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Another Successful Ripley Festival

The third Ripley Rail Ale Festival at Butterley Station was again successful with over 1,500 visitors, some from as far away as Cumbria. 23 new members were signed up and the first beer to sell out was Oakham Green Devil, a powerful 6% brew. Amber Valley CAMRA wishes to thank all of the sponsors, especially the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. Planning for next year's festival is underway and it has been mooted that a new venue is a possibility, so watch this space. As always, an Olympian effort was required to stage the event and grateful thanks are due to all of those dedicated members involved. If you worked at the festival, we would like to see you at the **Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse, for a free pint on Friday, 9th November, from 7pm.**

Derby Pubs of the Year 2013

We're now choosing our Branch Pubs of the Year for 2013. There will be a City Pub of the Year Award, a Country Pub of the Year Award and one overall winner from the two categories. 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. Alternatively you can attend the November Branch Meeting 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

Show Them You Care

An organisation which represents insolvency practises has predicted that a third of East Midlands' pubs could close over the next year. Research by insolvency trade body R3 has concluded that 32% of pubs and bars in this region are struggling to the extent where closure is a possibility. It has identified outlets which it believes are most "at risk of failure". Our pubs have been hit by a "perfect storm" of higher utility bills, cheap supermarket booze and the pernicious beer duty escalator. There will be a mass lobby of Parliament on **Wednesday, 12th December**, and Mansfield CAMRA may run a bus to the capital, so if you're interested in joining them **please contact Stafford Burt** stafford.burt@oracle.com

Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting, Station Inn, Thursday, 8th November

The November branch meeting will be at the Station, Midland Road, Derby, starting at 8pm on **Thursday, 8th November**. Further information from the **Branch Secretary, Ian Forman**, on **01332 882996** or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

2013 POTY Candidates

Alexandra Hotel, Derby
Babington Arms, Derby
Barley Mow Inn, Kirk Ireton
Bell, Smalley
Black Cow, Dalbury Lees
Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne
Brewery Tap – Derby's Royal Standard, Derby
Brunswick Inn, Derby
Coach & Horses, Derby
Coopers Arms, Weston-on-Trent
Dragon, Willington
Exeter Arms, Derby
Falstaff Tavern, Derby
Five Lamps, Derby
Flowerpot, Derby
Furnace Inn, Derby
Green Man, Willington
Harrington Arms, Thulston
Horse & Groom, Derby
Markeaton, Derby
Miner's Arms, Brassington
Mr Grundy's Tavern, Derby
Nelson Arms, Middleton
New Zealand Arms, Derby
Old Silk Mill, Derby
Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby
Olde Gate Inne, Brassington
Olde Spa Inne, Derby
Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield
Peacock Inn, Derby
Queen's Head, Little Eaton
Rose & Crown, Boylestone
Rowditch Inn, Derby
Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Royal Oak, Wirksworth
Spread Eagle, Etwall
Station Inn, Derby
Swan Inn, Milton
Thomas Leaper, Derby
White Post, Stanley Common
This list is confidential and isn't for the public domain.

2013 City Charter Festival

The initial meetings for the planning of next summer's festival are: **31st October and 28th November** - both will be held at the Alexandra, Siddals Road at 8pm. Please contact Chairman, Russel Gilbert, for further information russgilbert@02.co.uk

Branch Accounts – Auditor Required

An Auditor is required for the Derby Branch Accounts 2012. There is no requirement for the auditor of branch accounts to hold professional qualifications, but some familiarity with book-keeping is highly desirable. The basic function of an audit is to provide independent confirmation that the accounts being audited have been properly prepared and are a true and accurate representation of that activity's financial affairs. For that to be so, the auditor will (a) have direct access to all primary documentation. (b) understand the nature and style of the business or event being audited. (c) be sufficiently numerate to read, understand and check accounts. An audit is not simply a matter of checking that the arithmetic has been done correctly; rather it needs to ensure that the accounts are properly balanced in respect of both cash and bank items and that they reconcile with bank statements. If you are interested please contact Julian Tubbs tubbspubs@gmail.com

Gongs for Dragon, Exeter

The annual Derby Food and Drinks Awards at the Roundhouse saw The Dragon, Willington win in the best Out of Town category, whilst the Exeter Arms was named the Best Pub. Congratulations to all concerned.

