Alison will contact Paul to discuss later dates with him. As for transport, Jane suggested asking Barratts for a price quote. Wirksworth seems more likely at the present time to become part of the Matlock sub branch (SM) Phil is organising a crawl around Sheffield on August 11th to celebrate Jane's birthday, transport will be via train from Alfreton, with Wayfarer tickets being the likely cheapest option. Jane asked for suggestions as to how we may encourage more members to go on survey trips, but several members expressed the view that while we can stress the importance of the trips, the members will decide whether to participate or not. Stewart Marshall informed members of What Pub, a national pub database which will go live on the net once a certain percentage of coverage has been achieved. CAMRA hope that it will be the number 1 pub database on the net, and each Branch needs to update its own database and upload the information to What Pub. Stewart offered to help AV accomplish the task, which is generally speaking a job for the Pubs Officer, a position currently not filled in the branch. Bob commented that the Council may have a list of licensed premises, including those that have been closed and Alison pointed out that during Cask Ale Week 3 years ago AV had managed to survey every pub. Jane said many pubs on the database are no longer open, some have become houses while others have been demolished, so weeding those out would lighten the load, and Phil commented that we can perhaps set a target number of pubs for each month until all of them have been surveyed. The meeting closed at 9:55pm, after which those present enjoyed a buffet kindly provided by the pub.

Amber Valley Diary JUNE

Thu 28th – BRANCH MEETING – Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper. 830pm. Sat 30th – "Amber Ramble", meet 1130am at John Flamsteed School, Denby. Walk to Thorn Tree, Waingroves, Beehive, Peasehill and Amber Ales brewery, Ripley, for its beer festival. To rendezvous on the day, contact Jane 0779 6204519.

JULY

Wed 11th – Mild month presentation at 9pm. Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, nr Belper.

Tues 17th - Mild month presentations — Pear Tree and Beehive, Ripley.

Thu 19th - Beer festival meeting – Seven Stars, Openwoodgate, 8pm.

Sat 21st - Free survey trip – Broadholme, Ambergate etc. 730pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups, please ring Jane.

Thu 26th – **BRANCH MEETING** – Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley. 830pm.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

JUNE

Tues 26th – BRANCH MEETING, Horns, Ashbourne. 8pm.

JULY

Tues 31st – BRANCH MEETING, to be announced.

Ashbourne Contact

Interim Chairman, Dave Leigh, on 01335 300809 or daveleigh707@hotmail.com

Derby Branch Diary

JUNE

Wed 27th – City Charter Festival Meeting, Alexandra, 8pm.

Fri 29th – Olympic Torch Social, Rowing Club, Strutt's Park, Derby. Come along in the evening and celebrate this once in a lifetime occasion at the club's beer festival.

JULY

Tues 3rd – 38th anniversary of Derby CAMRA, Alexandra, Siddals Road. Wed 4th – EGM, Thomas Leaper, Iron

Gate, Derby. 8pm start.

Wed 11th – Sun 15th - 35th City Charter Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Derby. Thu 19th – Winter beerfest meeting,

Brunswick 8pm.

Fri 20th – Spondon Survey, Vernon Arms, Malt Shovel, Prince of Wales, White Swan. Meet at 720 for 730 bus, bay 7, bus station.

Wed 25th – Social, Horse and Groom, Elm Street.

Mon 30th – Committee meeting, Furnace Inn, Duke Street. 8pm.

AUGUST

Thu 2nd – Social, Furnace Inn, Duke Street, 9pm.

Thu 9th – BRANCH MEETING, Crown and Cushion, London/Midland Roads. 8pm.

For all Derby Socials contact Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

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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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