

Mild & Bitter

Keeping Derby CAMRA drinkers informed since 1975

Summer Fest Goes Al Fresco

The 36th City Charter Festival, between the 10th and 14th July, will witness the biggest change since it relocated from the Kings Hall in 1982. The Assembly Rooms' Great Hall is closed for refurbishment, and a 40x20m marquee will dominate the Market Place with, outside, tables and chairs facilitating al fresco drinking, weather permitting of course. One of the nation's longest established beer festivals retains the Darwin Suite and there is no lack of new innovations with a beer festival iphone app enabling the list of drinks to be viewed so you can search for the one you want to try. Look for Derby Beer Festival on the App store and also it will give you directions to the pubs on the Ale Trail. Details of the Ale Trail, entertainment, advance tickets for the evenings (for non-members) and the superb choice of drinks are all available on the Derby CAMRA web site. **The City Charter Festival is proud to still offer free admission to all sessions upon production of your current membership card**, whilst non-members who are under 26 enjoy half price entry with proof of age. In a marked divergence from previous years, there's a refreshing absence of cover bands from the packed musical line-up.

Urgent – Staff Still Required

We still need your help 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. 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 Julian Tubbs at summerstaffing@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Drinker Distributor Required

Head of distribution, Joy Olivent, requires a distributor for the Hop Inn and Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate, so if you can help please contact Joy on 07766306985.

Pubs' Preservation Officer

Derby CAMRA is seeking to fill the important post of Pubs' Preservation Officer. As last month's report on the White Post, Stanley Common, illustrated, we need to get certain pubs listed as Community Assets. If you're interested, please apply to branch Secretary, Ian Forman secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

Derbyshire Pub of the Year

Congratulations go to the Three Tuns on Cemetery Road, Dronfield, after it was judged the best pub in the county by a large group of CAMRA officials. Spire brewery beers are augmented by guests and the ploughman's lunches have to be seen to be believed. The Three Tuns will now proceed to the East Midlands' stage of the Pub of the Year competition.

AGM Review

The new branch committee is on page 4 and Derby CAMRA wishes to thank retiring committee members, Anna Dyson, Steve Crispin and Ralf Edge for their contributions. Dean Smith received a branch award in recognition of his Social Secretary work. The Ashbourne motion regarding branch areas was passed. An EGM will be convened in September to ratify accounts.

Campaigning Goals 2013/2014

1) Collate basic information for all of our pubs, including images, for What Pub in order to attain green status. 2) Publication of pubs' map with photographic images. 3) Appoint Pubs' Preservation Officer to monitor planning applications received by local authorities in respect of change of use/demolition of our pubs, and to take appropriate action.

Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting, Alexandra, Thursday, 4th July

The July branch meeting will be at the Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Road, Derby, starting at 8pm on **Thursday, 4th July**. We wish to congratulate Ralf and Anna on their marriage. Further information from the **Branch Secretary, Ian Forman, on 01332 882996 or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Winter Ales Festival

Derby hosts CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival 2014 at The Roundhouse. The Festival will be open from 19th to 22nd February. We need many volunteers to 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. **Contact Gillian Williams 07847 504074.**

Derby Chairman's Annual Report 2012-13

My third (extended) year as Branch Chairman has been quite eventful and a few challenges have popped up along the way but as a Branch we have risen to those challenges and while things may have not have always gone as we'd have liked we have still managed to get things done.

Branch Profile – We have continued to keep the Branch profile high over the last year which started by winning a Website award at the 2012 National CAMRA AGM and ended by winning a Membership award at this year's National AGM. We also put forward the Branch's first motion for some time at the National AGM and although it was defeated it showed the Branch was prepared to stand up and fight for what it believed. We have continued to be highly visible around our pubs and have again held all of the Branch Committee Meetings at different venues, some of which aren't quite big enough for a Branch Meeting. And we've tried to add a few new Branch Meeting venues along the way, with the likes of the Crown & Cushion and Harpurs in Melbourne used for the first time. Finally, our biggest high profile event to date is just around the corner when we take on the National Winter Ales Festival from 2014-2016 and I hope all Branch members will join together and help make this event a tremendous success. **Beer Festivals** – Our two Beer Festivals have continued to do well. The Winter-Fest has had another good year at the Roundhouse with a few improvements implemented this year to get us ready for the National Winter Ales Festival next year. Although a battle over the budget was an unwelcome distraction and one we could do without this year. Also, the Summer-Fest has continued to pick-up but now, perhaps, faces its toughest test ahead with the addition of a marquee on the Market Place and we hope everything runs smoothly this year.