Smithfield Set to Reopen

After a comprehensive restoration, internally and externally, the Smithfield on Meadow Road will open its doors again later this month, serving 8 real ales and 2 traditional ciders/perries. Card carrying CAMRA members will also benefit from 20p a pint discount, and it's great to see the link between the city centre and railway pubs reinstated.

CAMRA Launch What Pub

CAMRA has launched a new, national pub site which you can review and update yourself. Visit whatpub.com and log in with either the same details you use to visit the members' area of CAMRA's national website or, if you have not visited the Members' area of CAMRA's national website before, try your CAMRA membership number and postcode when you joined the campaign (upper case, no space).

Good Beer Guide 2013

The new Good Beer Guide is available at a special members' price of £10 for those attending the November Branch Meeting. They will be a little bit more in the pubs.

Another Oak Milestone

Derby CAMRA's current Country Pub of the Year, The Royal Oak at Ockbrook, celebrates its 250th anniversary this month, and local craftsman, Peter Hiley, has sculptured a commemorative wooden sign. Olive Wilson has run the Green Lane hostelry since Coronation year in 1953 and the pub has been a fixture in the Good Beer Guide since 1976. Olive is believed to be Derbyshire's longest serving licensee, comfortably beating Tony Williams of the Blessington Carriage, Derby, who has been the licensee for 36 years only!

Winter Fest Meetings

The next winter 2013 meetings are on **Thursday, 1st and Thursday, 29th November** at the Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby, starting at 8pm. Staffing forms will be available from November's branch meeting onwards. Gillian can be contacted on 07847 504074 or gillian.williams1@yahoo.co.uk

Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival 2013

We need a **Publicity Officer**. This role is mainly carried out before the Festival opens, liaising with the press and media; generating opportunities for press coverage; and issuing press releases. So if you like to string a few words together, can see a unique publicity opportunity, and are willing to volunteer as part of a robust, happy team then please contact **Gillian Williams on 07847 504074** to discuss things further.

Beer Festival

Furnace, Duke Street, Derby, 31st October to 3rd November.

Xmas Show Tickets Available

Make a note in your diary of **Thursday, 13th December** which is when the annual Derby CAMRA Christmas show takes to the stage at Derby's Flower Pot, starting at 8pm. The irreverent script is the creation of co-writers Tim Williams and Nick Meakin, and tickets priced £7 (including buffet) are available **from Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or** secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

New Ashbourne Chairman

Mark Grist has succeeded Ashbourne CAMRA's interim Chairman, Dave Leigh. We wish Mark well as he endeavours to establish the sub-branch ahead of the April AGM, and we'd like to thank Dave for his excellent groundwork.

Beer Scoring

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

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.

Derby Drinker Vacancy

We are currently looking for a design & layout person for Derby Drinker. Steve Webster has done a tremendous job over the last year but is having to step down owing to work and family commitments. The job will involve the design and layout but you won't have to write any editorial or attend any meetings/socials. You can do it from the comfort of your own home computer, so if you fancy a new challenge then please contact the **Editor, Gareth Stead** derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk

