Mild & Bitter

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Charter Festival Staffing Appeal

This year's City Charter Festival, between the 10th and 14th July, will be the biggest yet, with a huge marquee on the Market Place in addition to the Darwin Suite. The changes have been necessary owing to refurbishment work on the Great Hall but this will give us a much greater visible presence in the city centre. It means that we need your help more than ever, so if you can spare some time we'd like to hear from you. We've 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

Beer Festival iPhone App

You can see the list of drinks available at the festival, and then search through it to find one you want to try. Create your own shortlist, make notes, and provide feedback on drinks to the festival committee. The App is available on the App Store by searching for Derby Beer Festival. It will also give you directions to all the pubs on the Ale Trail.

Rob Whittaker

Postponed AGM Imminent

Derby CAMRA's postponed Annual General Meeting will now proceed at 8pm on Wednesday, 12th June, at the Rowing Club, Darley Grove, Derby. One or two committee members are stepping down and nominations for all positions are invited, so 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.

Heritage Pubs Book

Have you got your copy of CAMRA's beautiful new book, Britain's Best Real Heritage Pubs? Available for a bargain £7.99 plus postage and packing; you can order at *www.camra.org.uk/shop* or_telephone 01727 867201. It's a pity this great book is not available in hardback format.

Winter Ales Festival

Derby hosts CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival 2014 at The Roundhouse. The Festival will be open from Wednesday 19th until Saturday 22nd February. We will need lots and lots of volunteers to come and assist from set up on the 14th Feb. until take down on Monday 24th Feb. Staffing forms will be available at the City Charter Festival staffing area. If you are a whizz with mail merges and creating/coordinating information via emails and spread sheets there is an opportunity to assist the Staffing Manager - please contact Gillian Williams Festival Chair to discuss further over a pint 07847 504074.

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.

Earlier Deadline Date

Owing to the timing of the beer festival, the July branch meeting has been brought forward and consequently the Mild and Bitter copy deadline date is much earlier – Wednesday, 19th June. Submissions to mildbitter@derbycamra.org.uk

Charter Festival Meetings

The City Charter Beer Festival is between 10th and 14th July and the next planning meetings for this summer's festival are: **Wednesday, 5th June** at the Brunswick, and **Wednesday, 26th June** at the Thomas Leaper, Iron Gate, both starting at 730pm. A **Publicity Officer** is still required, please contact Julian Tubbs *tubbspubs@gmail.com*

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Rock n Blues Return

The Peacock on Old Nottingham Road now has rock and blues sessions with live bands on a Saturday night during the summer.

Jean Whitehurst

The sad news reaches us of the death, in early May, of Jean Whitehurst, formerly of the Sir Robert Peel. Alf and Jean Whitehurst ran the Robert Peel in Park Street for a remarkable 42 years, during which time the Ind Coope corner house was Good Beer Guide listed and hosted many an early Derby CAMRA meeting. Derby CAMRA's first campaign, after the branch's formation in 1974, was a call to Derby's Allied Breweries' licensees to retain their handpumps in the face of considerable coercion from the brewery to have them removed, to facilitate the installation of pressurised, keg beer. After the Wagon and Horses on Ashbourne Road relented to Allied Breweries' demands, the Robert Peel was Derby's solitary pub to serve real draught Ind Coope Bitter. It was the epitome of a traditional street corner local; friendly, welcoming, a good darts' team and, quirkily, the only way women could access the Ladies was to go through the Gents! Sadly, the Peel closed some years ago. In 1976 the tide started to turn back towards real ale when Ind Coope introduced the magnificent Draught Burton Ale, brewed in Burton, to some of Derby's pubs, including the Robert Peel. It's a measure of CAMRA's progress that in those far off days only a dozen different real ales were available in the town, whereas now, approximately 180 different ales are available. Jean was predeceased by her husband, Alf, and Derby CAMRA sends its condolences to the Whitehurst family.

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, New Bridge Inn, No 5, Oaklands, Peacock, Peregrine, Pitcher & Piano, Rose & Crown, Smithfield, Stenson Fields, Tavern, Toby Carvery, Traveller's Rest, Waggon & Horses, Windmill, Woodlands, Woodlark.

Last Post for the White Post?

The White Post, Stanley Common, which has been Good Beer Guide listed in recent

years, is under serious threat of demolition. The central part is probably about 300 years old. Walton Homes Ltd has identified the housing potential in the huge plot of land, and the pub is due to close on 29th June. Demolition permission is not required, so if you wish to object to this unwelcome development please contact Erewash Borough Council's planning department *enquires@erewash.gov.uk* A good compromise would be to have a few new homes built around the existing pub, as has

New Lease of Life for Old Bell

happened elsewhere.

