

Mild & Bitter

Keeping Derby CAMRA drinkers informed since 1975

Back in Black

Last year's successful promotion of mild in Derby and Amber Valley has ensured that Make May a Mild Month will again be at the forefront of branch activity, with many pubs committed to selling the dark stuff. Mild co-ordinator, Steve Crispin, is building on the excellent groundwork of his predecessor, Dean Smith, and the Alexandra, Brunswick, Coach & Horses, Dolphin, Exeter, Falstaff, 5 Lamps, Flowerpot, Furnace, Mr Grundy's, Little Chester Ale House and the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, are all on-board this May. Proceedings get underway on **Friday, 3rd May, at the Falstaff**, and further details are listed on page 4. Amber Valley's participating pubs are listed in their section. **We would love to hear from you to tell us what you think of the beer you are drinking, and the name of the pub you are in, with a mark out of 5 to : 07758 265915.** This will help us to determine the best pubs on the trail, and we are giving out prizes to those who visit the most pubs.

New Date for Derby AGM

Derby CAMRA wishes to apologise to those members who attended April's Flowerpot meeting anticipating an AGM. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the **Annual General Meeting** has had to be postponed until **Wednesday, 12th June, at the Rowing Club, Derby**. Should you wish to stand for committee please contact branch Secretary, Ian Forman, secretary@derbycamra.org.uk with a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be CAMRA members. **Please bring your membership card to the AGM in order to vote.**

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Many thanks, **Tim Williams (M&B Distribution)**

National Award for Derby Branch

Derby branch's first elected Chairman, Tim Williams, accepted on behalf of current Membership Secretary, Konrad Machej, the Membership Initiative Award at the Norwich AGM. This was in recognition of Derby's innovations and support in the branch membership.

Winter Ales Festival Chairman

The 2014 National Winter Ales Festival at Derby's Roundhouse will be chaired by Gillian Williams. Please contact Gill at gillian.williams1@yahoo.co.uk for details of meetings etc.

Motions for Debate

If you have a motion for debate at the Derby AGM, please forward it with a proposer and seconder to the **Branch Secretary, Ian Forman**, secretary@derbycamra.org.uk by **Wednesday, 29th May**.

Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting, Furnace Inn, Thursday, 9th May

The revitalized Furnace Inn, Duke Street, Derby, will host this month's branch meeting, starting at **8pm on Thursday, 9th May**. Licensee and brewer, Pedro Menon, has an on-site brewery – Shiny, and the bar will have guest beers, some of which are unfamiliar to drinkers in this area. A presentation will be made in respect of Shiny New World being voted no. 1 by drinkers at the winter festival. Further information from the **branch Secretary, Ian Forman**, on **01332 882996** or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

City Charter Festival Staffing Appeal

I have improved the online form this year and you will get an email acknowledgement immediately. There will be no doubt that your submission has been received, and just because it's automated doesn't mean that we aren't really grateful for the time you are prepared to commit. If you have never worked at a beer festival before now is the time to take the plunge and give it a try. It's fun. You will meet a lot of like-minded enthusiasts and you will get a few beers - also something to eat if you can do a couple of shifts together. Most shifts are just three hours. If you have access to the internet just follow this link:

<http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival-staffing> and you will be able to complete the form in a couple of minutes. No stamps, no bother! If you have access to the internet but need a paper copy for any reason or have any other questions, then please email me at summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk I very much look forward to seeing you at the festival. **Julian Tubbs, staffing**

City Charter Festival

The City Charter Beer Festival is between 10th and 14th July and the next planning meeting for this summer's festival is: **Wednesday, 1st May** at the Smithfield. Meeting starts at 8pm. A **Publicity Officer** is still required, please contact Julian Tubbs tubbpubs@gmail.com

AGM Motion for Debate

The Ashbourne & District sub-branch requests that the Derby branch committee examine the current geographical allocation of pubs within the previously agreed postcode areas and debate a motion from the sub-branch to increase their geographical coverage to include postcodes DE6 3xx (for Brailsford, Hulland Ward and Kirk Ireton) and also part of DE65 xxx (for Hilton, Hatton & Church Broughton). The reasoning is that the Ashbourne sub-branch has regular monthly attendees from those postcode regions who wish to be associated most closely with the Ashbourne sub-branch and they wish to report directly on those pubs associated with their towns to the Ashbourne sub-branch meetings. This will also mean that the Derby area will be fully covered by the sub-branch for reporting purposes at its western and south western edges, an area previously acknowledged by the branch as under-represented.