Minutes of Derby CAMRA branch meeting at the Alexandra on 11th October

Apologies. Julian Tubbs, Terry Morton, Dean Smith (to arrive late) Julian Hough, Chris and Sue Rodgers.
Mins of last meeting. Printed in M&B. Accepted as a true record. **Matters arising.** None. **Officers' reports**
Chair. Gareth thanked everyone who had signed the Parliamentary e-petition with National lobbying of Parliament on Weds 12th Dec. We are still asking for signatures. The Cask reports states that Cask is now selling more than keg. What Pub is now online for members to view. GBG is out but as there was none at the meeting so the Deadline for discount at meetings will be extended to Dec. October is National Cider Month we have socials planned. We can self nominate for membership awards at Norwich AGM. Locally it is now POTY awards time, vote at Nov meeting at the Station. Branch Auditor still needed. Christmas show tickets available at £7.00. Please submit surveys for the Alex at the branch meeting. Stewart had brought a voting box. Online scoring available at meeting. **Secretary.** Email letter had been sent to Trevor Harris re GBG entries. **Treasurer.** Not at meeting. No report. **Winter Beer Festival.** Gillian updated members. Only three meetings left. Team is in place and working well. Please volunteer for working at the festival. Staffing forms at Keighley trip. Different buses being used with 10.30pm finish for customers with later buses for staff. Advance flyers had been produced and available. Website not updated yet but will be as a matter of

urgency. Phase 2 after budget has been submitted /approved. There will be increased costs due to concessions and other costs. Mins of meetings are available to all members.

City Charter Summer Festival. First meeting 31st October at the Alex. All welcome. We may have lost the main hall in the Assembly Rooms. May be replaced by marquee. **Campaigning Goals.** Mild Month updates nearer to May. Steve Crispin working on database for pub map. Out of town surveys are going ahead. Last year's goal – Landlords' CAMRA discount and Locale schemes expanding. Stewart Marshall felt that we should insist on GBG style pub descriptions for all participants. **DD.** Latest copy finished-out soon with e-copy on website first. **GBG & Surveys.** We need many more surveys.

Next meeting votes for POTY and volunteers required for descriptions. National beer scoring scheme online launch had been a little problematic. Glitches being worked on. There is now a mobile APP. What Pub also launched. Members can feedback and edit information. **Membership.** Monthly – 39 new members 3 transfers with 18 lapsed. Membership still going up. **Mild Award.** Gareth presented the 2012 mild month best pub award to the licensees of the Alex, Anna and Ralf. He congratulated them on the award. **M&B.** Paul Gibson not at meeting. **Regional.** Carl Brett now RD. Regional COTY Presentation to take place at the Nunsfield during their beer festival. **Socials.** Published in M&B. All dates on website. Dean gave details of trips and surveys. Les Williams gave details of Weds Oct 31st trip to Thornbridge and details of bus links and times. £7.50 cost for brewery tour plus price of bus.

Ashbourne Sub Branch. New Chairman, Mark Grist said they are trying to get all area pubs surveyed. Beer festival next Easter. Intention is to start small. Volunteers from Derby invited.

Amber Valley. No rep at meeting. They had had a successful festival. **Website.** Pretty much up to date. **Information Exchange.**

Smithfield to reopen at the end of November as a real ale pub. Patten Makers licensees will be running it. Micro pub at Chester Green referred to licensing committee in November after a move from the residents' association. 1st Jan 2013 Coors are moving headquarters from Burton to Prague. New brewer appointed to Wm. Worthington brewery. Bad Ram expanding with Steve Wellington as consultant. Green Man, Ashbourne has not been sold and to be re-auctioned. Horse and Groom beer festival this weekend. Crown and Cushion up for sale. CAMRA members allowed at Nunsfield beer festival 19th to 21st Oct. Weds 31st to Sat 3rd Nov beer festival at Furnace. Gillian Williams told of Derbyshire Brewers Collective had had a meeting in Chesterfield. She thought it was disappointing in some ways with potential

not fully exploited. Prospective meeting may clash with our City Charter festival. Lots of beer festivals coming up. Details in M&B and DD. **AOB.** New publication **The Free** from ex DD editor Pip Southall and Elaine now in pubs. **Meeting closed at 21.38** Next meeting at the Station on Thursday 8th November.

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.

Amber Valley CAMRA

Independence for AV?