The historic Old Bell Hotel, Sadler Gate, looks set to reopen after a period of closure. Older Derbeians fondly recall the former coaching inn in its halcyon days when it was said to have sold the best pint of Bass Worthington in town. The Derby Dilly bar is now a shop unit but the Bell will still boast five bars and two restaurants. The first room to open will be the Tudor Bar where Councillor Eric Reed, who, as Mayor, opened the second Derby CAMRA beer festival, was a familiar figure. We await the ale offering with eager anticipation.

Beaconsfield to Close

The Beaconsfield Club on the corner of Green Lane and Wilson Street is to close as the Conservatives seek smaller premises in keeping with their current membership profile. The Victorian building has been their home for the past 80 years and played host to the Derby CAMRA Christmas social in 1975, the year before the Bishop of Belper's inauguration at the Crown, Spondon. An article in the recent Derby Drinker alluded to a Sam Smith's sales push at that time and on the night Old Brewery Bitter and Draught Bass were just 22p a pint. The club also hosted a Derby CAMRA branch meeting.

Pubs' Preservation Officer

Derby CAMRA is seeking to fill the important post of Pubs' Preservation Officer. If you're interested please apply to branch Secretary, Ian Forman secretary@derbycamra.org. uk

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 Festival

Meet the Brewer, Arkwright's Mill, Cromford (between the railway station and crossroads A6) 29th and 30th June, noon to 7pm both days. Amber Ales, Muirhouse, Middle Earth, Wentwell.

Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Annual General Meeting at the Flowerpot, Derby, on 12th April, 2012

Apologies Carl Brett, Ian Forman, Konrad Machej, Joy Olivent, Eric Streets, Sophie Tunnicliffe, Russell Gilbert, Gillian Williams, Julian Hough. Appointment of tellers Kath Lilley, James Hepworth. Minutes of last meeting Accepted as a true record except that Kevin Hepworth had audited Amber Valley, not Summer Festival accounts. Matters arising Gwen Sandhu reported that trees for the cider orchard were bought from funds collected. Chairman's report - As published in M&B. **Finance** - Treasurer's report, branch and beer festival accounts. Auditors' report - The Treasurer reported that the last Branch Committee meeting had reviewed the draft accounts discussed at the March Branch Meeting and it is considered necessary to make some changes to the accounts. These changes are not yet complete and the accounts will be brought for approval to an EGM, together with auditors' reports - probably in June or July. Appointment of new Auditors In view of the above the Committee decided to defer the appointment of auditors to the AGM. Motions for debate. None.

Election of new committee The following seven nominations had been proposed and seconded and all are appointed. Chair -Gareth Stead, Treasurer - Julian Tubbs, Secretary - Ian Forman, Membership -Konrad Machei, Ralf Edge, Anna Dyson, Stephen Crispin. Branch Awards The Chairman announced that awards were to be made to Phil and Christine Hall for their contribution especially at the beer festivals. As they were not present a special presentation event will be arranged. Any other business Praise from the floor for the Winter Festival came from a Nottingham Branch Member. Trent Barton Club 55 – Free membership. Meeting closed at 10pm.

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Minutes of the Derby **CAMRA Extraordinary** General Meeting at the Crown & Cushion, Derby, on 9th August, 2012

Present Gareth Stead (GS, Chair). Konrad Machej (KM, Minuting), Julian Tubbs (JT, Treasurer) and 24 other members (at start). Adoption of Accounts JT presented the accounts for the Derby Winter Beer Festival 2011, Derby City Charter (Summer) Beer Festival 2011, Amber Valley Beer Festival 2011 and Derby Branch 2011. He apologised for the delay in presentation, due partly to complications over VAT registration. HMRC has agreed that VAT should be paid at 6.5%. Jok Arguile (JA) questioned whether stock values had been included. He commended Amber Valley on organising its own festival and noted that the Branch with its Sub-branches were close to exceeding the small business rate. Les Baynton (LB) asked why the performing rights at the Winter Festival appeared to be more expensive than the Summer Festival, and it was believed the cause was owing to the different practices between the Roundhouse and the Assembly Rooms in accounting for the cost. JT expressed gratitude for the auditing done by Keith Normington. (It was noted with regret that Keith is not well, and members were invited to sign a Get Well Soon card.) Russ Gilbert (RG) reported that the Summer Festival loan has been repaid, and VAT has also been paid. Paul Gibson (PG), Amber Valley Festival Treasurer, gave a brief report on the subbranch's Beer Festival, observing that profit rose by 54% on the previous year. JA requested written reports from the Treasurers of the Winter and Summer Festivals, and from the Auditor. GS proposed acceptance of all the accounts, and this was carried by 9 votes to Appointment of Auditors JA volunteered to audit the Summer Beer Festival 2012 and Amber Valley Beer Festival 2012 accounts - agreed JT thought he could find a volunteer to audit the Winter Beer Festival 2012 and Branch 2012 accounts action JT.