Campaigning – We set ourselves 3 campaigning goals at the start of the Committee year and have had some considerable success in achieving them. We decided to continue with our May Mild Month promotion to build on the momentum from the previous year and together with Amber Valley Branch we organised an even bigger trail this year with more pubs taking part. A big thank you must go to Stephen Crispin and Trevor Spencer for getting this Mild promotion up and running. We also decided to try and increase the number of out of town surveys and although the improvement was minor we did have some success with this with more survey trips, etc. Our 3rd goal was to produce a Derby fold out pub map using photos, descriptions, etc and although progress on this has been slow we hope to achieve this in the near future. And an update on our

successful campaigning goal from the previous year which was the Locale and CAMRA Discount Scheme as both have continued to thrive and it is nice to see more and more pubs taking part. **Membership** – The Branch membership continues to grow and it is pleasing to see a lot more people joining the campaign both locally and nationally. And our efforts have been rewarded this year at the National CAMRA AGM when we picked up a membership award for our achievements so many thanks to Konrad for putting all this together. The challenge though is still to encourage more of our members to get involved whether that be just socially or by taking a more active role within the Branch itself. **Publications** – Derby Drinker has not been without its fair share of problems during the last year with a change of printers (twice), a lack of advertising revenue coming in and the designer deciding to step down owing to work and family commitments. However we now seem to be putting all of this behind us with the advertising revenue slowly trickling in and the current printers taking up the designing mantle from Steve Webster who did such a fantastic job. **Sub Branches** – Amber Valley chose to become a full Branch on the back of three successful Beer Festivals in Butterley and we wish them all the best for the future and we will continue to support them in whatever way we can. Our second Sub Branch, Ashbourne and District, was formed in April 2012 and is progressing well, organising socials, surveys, Good Beer Guide entries, Pub of the Year awards and its 1st ever Beer Festival which unfortunately was badly affected by the worst snowfall of the year, but luckily this has not affected their enthusiasm to arrange another one next year. **Socials & Surveys** – It is not all about Branch business though as we all need to enjoy ourselves and relax and to that end it has been a fantastic year socially with some superb social and survey trips most of which have proved popular and well supported so special thanks to Dean Smith for organising them. Finally, I'd like to thank the outgoing Branch Committee for all of their contributions this year and hope that next year we can build on the good things from this.

Gareth Stead – Derby Chairman

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.

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.

Another Magnificent Mild Month

Once again, the Derby and Amber Valley Branches of CAMRA combined for this event, and put together a Trail comprising of 34 mild pubs. This year the best pubs were mainly decided by text vote, of which a total of 502 were received, along with another 84 surveys via email and survey crawls, making a final total of 586, a tremendous response indeed! The winner in Derby was the **Furnace**, which narrowly beat Mr Grundy's Tavern and the Falstaff, while the winner in Amber Valley was the **Hunter Arms**, Kilburn, twice Amber Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year, with the Beehive, Ripley, and the Thorn Tree, Waingroves, tied for second. The top mild, of the 51 recorded, was Welbeck Abbey Ellis, with Ossett Challenger 2nd and Muirhouse Magnum 3rd. Beer quality on the Trail was generally very good, and Derby and Amber Valley CAMRA are very grateful to all of the participating licensees who made Mild in May a truly memorable event.

The Longest Day (Almost)

Saturday, 22nd June, saw us on a Derbyshire survey trip with our counterparts and friends from Exeter and Exmouth who were all sporting 40th anniversary branch T shirts. First port of call was the classic **Barley Mow**, Kirk Ireton, which was packed within minutes of opening. Onwards and upwards to the equally characterful and idyllically located **Gate Inn**, Brassington, where we found the Marston's beers in fine fettle. Around the corner was the **Miners Arms** which had a similar choice but with the addition of the dry, hoppy Jennings High Spy. Our intrepid driver, Pat, soon found the **Miners**, Carsington, where many chose the Bumphill Heart of Gold, whilst Landlord and others were available. The **Nelson Arms**, Middleton by Wirksworth, had a trio of real ales including Leadmill Fluffer and the disco was self-evidently a big hit with the place heaving. Down the hill to Wirksworth where the **Hope and Anchor** and the superb **Royal Oak** were our destinations. The Oak's customary range of real ales was augmented by Dark Star Festival, an award winning, strong bitter which proved popular. The North End tavern now has a highly attractive beer garden which is accessed by exiting the pub via the front door. Finally, Pat dropped us off at Derby's Five Lamps which our lovely Devonian friends relished even after a hard day's drinking. A great night out.

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.