Ever since Amber Valley CAMRA was formed in September 2008, the question of becoming independent from our parent branch, Derby, has been a subject of passionate debate. All members of the sub-branch are invited to attend this month's AGM, where they will be able to air their views and listen to the pros and cons of independence. **This is your chance to have your say.**

Committee Nominations Required for AGM

The 4th Amber Valley CAMRA AGM will be held in the upstairs room of the **Hunter Arms, Kilburn on Thursday, 29th November, starting at 815pm.** There are four committee positions to fill, which are: Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Social Secretary, so if any of these appeal, then please contact Secretary, Trevor Spencer dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk You will need a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be CAMRA members.

Pub of the Year Finalists Revealed

Judges from Amber Valley, Erewash Valley and Derby branches are now surveying the eight most frequently nominated pubs in accordance with CAMRA national guidelines. In no particular order, the pubs are: Holly Bush, Marehay; Holly Bush, Makeney; Beehive, Peasehill; King William, Milford; Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse; Dead Poets, Holbrook; Hunter Arms, Kilburn; Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. The winner and runner up will be announced in January.

Festivals

White Hart, Bargate, 1-3rd November.
Cross Keys, Belper, 2-4th November.
Honey Pot, Beehive, Peasehill Road, Ripley, 15th-18th November.

Minutes of Amber Valley CAMRA Sub-Branch Meeting at the King William, Milford, on 20th September

Meeting started at 8:15 with 9 members present, **apologies** received from David & Nora Harper, Bob & Sally Bramson, Anne Kennedy, Mark Little & Nigel Heathcote. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted as a true record. **Matters arising:** There is conflicting information re the Stables Bar at Red Lion, Fritchley, with the RURAD magazine reporting that it has reopened, whereas AV CAMRA were informed it is closed and the pub is for sale. Clarification required. **Officer's Reports:** **Jane** said that the last Survey Trip had gone very well, with 12 members present, including 2 who hadn't been before, and a good time was had by all. Five pubs were visited in the Somercotes/Lower Hartshay/Buckland Hollow area, with 9 different beers on offer. However, the Black Horse at Somercotes is up for sale, with planning permission sought for demolition prior to development. The next Survey trip is on October 20th to Denby, Kilburn and Horsley Woodhouse. **Nathan** had little to report, apart from telling members that the Beer Tax petition had reached the target of 100,000 signatures, and that a Beer Rally will be held in London on December 12th, with the intention of lobbying Parliament. **Trevor** confirmed 2013 GBGs available for collection at Royal Oak, Ockbrook, and asked for a volunteer to pick them up for the Beer Festival, Mick and Jane volunteered. Trevor has booked the AGM at the Hunter Arms on November 29th, 8:15 start, and it was decided not to have a December meeting as many were unavailable, and to have a meeting on January 10th at the Waggon and Horses, Alfreton. Trevor's email address will be used for What Pub's request for members' feedback. **Phil** told the meeting that the last month had seen 10 new members, with 3 transferred in and 0 out, but 11 had lapsed. **Beer Festival:** Beer list available on website now. Volunteers still needed, and Nigel had sent a list via AV Google group of the jobs he is organising in the days leading up to the Festival start. **AOB:** Trevor said that nominations for the Pub of the Year are coming in steadily, and he had volunteer judges. The Skittles match with Erewash will not be going ahead until next spring. Erewash invited us on Two Lions crawl for Cask Ale week on October 6th, meeting at the White Lion, Sawley or the Red Lion, Heanor at noon. The date clashes with Phil Marshall's birthday trip to Sheffield Beerfest, which he invited us to attend. The Canal, Bull Bridge is closed, while workmen spotted in the Horse and Jockey, Leabrooks. Paul Gibson handed over stamp pads and counters for Festival. **Meeting closed at 845pm.**

Ashbourne CAMRA

Minutes of Ashbourne CAMRA Sub-Branch Meeting at the Okeover Arms, Mappleton, on 25th September