Derby AGM Agenda

1. Apologies. 2. Appointment of tellers 3. Minutes of last meeting. 4. Matters arising. 5. Chairman's report 6. Finance (Treasurer's report, branch and beer festival accounts, Auditors' report, Appointment of new Auditors) 7. Motions for debate. 8. Election of new committee. 9. Branch awards. 10. Any other business.

Minutes of the Derby **CAMRA Branch Meeting at** the Furnace on 9th May, 2013

Apologies Konrad Machej, Reg Newcombe, Eric Streets, Ralf Edge, Paul Cooper, Adrian Howell and Julian Hough. Mins of last meeting Printed in M&B. Accepted as a true record. Matters arising None. Officers' reports -

Chair First ever meeting at the Furnace. Members' weekend trip had been successful and we had been awarded the membership award. Thanks to Konrad Machei and Tim Williams. Our motion had, however, been defeated. We had had a fair hearing. There is going to be a review of the internal policy document, however. Julian Tubbs said we will make our case in this review. Jok Arguile thought we should further push our view. Tim Williams thought the key issues about the motion had been missed. This was about implementation of the internal policy document. He had had in depth discussions with some NE members at the members' weekend. It was felt our business model was the best to adopt. There will be a Workshop at Barton Arms, Birmingham this weekend about saving the local pub. Govt consultation on pub cos is to take place. New code expected to ensure fair dealing. Support it by writing to MPs etc. Nominations needed for Pomona (cider) awards. We are now in May Mild month with trails in conjunction with Amber Valley. See Derby Drinker. POTY certificates had been presented, COTY to follow. Weds 12th June AGM at Rowing Club. Active members required to join the Committee. Nominations to Ian prior to start of AGM. Motions to Secretary Liz McGlynn contacted about insuring the now inventoried container. She has not emailed back yet. Thanks go to Martin Reek. Treasurer Year end accounts had been given to Jok Arguile. He is tidying some issues up but the accounts should be ready for AGM. Ashbourne festival losses yet to be paid. DD adverts soon to be on track. We are no longer on basic rate VAT. Branch activities to be on VAT list. We will have to declare VAT on DD. City Charter Summer festival Russ Gilbert said that plans well advanced and volunteers to work needed. Staffing forms available in all formats. Meetings: 5th June in Brunswick and Thos leaper 26^{th} June. 3rd July fencing erected with marquee going up on 4th. Derby Live is organising much publicity. We are having food links as well with Derby Live behind this as well. Continental beer will be available. Posters and flyers soon. A5 at the meeting. Can we issue leaflets in the marketplace without a license? 350,000th visitor imminent with an award for the person.

the City Charter Festival. Winter Beer festival Gillian had been proposed by branch and had been endorsed by the NE as winter ales festival chair. Core managers are being recruited for 2014. Thank you (Dancing Duck) trip had taken place and had been successful. Wash up minutes to be published. Meetings with Roundhouse had taken place. Breweries had come forward for bars already. Julian Hough had left hospital after his major operation and is recovering well. The branch wished him a speedy recovery. Shiny Brewery Presentation Pedro of the Furnace was presented with the beer of the winter festival award. Competition had been fierce. Pedro spoke of his enjoyment of brewing beer and future plans for more beers. There was food for members. Campaigning goals-extended until the **June AGM** More surveys – ongoing but there had been more this year. Pub mapshould be out for festival. Still need a few more photos. Ongoing. Mild Month underway and achieved. **DD** Out now. New publisher took longer on design than we had anticipated. Next issue is hoped to be well before the City Charter Festival. Copy deadline is 20th May. **GBG** Allocations under review soon so really important pub data in What Pub is accurate. 367 pubs in database with some closed or demolished. We need 20 volunteers to survey and amend data. Locale & Discounts More still joining the scheme. Surveys Volunteer for survey trips. Dean pointed out it was our GBG and our surveys so we should support them. Scores for surveys to Dean. Hartshorne survey on Saturday. Numerous mild crawls available in the area. Membership Still buoyant. Konrad not at meeting. **M&B** 29th May copy date. Regional. Sat 1st June meeting in Loughborough at the Organ Grinder. Socials As published in M&B. Three valleys festival – Sat June 8th . 21st June survey of Thulston, Aston etc. Ashbourne Sub Branch AGM had taken place. Mark was still chair. Four or five proper committee roles had been allocated. Planning for next beer festival. AGM motion about branch boundaries to be discussed at Derby AGM. Information **Exchange** Losses of licensee Nicky Coe and Jean Whitehurst. Obituaries to be published in M&B and possibly used as a campaigning story in local papers. Julian Tubbs had objected to the White Post closure. More objectors needed in the next week. It had not been registered as local community asset. We need to list more pubs as Community Assets. Yeaveley Arms at Yeaveley is closed. Crompton sale is not going through. Refurbishment imminent. Bell and Castle real ale is due to reopen in next few weeks. Bell Sadlergate-Tudor bar is to reopen prior to full refurb? Crown at Spondon is closed as is Noah's Ark at Borrowash. Noah's Ark is currently partly let as accommodation. AOB Next meeting is AGM at Rowing Club on 12th June at 8pm.