Editorial Required for Derby Drinker

Derby CAMRA is seeking scribes to contribute towards the Derby Drinker editorial. For example, you may wish to write about your local, or interview a licensee, so how about putting 500 words together, and submitting your piece with a couple of images, to derbydrinker@derbycamra.org.uk

Dancing Duck's Double Delight

The Whitsuntide Bank Holiday weekend, 24th to 26th May, will see beer festivals at both of Derby's Dancing Duck pubs, namely the **Exeter Arms**, and the **New Zealand Arms** on Peel Street.

Great Music and Ale at the Groom

Those who like their music and real ale who haven't already frequented the Horse and Groom, on Elms Street, off Kedleston Road, should consider paying the street corner local a visit, particularly on a Saturday night. 2013 Good Beer Guide listed, and one of only four Derby pubs in the first Good Beer Guide in '74, the former Bass house bears little resemblance to its original self, having been extended into the house next-door. And the Draught Bass has been augmented by three well-kept guest beers. Stafford based .44 pistol recently kicked up a storm with a stirring rhythm and blues set that featured some great harmonica playing. All beers, regardless of strength, are £2.90, and the live music is.....free!

Crisp New Look for Slug and Lettuce

The Slug and Lettuce, Iron Gate, has been refurbished in contemporary style with an outside drinking area to the rear which

looks like it'll catch the summer sun. The 10% CAMRA discount, the most generous in Derby, has been retained as have the handpumps with Greene King IPA and two LocAles vying for attention. In a previous incarnation, in the late 60s and 70s, this was one of Derby's most popular venues when it was one of two Berni Inn steak houses and known as the Iron Gates Tavern.

Derby Pubs Map

Derby CAMRA requires pub photos for a new Derby pub map that we are designing. If you have any current pub photos from the list below, or are able to take any, please e-mail them to

photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Barracuda, Bedford, Blue Jay, Bonnie Prince, Brackens, Bridge Inn, Broadway, Coach & Horses, Corner Pin, Golden Pheasant, Jonty Farmer, Junction, Kensington, Kingfisher, Kings Corner, King's Highway, Lawns, Little Chester Ale House, Lodge (Alvaston), Markeaton, Master Locksmith, Maypole, Mile, Moon, New Bridge Inn, No 5, Oaklands, Peacock, Peregrine, Pitcher & Piano, Prince of Wales, Rose & Crown, Smithfield, Stenson Fields, Tavern, Toby Carvery, Traveller's Rest, Vernon Arms, Waggon & Horses, White Swan (Spondon), Windmill, Woodlands, Woodlark.

Muirhouse Open Weekend

Muirhouse brewery is hosting another open weekend with 6 ales and food. Unit 1, Enterprise Court, Manners Avenue, Manners Industrial Estate, Ilkeston, will be open from 7 – 11pm on Friday, 3rd May, and 12 – 11pm on the 4th May.

Changes at the Brunswick

Chesterfield's Brampton Brewery has entered into a Project William partnership with Everard's to run the Brunswick on Railway Terrace. Brunswick, Brampton and guest beers will now feature. James Salmon, a Graham Yates' protégé, will brew on the premises as a separate entity, and you can expect to find some of James' brews at other Everard pubs.

Allenton RBL

Allenton Royal British Legion, which came 2nd in the Derby city category of Club of the Year, will admit CAMRA members free upon production of their membership cards.

GBBF

London Olympia, between 13th and 17th August, is the venue for the 2013 Great British Beer Festival which will feature over 800 ales, ciders and perries.

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.