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

28th to 30th June - **Nunsfield House**, Boulton Lane, Alvaston. 29th, 30th June – Meet the Brewers, **Arkwright's Mill**, Cromford (12-7pm only). 10th to 14th July - **Derby City Charter Festival**, Assembly Rooms. 16th to 20th July - **Old Silk Mill**. 17th to 20th July - **Dolphin**. 26th, 27th July - **Mr Grundy's**, Ashbourne Road. 26th to 28th July - **Crown and Cushion**, Midland/London Road-Leatherbitches weekend.

Summer Barbeques

The delightful riverside terrace at the Smithfield on Meadow Road is the perfect place for regular Saturday night barbeques featuring meat products sourced from Allestree's Greedy Pig butchers. The Flowerpot is likely to follow suite in August. Ethan Daniel is at the Smithy on the 29th June and live music will feature on occasional Saturdays. The pub, situated on one of Derby's most valuable pieces of land, could easily have been bulldozed, but instead it has been given a new lease of life for which we should be grateful.

Ashbourne CAMRA

Minutes of the Ashbourne

CAMRA Sub-Branch

Meeting 28th May 2013 at

The Crown, Marston

Montgomery

Present: Mark Grist, Dave Leigh, Hannah Barton, Kevin Woolley, Gareth Butterfield, Lizzie Butterfield, Tony Beech, Richard Bright, Kim Dorrington, Keith Palmer, Pat Laughlin. **Apologies** Michelle Leigh, David Cockley, Phil Lee, Diane Grist **Notes of March 2013**

Meeting/ Matters Arising The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. All Matters Arising were taken as Agenda items. **Chairman's Report** A Planning Application has been submitted for the refurbishment and partial conversion of the Green Man. A Press Statement was read to members that indicated that while a conversion to retail was proposed, it was also the intention to retain some elements of the historic inn. It was agreed that the Branch should submit comments to the Planning Authority stressing the importance of the building and its historic use to the town and indicating that the retention of the Boswell Bar and the associated coaching yard were of particular importance. **Action: P.**

Laughlin/M.Grist. A Staffordshire Moorlands Branch of CAMRA based on Leek and Cheadle is to be formed. However this did not intend to cover those pubs which have DE post codes and it was proposed that these should be covered by the Ashbourne Branch. These include the Duncombe Arms, Rose & Crown at Upper Mayfield, George at Alstonfield, Dog & partridge at Swinscoe, Royal Oak at Wetton and the Izaak Walton (when reopened). **Secretary & Treasurer's Report** The Branch currently has a reserve of £21.27. The Chairman reported that it is expected that there will be some residual funding available (c £300) from activity associated with the Beer Festival: this had to be agreed with Derby Branch. **Action: M. Grist** The Secretary reported on the ongoing cost of contacted members by post: each mailshot costs £12 for postage alone. Members agreed that a further letter should be sent requesting email contact addresses and indicating that for those that did not wish to use email the Branch information could be found on the website, in Derby Drinker and Mild & Bitter.

Action: P. Laughlin Access to the new members list via the CAMRA database was being arranged. **Action: M. Grist.** **Branch Activity - Pub Review** It was agreed that the Branch should investigate the Community Assets process and develop a plan for applying for registration of those rural pubs considered to be a threat. Richard Bright and Kevin Woolley agreed to lead on this activity. **Action: R. Bright/K Woolley.** Members were reminded to submit regular reports on

those pubs visited (including those outside the Branch area). This could be done online but reports could also be provided to the Chairman who would submit them on behalf of members. Dave Leigh reported visits from other Branches to the Smiths Tavern had increased since it had been recognised as Branch Pub of the Year. Members were asked to put those pubs awarded 'Pub of the Year' in neighbouring branches on the 'to visit' list.

Beer Festival The Accounts for the 2013 Festival were now closed. The final outturn (loss) would be confirmed with Derby Branch but was expected to be higher than previously reported. The loss was entirely due to reduced footfall from the adverse weather conditions and CAMRA had confirmed that they were happy with the overall organisation of the event. £128 from the Charity Donations (cash and unused beer tokens) had been paid into the Mayor's Charity Fund. The Volunteers 'thank you' evening confirmed for 31 May at the Dancing Duck Brewery. Pick-up time for the mini-bus 1830h outside the Green Man, return Ashbourne from Derby at 2215h. 14 places confirmed. It was agreed that the first planning meeting for the 2014 Festival should be arranged for mid-July. The Chairman would suggest a date. **Action:**