10 members present. Chairman: Dave Leigh **Apologies:** None. August meeting minutes circulated and accepted as a true record. **Matters Arising:** Covered by the Agenda. **Pub Surveys** Pub survey of Ashbourne completed in August. A summary had been produced and circulated by Mark Grist (MG). At the time of the survey 13 Real Ales had been available, (inc 6 at the Smiths Tavern). Members reported from follow-up surveys. The Coach and Horses had now reopened and had two Real Ales. The Compton Club offering Bass. MG said there were 20 additional pubs to survey in the Branch area. Should we visit as individuals or as a Group? DL to arrange visit to Callow Top but this had to be before end of October. **Action: DL** **Ashbourne Beer Festival** Pat Laughlin (PL) reported that Cllr Bull had confirmed Ashbourne Town Council would support the Festival and that the Town hall could be available at nominal cost if suitable dates found. PL was awaiting confirmation from Town Clerk of the dates proposed (Easter weekend or the weekend preceding), including access for set-up and take-down (6 days total) **Action: PL** DL working on business plan based on 30 beers or ciders at Festival. As a first estimate a footfall of c1400 was required to cover the costs of this size of Festival, including beers, glasses, marketing and insurances. Members debated entry charges and hire/purchase of Festival glasses. The favoured option was entry by hire or purchase of glass – estimated cost - £2.50. The Business Plan needed CAMRA approval. DL would compete and submit. **Action: DL** PL suggested approaching a contact who had worked on the marketing of other town festivals such as Melbourne. This was agreed. **Action: PL** PL reported all members advised that a Festival Group was being set-up and volunteers required. No contacts received to date. Further action needed. Members agreed Festival Group to be chaired by DL. **Local Pub Report** Green Man back on Auctioneers List. Nags Head, Hulland Ward Closed. Red Lion, Kniveton-new owners and new menu, opening times etc. **Branch Activity** November Meeting (Tuesday 27) at Sycamore, Parwich. DL to arrange. **Action: DL** MG proposed that Ashbourne should instigate 'Pub of the Season' competition. This would be awarded on

members' recommendations and criteria could cover beer quality and range, customer welcome/service, accommodation (special features), cleanliness. Members agreed the proposal. Formal criteria to be produced and scheme marketed to all local pubs with info about the Ashbourne Branch. Further details at next meeting. **Action: MG** AOB DL asked Branch to consider the position of Chairman. He had taken role on temporary basis while the Sub-Branch was formed. After discussion the nomination of MG was proposed and carried unanimously by those present. MG will hold position until AGM in April 2013. **Next Meeting Tuesday 30 October, 8pm at Bowling Green, Ashbourne.**

Amber Valley Diary

NOVEMBER

Fri 9th – Beer Festival Thank You Evening – Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse from 7pm. If you worked at the Ripley festival, come along for a free pint.
Sat 17th - Free survey trip – Ripley and its environs. 730pm from Ripley Market Place.
Thu 29th – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Hunter Arms, Church Street, Kilburn - 815pm start.
For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

NOVEMBER

Tues 27th – BRANCH MEETING, Sycamore, Parwich - 8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

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

Derby Branch Diary

OCTOBER

Wed 31st – City Charter Festival meeting, Alexandra-8pm.

NOVEMBER

Thu 1st - Winter Festival meeting, Brunswick, Derby – 8pm.
Sat 3rd – Free survey trip visiting the Western Boundary! Boylestone, Church Broughton, Sudbury, Doveridge. Bus leaves Cathedral Green, Full Street at 630pm.
Thu 8th – BRANCH MEETING, Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby – 8pm.
Fri 16th – Free survey trip to Ticknall/Milton area. Bus leaves Cathedral Green at 730pm.
Thu 22nd – Social, Rowditch, Uttoxeter New Road-9pm.
Mon 26th – Committee mtg, Rowditch.
Tues 27th – Social, Brewery Tap, Derwent Street-9pm.

Wed 28th – City Charter Festival meeting, Alexandra-8pm.
Thu 29th – Winter Festival meeting, Brunswick-8pm.

DECEMBER

Sat 1st – Free survey trip to Smalley/Stanley Common area. Bus leaves Cathedral green at 630pm.
Thu 6th – BRANCH MEETING, Horse and Groom, Elm Street-8pm.
Thu 13th – Christmas show, Flower Pot.
For all Derby Socials contact Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

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