Opening is by the Mayor and deputy who

are non drinkers. Speaker for opening will

be Graham Yates. Suggestions for invites

Ashbourne CAMRA Minutes of the Ashbourne CAMRA AGM at The Shire Horse, Wyaston, 30th April

Present: 14 Ashbourne members. Also in Attendance: Stewart Marshall and Konrad Machej of Derby branch; East Midlands Regional Director: Carl Brett and deputy RD, Alan Ward. Apologies Mark Tyack Notes of 2012 Meeting The Chairman confirmed that as the meeting held in April 2012 was the Inaugural Meeting of the Branch no formal record had been kept. Chairman's Report Mark Grist gave a full report of the year's activity. A copy of the report is attached. Secretary's Report Pat Laughlin confirmed that there were 43 members on the Branch membership list and reported the difficulty (and cost) of contacting all the membership during the vear when no email addresses were available. She asked if Derby members or the Regional representative could advise on how to improve the communication chain. It was noted that in future Ashbourne Branch officials should have full access to the CAMRA members' database and this should provide improved contact details. Election of Officers The following were nominated and agreed unanimously: Chairman-M.Grist. Festival Chairman-Dave Leigh. Secretary/Treasurer*-Pat Laughlin. Membership Secretary-M. Grist+Social Secretary-Keith Palmer.*+ For 2013/14 it was agreed that these posts should be held jointly. Resolutions: None received. Anv Other Business: Beer Festival Report-D. Leigh confirmed that there was an expected loss of c£2.5k which would be underwritten by Derby Branch. Entirely due to the weather which had significantly reduced footfall. Overall the Festival was considered a success as a first event and enjoyed by both those attending and staff. RDs and Derby branch endorsed this and confirmed they were satisfied with the Branch and its organisation of the Festival. It was agreed by all Branch members that a 2nd Festival should be held. A key area for consideration would be the venue. While all agreed that the Town Hall is an excellent venue in the ideal location it has a significant disadvantage in the restriction of numbers using the Hall at any one time. Volunteers' evening would be held at the Dancing Duck brewery on 31 May. Freebies available for volunteers. Future Activities A series of Pub Walks, Chester Green Ale Trail, Joint trip with Amber Valley Branch -15 June 2013? Branch meetings: 28 May-Crown, Marston Montgomery, 25 June-The Bowling

Green, Ashbourne.

Amber Valley CAMRA

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: July 4-7, August 22-26, September 26-29, November 7-10, December 19-22. George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Belper 20th to 22nd June.

Amber Valley Diary **JUNE**

Fri 14th – Free survey trip to Shottle and Turnditch area departing from Ripley Market Place 730pm.

Mon 17th – Beer festival meeting, Steampacket, Swanwick-8pm.

Thu 27th – BRANCH MEETING, New Inn, Riddings-8pm.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

Amber Valley Contact

Chairman: Chris Rogers 01332 880041

Ashbourne Diary **JUNE**

Tues 25th – BRANCH MEETING, Bowling Green, Ashbourne-8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

Chairman, Mark Grist m.grist2@sky.com

Derby Branch Diary JUNE

Wed 5th – City Charter Beer Festival Meeting, Brunswick-730pm. 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. 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.

Sat 22nd – Free survey trip, Kirk Ireton, Brassington and Carsington 630pm from Cathedral Green. Book with Dean 0770 3458623.

Mon 24th – Committee meeting, Mr

Grundys-8pm.

Tues 25th – Social, Rowditch-9pm.

Wed 26th – City Charter Beer Festival Meeting, Thomas Leaper-730pm.

JULY

Thu 4th – BRANCH MEETING, Alexandra, Siddals Road-8pm.

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

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