Photos Required for 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). **To enable Derby branch to provide a comprehensive online guide to all of its pubs, we are seeking your images of pubs from all over our area.** photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Beer Festivals

Royal Oak, Green Lane, Ockbrook 3rd-6th May. **Black Cow**, The Green, Dalbury Lees, and **Furnace Inn**, Duke Street, Derby 25th -27th May.

Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at the Flowerpot, Derby, on 10th April, 2013

Apologies Jok Arguile, Dean Smith, Ralf Edge, Anna Dyson, Stewart Marshall, Konrad Machej. **Minutes of last meeting** Available at this meeting. Accepted as a true record. **Matters arising** Would M&B go out for everyone for the next issue? It was decided it should as it was publicising the AGM and would carry staffing forms. Tim Williams could not guarantee to send all the paper copies. He would be away for most of the month. He would do what he could. It took four days to send the emails in bulk. Emails and paper copies generate few responses in general. **Officers' reports - Chair** Gareth apologised for the postponement of the AGM which was not going to take place tonight. **Rescheduled for the Rowing Club on Weds 12th June.** It was owing to circumstances beyond our control. The beer escalator had been scrapped and was a resounding success for the campaign. Members weekend next week and we have a motion for discussion. POTY presentation on 16th at the Exeter. Ockbrook Royal Oak presentation had been successful. Derbyshire winners POTY judging by trip on Saturday by bus. We need a City Charter publicity officer. **Secretary** Nothing to report. **Treasurer** Julian had been working on the accounts which would not have been ready for the original AGM. Most had been audited. Three beer festival accounts and Amber Valley had been audited. Winter 2012 accounts had not been finished owing to printer problems. Julian will have copies at next meeting. Auditors had made some comments which will be discussed then. DD adverts look a bit more encouraging re profit. VAT changes had put us on the standard rate, which is more. **Winter Beer Festival** Gillian had been re-appointed as 2014 chair. Colin Valentine notified.

Festival had been a success. Thank you messages had been posted on social media. Feedback document being consulted and preliminary meeting on site to take place. Things moving forward. There would be a decrease in profit. Gillian gave Julian Hough update. The branch wished him and Gillian their best wishes. 2014 beer orders will be widely national in its bias. A discussion ensued on proposed concessions. **City Charter Summer Festival** Russ said budget had been approved with no changes. Marquee will take up most of the market square. Entertainment well advanced with Brass and Folk, Rock and Blues. Only Darwin open on Sunday lunch. CBOB competition. Supporting city brewers. Some sponsorship changes. Derby Live applying for licence and doing advanced fast track booking and some publicity. Tim Williams asked if this could be extended to members who had worked or helped and were attending the festival. Great Hall closed. We need all the staff we can get. Ideas invited to encourage new workers for the festival. This is relevant for the winter festival as well. 1st May festival meeting at the Smithfield. June meeting in Brunswick. **Campaigning goals** Mild Month preparations with AV are well advanced with many pubs on the trail. Steve Crispin and Trevor Spencer had organised it with 35 pubs in total. Details in DD and M&B. Awards aplenty. Gareth thanked Trevor and Steve. Pub map should be ready for the City Charter festival. Photos were being collated. Sponsor enquiries to be made. Increased out of town surveys had been successful. We do need new campaigning goals. **DD** at printers who are doing design and layout. 24 page edition with good surplus on adverts. **GBG** Stewart not at meeting. What pub site photos being updated. **LocAle and Discounts** Progressing nicely. **Regional** Loughborough 1st June. We are hosting the Sept meeting. **Surveys** Details in M&B. **Membership** Konrad not present. **M&B** Copy date 24th April. Submissions to Paul Gibson. **Socials** In M&B **Ashbourne sub branch** Ashbourne Beer Festival - Mark thanked us for our support. Attendance had been hit by snow with beer left. Unavoidable in the circumstances. The branch congratulated Mark and staff for all their hard work. 30th Apr AGM at Shire Horse, Wyaston. **Information Exchange** The Olympic, Draycott has added Hobgoblin, Spitfire and Doombar. Worries over Bell, Sadler Gate, with lots of destructive work being done. Is this being monitored? Allenton British Legion will admit CAMRA members. Leatherbritches beer festival at Melbourne at end of month. Olive Wilson's 60th anniversary beer festival at Royal Oak, early May. Activity at Bell and Castle with real ale rumoured. Abbey open all day with Undercroft open. **AOB** None. The next branch meeting is at the Furnace Inn on Duke Street, Derby, on May 9th.