M Grist. Branch Activity The following were agreed: 12 June, Derby Branch AGM at Derby Rowing Club, Darley Abbey, 2000h. Ashbourne Branch has submitted a Resolution concerning the coverage of the Postcode area DE6 3. 15 June, Chester Green Ale Trail. Leave Ashbourne at 1130h and use ZigZag travel on the Swift (schedule Ashbourne/Derby service). Return 1730h 30 July Branch Meeting - Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston. 27 August Branch meeting Calow Top (tbc) – Tony Beech to organise. **Action: T. Beech.** Members were reminded of the date of the Derby Summer Festival 10-14 July and volunteer forms were circulated. These can also be completed online. Pub Walks and Bike Rides. Various route suggestions made with Sunday the preferred timing. Keith Palmer and Hannah Barton to organise and suggest dates. **Action: K.Palmer/H.Barton.** The owner of Peakstone Brewery (a member of the new Staffordshire Moorlands branch) has offered a joint brewery tour and visit to the brewery tap to Ashbourne and Staffordshire Moorlands branches – date to be arranged. The Chairman will identify a date. **Action: M. Grist** **Pub Reports** The following reports given: Coach & Horses still closed on many weekday evenings. The Ketch – a sale is believed to be underway. Yew Tree Ednaston. Assurances given that this is to remain as a pub although no current indication of a sale. There are however local concerns about its future. Yeaveley Arms is up for sale as the current tenants have surrendered the tenancy. Oakover Arms at Mappleton is reported to be very busy and popular. The Dog & Partridge at

Thorpe will reopen shortly. The Royal Oak at Mayfield has a new owner and it is understood will be advertising as a 'Fine Dining' pub. Only the Bowling Green and The Bridge now offer pub food on a regular basis in Ashbourne although there appears to be demand from visitors to the Town. The brewery at Callow Top is undergoing refurbishment. **Any Other Business None. Future Meetings: 30 July, Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston, 8pm. 27 August, Callow Top (thc).**

Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival Tickets Available

The 4th Amber Valley CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival at the Bowls Hall, Alfreton Leisure Centre, between 12th and 15th September, is certain to be popular with over 100 beers, ciders, perries and wine on offer. In order to secure your entry on Friday and Saturday nights you can purchase tickets online by going to ambervalleycamra.org.uk Alternatively, you can get them from the Furnace, Duke Street, Derby; Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley; Victoria, Nottingham Road, Alfreton; Hunter Arms, Kilburn, and the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. Blue Shift will open the festival on Thursday evening, followed on Friday by Junction and tribute band Who's Next who will cover the songs of the famous foursome from Shepherd's Bush. Girl band, Alma Boobies, who went down a storm at the first Ripley festival in 2010, will set the tone for a rockin' good Saturday night, before the Rollin' Stoned bring proceedings to a pulsating crescendo. It should be noted, however, that a quiet room is available for those who value their ear drums!

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

Black Swan, Market Place, Belper, 14th July (12-6 only). Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley, July 4th-7th.

Amber Valley Diary JULY

Mon 15th – Beer festival meeting, Travellers Rest, Kilburn-8pm.

Sat 20th – Free survey trip to Makeney, Milford and Alderwasley departing from Ripley Market Place 730pm.

Thu 25th – BRANCH MEETING, Greyhound, Whitemoor Lane, Belper-8pm.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

JULY

Tues 30th – BRANCH MEETING, Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston -8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

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Derby Branch Diary

JUNE

Fri 28th – Club of the Year award, Nunsfield House, Boulton Lane, Alvaston-9pm.

JULY

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

Wed – Sun, 10th -14th 36th Derby City Charter Beer Festival, Darwin Suite and Market Place.

Fri 19th Survey – Thurlston, Aston, Weston, Ingleby. Free mini bus, leave cathedral green 7.30pm, back by 11pm. Names to Dean.

Thu 25th – Mild month presentation awards, Mr Grundy's, Ashbourne Road-9pm, followed by the Furnace, Duke Street.

Mon 29th – Committee meeting.

AUGUST

Saturday 3rd – Charter Festival Thank you trip to Liverpool. A fantastic city for the imbibers, and plenty of other sight-seeing opportunities as well. Full of history, museums, shops and culture and, of course, beer. The city centre has a staggering 28 entries in the Good Beer guide, 6 National inventory pubs (4 of them in the GBG). You could also take the ferry cross the Mersey. Leave Derby Cathedral Green 9.30 AM and returns from Liverpool 7.30 PM. Free to Festival workers. Remaining places will be offered to non-workers from the Monday after the festival on a first come first served basis. £5 deposit required from everyone to secure a seat, which for workers will be returned on the day. Non workers total price £12. Sign-up sheet at festival staffing desk. Or contact Dean direct, outside festival opening times, 0770 3458623.

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Copy to mildbitter@derbycamra.org.uk by Wednesday, 24th July, please.

M&B - PLEASE NOTE

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- Expected M&B but it did not arrive
- Change your email or postal address

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