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.

Ashbourne CAMRA

First Festival: A Sterling Effort in Testing Circumstances

Many thanks for all the support you showed us. We ran the festival on all three days and it was still a success in its own right as an event, if you discount the financial shortfall we inevitably suffered owing to the appalling conditions. A lot of locals came in, but it was the travelling numbers we fell chronically short of. We got a few individual Derby members through the door, but many of them couldn't make it en masse and a minibus from Stoke abandoned their visit. I'd like to thank those members who came to help, particularly Steve Cook from Amber Valley. In simple terms, we budgeted for 1300-1400 through the door and got approx. 240 on Friday, around 400 on Saturday and almost 100 on Sunday, which actually pushed the end of the drink-up session from 3pm onto 5pm, as so many wanted to stay on at £2 a pint and we were desperate for every penny! Overall, that gave us about half the attendance we needed. We sold half the beer, used half the programmes and sold a quarter of the glasses, so that all means we were exactly on track if you take the inclement weather out of the equation. It was gratifying to receive so many positive comments and frequent requests for a repeat (not of the weather!) next year. We will be back although we may move the date further into the year, which I know is still no guarantee of kinder weather, but you never know! Beer of the festival was voted as Blue Monkey Infinity, brewed in Giltbrook, and available sometimes in Derby's free trade. **Mark Grist, Chairman, Ashbourne and District CAMRA**

Minutes of the Ashbourne CAMRA Sub-Branch Meeting at The Smiths Tavern, 26th March, 2013

Seven members present plus one Observer (volunteer from Festival) **Apologies** Michelle Leigh, Kim Dorrington. **Notes of February Meeting** The Secretary had not been able to attend this meeting. The Chairman apologised that Notes had not been circulated. These were tabled and agreed by the meeting. **Matters Arising**

All Matters Arising were covered by the Agenda. **First Ashbourne CAMRA Beer Festival** A formal 'wash-up' meeting was planned for Tuesday 9 April. There was a short discussion covering the main points: Although the Festival had been hit by bad weather members agreed that the event had been a success. Good feedback had been received from all who attended. On the basis of the footfall achieved it was agreed that the business plan had been realistic. Further consideration had to be given to the venue. Although the central location of the Town Hall was of great benefit, the H&S issues related to the building had made it difficult to service and manage. The limitation on numbers was a particular concern. The timing of the event may need further discussion. More local marketing, e.g. banners and signage around market square and clearer indication of opening times was need for future events. The Chairman asked that a formal vote of thanks should be given to all volunteers, especially those who had travelled into Ashbourne to support the event. A 'thank you' event was planned for May (17 or 24 – date to be confirmed) when a visit to the Dancing Duck brewery and pubs in the vicinity was being organised. All volunteers would be invited. Members thanked the Chairman and Festival organiser for their efforts – considered to be beyond the call of duty during the run up to the Festival and the event itself. **Annual General Meeting** The next meeting of the Branch – 30 April at The Shire Horse, Wyaston – will be the Branch AGM. This will be a formal meeting and members attending will need to bring membership cards. Branch Officers will need to be elected. It was agreed that the following appointments should be considered: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Membership Secretary and Festival Organiser. The current officials agreed that they would be prepared to stand again. Resolutions for CAMRA or about Branch activity can also be considered at the meeting. Any resolutions or nominations for Officers should be sent to the Secretary by **26 April 2013**. **Pub Reports** The following reports given: No further news on the Green Man. The Nags head, Hulland Ward and the Dog and Partridge, Thorpe had undergone refurbishment and the Nags Head is now open but focusing on food. The Rose and Crown at Brailsford has also been given a face lift and has reopened. The Yew Tree is still for sale and it was understood that a change of use may be under consideration. There has been a staff change at the Shire Horse, Wyaston. The Coach and Horses and White Hart in Ashbourne were subject to irregular opening hours. The Bridge had also had some refurbishment but was now open again. **Correspondence** The Amber Valley Branch has a pub walk planned for 7 April, starting at John Flamsteed School. **Date of Next Meeting: 30 April, AGM Shire Horse, Wyaston.**

Amber Valley CAMRA

AMBER VALLEY MILD MONTH 2013 PUBS

Beehive Inn, Ripley
Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate
Cross Keys, Belper
Devonshire Arms, Alfreton
Greyhound, Belper
Holly Bush, Makeney
Holly Bush, Marehay
Hop Inn, Openwoodgate
Hunter Arms, Kilburn
King Alfred, Alfreton
King William, Milford
Midland, Ripley
Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse
Pear Tree, Ripley
Seven Stars, Openwoodgate
Sir Barnes Wallis, Ripley
Spanker, Nether Heage
Steam Packet, Swanwick
Strutt Club, Belper
Tavern, Belper
Thorn Tree, Ripley
Thorn Tree, Waingroves
Waggon & Horses, Alfreton
Please text/phone your mark out of 5 to 07758 265915. There will be prizes for those visiting the most mild pubs.

H & S Officer Required

A Health and Safety Officer is urgently required for the Alfreton beer festival between 12th and 15th September. Please contact Chris Rogers 01332 880041 for further information.

Beer Festivals

2013 festivals at the Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley: May 23-26, July 4-7, August 22-26, September 26-29, November 7-10, December 19-22. Belper Rugby Club: 31st May-2nd June (free admission).

Chip Off The Old Block

Kim Beresford of Ashover brewery now has his son, Jordan, running the Poet and Castle, Codnor. A 40 ale beer festival is being staged at the pub between 2nd and 6th May. The nearby Codnor Inn is due to be sold at auction.

Amber Valley Diary MAY

Sat 4th – Mild crawl, meet at Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate-1pm.
Sat 11th – Mild crawl, meet at the King Alfred, Alfreton 1pm.
Mon 13th – Beer festival meeting, Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley-8pm. Come and try some of Pete Hounsell's Amber Ales and get 20p a pint off them upon production of your membership card.
Sat 18th - Mild crawl, meet at Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse-1230.

Thu 30th – BRANCH MEETING, George, Lower Hartsthay-8pm. This will be preceded by a committee meeting.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

MAY

Tues 28th – BRANCH MEETING, Crown, Marston Montgomery-8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

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Derby Branch Diary

MAY

Wed 1st - City Charter Festival meeting, Smithfield-8pm.

Fri 3rd – Mini Mild Crawl. Start Mild Month off in style with a mini tour of some of our Mild Month Campaign Participants. Starting at **The Falstaff**, Silverhill Road, Normanton at **730 pm**, before setting off for the Brunswick, Alexandra and Exeter Arms.

Thu 9th – BRANCH MEETING, Furnace, Duke Street-8pm.

Sat 11th - Survey trip of Melbourne and Hartshorne. Free bus leaves Cathedral Green 630pm and returns to Derby for 11pm. Names to Dean Smith 0770 3458623.

Fri 24th – Mild Crawl starting at **Mr Grundy's-730pm**, thence Dolphin, Little Chester Ale House, Coach and Horses, Furnace, 5 Lamps and finishing at the 7 milds Flowerpot festival.

JUNE

Sat 1st – Regional meeting, Organ Grinder, Loughborough-noon.

Mon 3rd – Committee meeting

Wed 5th – City Charter Beer Festival Meeting, Brunswick-8pm.

Sat 8th – 3 Valleys Festival – Dronfield, Dore, Otley, nr Sheffield. Meet at Derby Railway station for the 11.28 train (change at Chesterfield). Return is £10.80 to Dronfield, so if you're coming into the city by bus you're probably better off getting a Derbyshire Wayfarer Ticket. We can make the route up on the day to suit attendees, or indeed you can do your own thing. No need to book, but if you can tell Dean if you plan to attend, then he knows to look out for you and that it's worth running the trip.

Wed 12th – AGM, Rowing Club, Darley Grove, Derby-8pm.

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